

The Morehouse Parish School Board met in regular monthly session on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at Morehouse Student Services Center, with the following members present: Karen Diel, Louis Melton, Robert Johnson – President, Rick Hixon, Veronica Loche-Tappin, Vice-President, and Adrin Williams. Also, present Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr., Superintendent, and Steve Katz, Attorney.

Debbie Wilson was absent.

President Robert Johnson called the meeting to order.

The next item on the agenda was the invocation led by Mrs. Veronica Tappin.

The next item on the agenda was the pledge of allegiance led by President Robert Johnson.

Next was a Roll call to Establish a Quorum: Present – Karen Diel, Louis Melton, Robert Johnson, Rick Hixon, Veronica Loche-Tappin, and Adrin Williams.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the agenda. ***On a motion of Mrs. Veronica Tappin to amend the agenda with an addition to the recognitions, agenda item 12, should read Ms. instead of Ma, item 16, the year should be updated to 2026, and item 17 the year should be updated to 2027 instead of 2025, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously.***

Next was to approve the amended agenda. On a motion of Ms. Adrin Williams to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was Employee of the month- Non-Instructional Support Personnel. ***Prince Ella Williams, was recognized as the employee of the month. She was presented with a plaque and received a gift card from EBI Insurance.***

The next item on the agenda was Presentation to the Morehouse Chapter of Grambling University National Alumni Association and the Paragon Social and Civic Club. ***Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr. Presented both organizations with a plaque, thanking them for their hospitality and generosity to Morehouse Parish School District.***

The next item on the agenda was superintendent announcements from Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr.

- Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr. placed the RIF Rubric at each station, and the update and summary are in your packet.
- All certified teachers have re-assignments.
- The Capital Improvement Plan updates. There will be a series of Town Hall meetings for the community starting on Monday, June 8, 2026, for details on the Prek-5 school and renovations at all schools. The news stations will be notified the last week of June, and flyers will be passed out in the community.
- DRAX is interested in giving Morehouse Parish School District another grant. There will be more information to come.

The next item on the agenda was approval of minutes- the Regular School Board Meeting held on May 5, 2026, at 5:30 pm. ***On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting held on May 5, 2026, at 5:30 pm, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was the Approval of monthly Travel Requests – (Presented by Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr.) ***On a motion of Mrs. Veronica Tappin to approve the monthly travel requests, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was the Approval of monthly Bus Requests - (Presented by Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr.) ***On a motion of Ms. Adrin Williams to approve the monthly bus requests, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to receive the Sales Tax Funds report for April 2026. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion of Ms. Karen Diel to approve the Sales Tax Funds report for April 2026, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed; the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to receive the General Fund report for April 2026. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion of Ms. Adrin Williams to approve the General Fund report for April 2026, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed; the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to receive the School Lunch Fund report for April 2026. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion of Ms. Adrin Williams to approve the School Lunch Fund report for April 2026, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed; the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to receive the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for April 2026. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion of Ms. Adrin Williams to approve the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for April 2026, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed; the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to receive the end-of-year 4-H updates. (Presented by Ms. Denise Guyeswski) ***This was a presentation only.***

The next item on the agenda was to receive the Discipline report for May 2026. (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport) ***This was a presentation only.***

The next item on the agenda was to select the Ouachita Citizen as the official journal of the Morehouse Parish School Board from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion of Ms. Karen Diel to select the Ouachita Citizen as the official journal of the Morehouse Parish School board from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton. None opposed; the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to accept the bid for the amount of \$8,031.42 per year for lease Hunting Purposes for five years, Section 16, Township 23 North, Range 4 East (640 acres) from Horsepen Creek Properties, LLC. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to accept the bid for the amount of \$8,031.42 per year for lease Hunting Purposes for five years, Section 16, Township 23 North, Range 4 East (640 acres) from Horsepen Creek Properties, LLC., seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed; the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to grant permission to advertise for agricultural purposes for Section 16, Township 23 North, Range 10 East, 540 acres for five years with the minimum bid of \$125.00 per acre. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion of Mr. Rick Hixon to grant permission to advertise for agricultural purposes for Section 16, Township 23 North, Range 10 East, 540 acres for five years with the minimum bid of \$125.00 per acre, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed; the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to grant permission to advertise for agricultural purposes for Section 16, Township 22 North, Range 9 East, 638.46 acres for five years with the minimum bid of \$165.00 per acre. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion of Ms. Adrin Williams to grant permission to advertise for agricultural purposes for Section 16, Township 22 North, Range 9 East, 671 acres for five years with the minimum bid of \$165.00 per acre, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed; the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to approve the Attendance Intervention Specialist job description to be paid with Redesign 1003 grant funds. (Presented by Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr.) ***On a motion of Mrs. Veronica Tappin to approve the Attendance Intervention Specialist job description to be paid with Redesign 1003 grant funds, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed; the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and consider the approval of the Literacy Collaboration Teacher job description to be paid with the Redesign 1003 federal grant funds. (Presented by Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr.) ***On a motion of Ms. Adrin Williams to approve the Literacy Collaboration Teacher job description to be paid with the Redesign 1003 federal grant funds, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed; the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and consider the approval of the Math Collaboration Teacher job description to be paid with the Redesign 1003 federal grant funds. (Presented by Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr.) ***On a motion of Mr. Rick Hixon to approve the Math Collaboration Teacher job description to be paid with the Redesign 1003 federal grant funds, seconded by Mr. Rick Hixon. None opposed; the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and consider the approval of the Business Coordinator Specialist job description to be paid with General and Medicaid Funds. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion of Ms. Adrin Williams to approve the Business***

Coordinator Specialist job description to be paid with General and Medicaid Funds, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed; the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss the Reduction in Force (RIF), eliminating three (3) Warehouse/delivery positions within the Child Nutrition Department, and approval to create one (1) titled Child Nutrition Logistics Operator to support departmental operational and logistics needs. (Presented by Mrs. Ashley White Jordan.) ***On a motion of Ms. Adrin Williams to approve the recommended Reduction in Force (RIF), eliminating three (3) Warehouse/delivery positions within the Child Nutrition Department, and approval to create one (1) titled Child Nutrition Logistics Operator to support departmental operational and logistics needs, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. One opposed- Mr. Louis Melton. The motion passed.***

The next item on the agenda was to declare an emergency for roof and gutter repairs needed at Bastrop High School, Morehouse Elementary School, Delta Elementary School, and Morehouse Magnet School related to Ice Storm Fern. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) ***On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to declare an emergency for roof and gutter repairs needed at Bastrop High School, Morehouse Elementary School, Delta Elementary School, and Morehouse Magnet School related to Ice Storm Fern, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed; the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was public Comment **(Limited to 3-5 Minutes)**

1. Shenika Harris Hatfield speaking on H.V. Adams - ***Mrs. Hatifeld was not present for the meeting.***
2. Terrika Everett – presenting Account for your kids at all times. (Information was provided at your stations) ***This was a presentation only.***

The next item on the agenda was the Personnel Report. ***The information was presented in board packets.***

The meeting was adjourned.

Mr. Robert Johnson, School Board President

Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr., Superintendent