



# MOREHOUSE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

"Obtaining Excellence in Education Through Quality Teaching"

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May 1, 2026

*Mission: "Academic Excellence through Quality Teaching"*  
*Vision: "Continuing to a 'B' in 2026"*

**DR. JESSE WINSTON, JR.**  
Superintendent

**Post Date May 4, 2026 at 12:00 pm**

A **Public Meeting** will be held as follows:

**DATE:** May 5, 2026  
**TIME:** 5:30 pm  
**PLACE:** Morehouse Student Services Center  
1607 Martin Luther King South  
Bastrop, LA 71220

## **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. A moment of silence for –
  - Beverly Eubanks- Retired Bus Driver
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Roll Call to Establish a Quorum
6. Approval of Agenda
7. Recognitions:
  - Employee of the month – Child Nutrition Department
8. Superintendent's Announcements – (Presented by Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr.)
9. Approval of Minutes – The Regular School Board Meeting held on April 14, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

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## New Business

10. To adopt the resolution and related documents to adopt the 2026 millage rate(s). (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
11. Approval of monthly Travel Requests – (Presented by Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr.)
12. Approval of monthly Bus Requests - (Presented by Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr.)
13. To adopt a proposal for the 2026 Summer Work Schedule. (Presented by Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr.)
14. To adopt a proposal for the 2026-2027 School Calendar effective July 1, 2026. (Presented by Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr.)
15. To adopt a proposal for the 2026-2027 Morehouse Parish School Board/Committee meeting schedule. (Presented by Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr.)
16. To receive the report from the Finance and Advisory Committee meeting held on April 28, 2026.

*The Finance and Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 5:30 pm. Veronica Tappin- Chairperson called the meeting to order. In attendance were the following: Louis Melton, Robert Johnson, Rick Hixon, Debbie Wilson, and Adrin Williams. Also present were Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr., Superintendent and Steve Katz, Attorney.*

*Absent- Karen Diel*

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

- 1. To receive the Sales Tax Funds for March 2026. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) On a motion of Ms. Adrin Williams to approve the Sales Tax Funds for March 2026, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed, and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. President, I so move.*
- 2. To receive the General Fund report for March 2026. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) On a motion of Ms. Adrin Williams to approve the General Fund report for March 2026, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed, and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. President, I so move.*
- 3. To receive the School Lunch Fund report for March 2026. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) On a motion of Ms. Adrin Williams to approve the School Lunch Fund report for March 2026, seconded by Mr. Rick Hixon. None opposed, and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. President, I so move.*
- 4. To receive the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for March 2026. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) On a motion of Mr. Robert Johnson to approve the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for March 2026, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed, and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. President, I so move.*

*5. To receive quarterly and year –to-date budget to actual comparisons on the funds below.  
(Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)*

*A. Sales Tax Funds- On a motion of Ms. Adrin Williams to table the quarterly year-to-date budget actual comparison Sales Tax Funds until a later date, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed, and the motion passed unanimously.*

*Mr. President, I so move.*

*B. General Fund- On a motion of Mr. Robert Johnson to table the quarterly year-to-date budget actual comparison General Fund until a later date, seconded by Mr. Rick Hixon. None opposed, and the motion passed unanimously.*

*Mr. President, I so move.*

*C. School Lunch Fund- On a motion of On a motion of Ms. Adrin Williams to accept the quarterly year-to-date budget actual comparison School Lunch Fund, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed, and the motion passed unanimously.*

*Mr. President, I so move.*

*D. East Morehouse Tax Fund- On a motion of Ms. Adrin Williams to table the quarterly year-to-date budget actual comparison East Morehouse Tax Fund until a later date, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed, and the motion passed unanimously.*

*Mr. President, I so move.*

*The meeting was adjourned.*

17. To receive the quarterly and year-to-date budget to actual comparisons on the funds below. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
  - A. Sales Tax Funds
  - B. General Fund
  - C. East Morehouse Tax Fund
18. To receive the Preliminary Determination and Statement Regarding Reduction in Force. (Presented by Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr.)
19. To receive the Discipline report for April 2026. (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport)
20. To consider changing the May 28, 2026 Finance and Advisory Committee meeting to be combined with our monthly June board meeting. Our Administrators will be attending the annual Teacher Leader Summit in New Orleans. (Presented by Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr.)
21. Public Comment - (There is a blue public comment form provided before our meeting starts. The form is to speak on an agenda item for the date of the meeting.)
22. Personnel
  - Personnel Report (See Attachment)

23. **ADJOURNMENT**



Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr., Superintendent

Morehouse Parish Schools

cc: Board Member  
Central Office Staff  
Principals  
Legal Advisor  
News Media

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