



# MOREHOUSE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

"Obtaining Excellence in Education Through Quality Teaching"

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*Mission: "Academic Excellence through Quality Teaching"*  
*Vision: "Continuing to a 'B' in 2024"*

**DAVID GRAY**  
Superintendent

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

April 5, 2024

A public meeting will be held as follows:

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 9, 2024

**TIME:** 5:30 p.m.

**PLACE OF MEETING:** Morehouse Student Services Center  
1607 Martin Luther King South  
Bastrop, LA 71220

### REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call to Establish a Quorum
5. Approval of Agenda

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6. Recognitions:
  - Employee Recognition – MPSD Long-Term-Substitutes
  - To recognize Bastrop High School girls basketball team.
  - To recognize Jesse Winston, Jr. – National Association of Federal Education Program Administrators.
  - To recognize Veronica Tappin – 2024 Louisiana School Board Association board of directors for District 4.
7. Superintendent’s Announcements – ( Presented by Mr. David Gray)
8. Approval of Minutes – The Regular School Board Meeting held on March 5, 2024 at 5:30 pm.
9. Approval of monthly Travel Requests (Presented by Mr. David Gray)
10. Approval of monthly Bus Requests – (Presented by Mr. David Gray)
11. To receive the Sales Tax Funds report for February 2024. ( Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
12. To receive the General Fund report for February 2024. ( Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
13. To receive the School Lunch Fund report for February 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
14. To receive the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for February 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
15. To receive the ESSER Funds report for February 2024. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
16. To receive the Discipline Report (March 2024). (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport)
17. To include the principal of the Alternative program with the Elementary principals to be changed to 12 month employees. ( Presented by Mr. David Gray)
18. Propose to retain the Coordinator for Employee Onboarding, Induction, & Credential Services position. (Presented by Mrs. Teresa Merritt, Personnel Director)
19. To accept the bid of Hobson and Son to tear down and move debris from the Old Collinston Gym site. (Presented by Mr. Tony Roberts)
20. To terminate all ESSER positions effective June 30, 2024, in accordance with uniform grant guidance. (Requested and Presented by Mr. Jesse Winston, Jr.)
21. To grant the superintendent the authority to advertise for the lease of land for a wind lease and servitude agreement for Section 16, Township 22 North, Range 9 East containing approximately 638.47 acres, more or less. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)

22. To discuss the implementation of the stipends from East Morehouse District Funds for coaches and sponsors voted at the March 5, 2024 meeting, the effective dates thereof, the eligibility for stipends, Fair Labor Act issues and take necessary action in regard to thereto. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
23. To adopt Forethought's revisions to sections D and E of the policy manual to replace all former sections D and E of the policy manual except section D-12 which will be included in section J and to replace sections A-10.1 and A-10.2 of the policy manual and to add a new section F of the policy manual (which does not replace the current section F of the policy manual) as a **"First Reading."** (**Attachments are provided in your packets**) (Presented by Mr. Steve Katz)
24. To adopt the Student and Teacher Artificial Intelligence Acceptable Use as a new Policy, H-31, as a **"First Reading"**. (**Attachments are provided in your packets**) (Presented by Mr. Jesse Winston, Jr. and Ms. Katie Henderson)
25. To amend section III.B.2. under Mandatory Suspensions to include vape as a mandatory suspension, as a **"First Reading"**. (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport)
26. To amend policy H-3.5, section 6. To add "cros" as unacceptable footwear, as a **"First Reading"**. (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport)
27. To amend the fighting policy as set forth in the attached correspondence, as a **"First Reading"**. (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport)
28. To approve purchase of lawn mowers on state contract for the following locations:
  - a. Morehouse Elementary School
  - b. Morehouse Student Services Center(Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
29. To advertise for bids on roof replacements at the following locations:
  - a. Morehouse Magnet School MPS
  - b. Bastrop High School
    - i. ROTC building
    - ii. Building 96A
    - iii. Boys Old Gym
    - iv. Girls Old Gym
  - c. Delta Elementary Band Room
  - d. Morehouse Student Services Center
  - e. Foundation repairs for Bastrop High School 300 Building
  - f. Foundation repairs for Morehouse Elementary School Science Wing
  - g. Foundation repairs for Morehouse Magnet School – room near front entrance.(Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
30. "To discuss and take the appropriate action to allow chaplains in the Morehouse Parish public schools." (Requested by Mrs. Veronica Tappin)

31. “To discuss and take the appropriate action to have the suicide prevention hotline number on the back of id cards or inside student handbooks.” (Requested by Mrs. Veronica Tappin, and Presented by Mrs. Veronica Tappin)
32. “To use money from solar taxes to install panels in Bastrop High school’s gym BEFORE Awards Day and graduation 2024.” (Presented by Mrs. Veronica Tappin)
33. “To provide a suitable working sound system for Bastrop High School System. (Presented by Mrs. Veronica Tappin.)
34. “To receive an update from the transportation department on the new buses, when are they expected to arrive, how many in the beginning and how many to follow.” (Requested by Ms. Adrin Williams)
35. “To receive and discuss the Morehouse Parish Strategic Planning and where we are now.” (Requested by Ms. Adrin Williams)
36. To discuss and take the necessary action to approve the LSBA resolution opposing state legislation establishing ESA’s (Educational Savings Accounts) including Senate Bill 313 and House Bill 745 that provide public school dollars for private tuition. (Presented by Mrs. Veronica Tappin.)
37. The Morehouse Parish School Board also urges its elected representative to go on record opposing said bills and to encourage its citizens to express their concerns. ( Requested by Mr. David Gray and Mrs. Veronica Tappin) (Presented by Mr. David Gray and Mrs. Veronica Tappin)
38. “To discuss and take the necessary actions for the superintendent to give the official date of retirement, so the board can take the necessary actions.” (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton)
39. Public Comment: *Appeal of the minor child, K.R., from a hearing conducted by Ralph Davenport. (The student will have the choice of conducting the hearing in open meeting or in executive session).*
40. Personnel :
  - a. Personnel Report (See Attachment)

41. **ADJOURNMENT**

  
David Gray, Superintendent  
Morehouse Parish Schools

cc: Board Member  
Central Office Staff

Principals  
Legal Advisor  
News Media

Pursuant to the requirements of LSA-R.S. 42:19, no matter may be discussed by the Morehouse Parish School Board unless it appears on the agenda published at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting unless a unanimous vote of the members of the school board votes to take up the matter.

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