



# MOREHOUSE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

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*Mission: "Academic Excellence through Quality Teaching"*  
*Vision: "Continuing to a 'C' in 2023"*

**DAVID GRAY**  
Superintendent

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

July 3, 2023

A public meeting will be held as follows:

**DATE: Thursday, July 6, 2023**

**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

**"An Equal Opportunity Employer"**

6. Recognitions:
  - LDOE Selected Artwork for the U.S. Department of Education's 2023 Nita M. Lowey 21st CCLC Summer Symposium
7. Superintendent's Announcements (Mr. David Gray)
8. Approval of Minutes – Regular School Board Meeting held on June 6, 2023.
9. Approval of monthly Travel Requests (Presented by Mr. David Gray)
10. Approval of monthly Bus Requests - None from schools for this meeting.
11. To receive the report from the Finance and Advisory Committee Meeting held on June 27, 2023. ( Presented by Mr. Rick Hixon)

*The Finance and Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 5:30 pm. Rick Hixon-Chairperson called the meeting to order. In attendance were the following: Karen Diel, Louis Melton, and Robert Johnson. Also present were Mrs. Veronica Loche-Tappin, Mrs. Debbie Wilson, and Stephen Katz, Attorney.*

**Absent- Ms. Adrin Williams**

The following agenda items were presented to the Finance and Advisory Committee:

1. To receive the Sales Tax Funds report for May 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve the Sales Tax Funds report for May 2023, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.***
2. To receive the General Fund report for May 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion by Mr. Robert Johnson to approve the General Fund report for May 2023, seconded by Ms. Karen Diel. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.***
3. To receive the School Lunch Fund report for May 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve the School Lunch Fund report for May 2023, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.***
4. To receive the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for May 2023. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion by Mr. Louis Melton to approve the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for May 2023, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.***
5. To discuss creating a position for a Medicaid Coordinator. (Presented by Dr. Dana Boockoff)


***On a motion of Mr. Robert Johnson to recommend to the full board to authorize staff to advertise for the Medicaid Coordinator position and approve the job description, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.***

6. To add an addendum to the original statement of work with Powerschool Group, LLC. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion of Mr. Robert Johnson to add an addendum to the original statement of work with Powerschool Group, LLC. at \$225.00 for 76 payments, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.***

**The meeting was adjourned.**

12. To receive and consider for approval a proposal from Risk Services of Louisiana Inc. for the 2023-2024 school year. (Presented by Ms. Lauren Young)
13. To receive and consider for approval a report regarding property insurance coverage for the 2023-2024 School Year from Brown and Brown Insurance. (Requested by Ms. Ersula Downs, presented by Mr. Rob Cowan)
14. “To discuss the huge increase in insurance costs incurred by some employees since we’ve changed to EBI.” (Requested by Mrs. Veronica Tappin)
15. To appoint Ms. Ersula Downs and Ms. Shatterria King, for the 2023-2024 Morehouse Sales Tax Commission Board for Morehouse Parish School Board (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
16. To approve audit engagement for the 2022-2023 School Year with Carr, Riggs, and Ingram, LLC. (Requested by Ms. Ersula Downs, presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
17. To approve agreed upon Procedures Audit Engagement for 2022-2023 fiscal year with Carr, Riggs, and Ingram, LLC. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
18. To adopt the 2023-2024 Salary Schedules. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
19. To receive the Discipline Report ( June 2023) (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport)
20. “To discuss and consider that the in-school suspension at Delta Elementary, Morehouse Elementary and Bastrop High School stays in place/put in place.” (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton)
21. “To discuss and take the necessary action to create an Assistant Superintendent’s position.” (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton)

22. "To discuss the condition of our bus fleet and determine the number needed to provide adequate transportation for our students for the next school year." (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton)
23. "To discuss the hierarchy of administrators, supervisors, and administrators and what is the screening committee makeup of those who decide how these position are filled? (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton)
24. "To show and differentiate between swap time and comp time and what circumstances determine who and how it is used by administrative personnel. Is there written documentation of times administrators leave their respective schools and when they return?" (Requested by Mrs. Veronica Tappin ,Presented by Mrs. Veronica Tappin)
25. "To discuss and provide sensitivity training to prevent the exodus of students and frustrated employees from the Morehouse Parish School System." (Requested by Mrs. Veronica Tappin , Presented by Mrs. Veronica Tappin)
26. "To receive and update on the completion of the Magnet School damage to building housing Pre-K and a target date of their return." (Presented by Ms. Adrin Williams)
27. "To receive a list of all employees hired through Esser funding which has a 3 year span." (Presented by Ms. Adrin Williams)
28. "Discuss whether or not Morehouse Parish has a shortage of teachers at all schools." (Presented by Ms. Adrin Williams)
29. Public Comment: None for this meeting.
30. Personnel :
  - a. Personnel Report (See Attachment)
31. **ADJOURNMENT**

  
David Gray, Superintendent  
Morehouse Parish Schools

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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