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The Morehouse Parish School Board met in regular monthly session on Tuesday, May 5, 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, Debbie Wilson, Veronica Loche-Tappin, Vice-President, and Adrin Williams. Also, present Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr., Superintendent, and Steve Katz, Attorney.

President Robert Johnson called the meeting to order.

The next item on the agenda was the invocation led by Mr. Robert Johnson.

The next item on the agenda was a moment of silence for -

- Beverly Eubanks- Retired Bus Driver

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

The next item on the agenda was to approve the agenda. ***On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was Employee of the month Child Nutrition Department. ***Tamika Addison, 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 to recognize the Robotics Team at BHS for winning 3rd place in the Sea Perch Underwater Robotics Competition. Ms. Navall, Robotics Coach, was recognized for coaching the students to another win this school year. The students participating are as follows:

- Damarion Alford, Jhalil Atkins, Jamarion Butler, Slate Guidry, Jimmy Johnson, Karmin Jones, Alexis Robinson, D'Asia Williams, Demetre Ware, Jayden Merrells, Derrick Devall, and Autumn Adams.

The next item on the agenda was to recognize the Art Contest winner at BHS. The Art Teacher, Mr. Scarborough, presented the student winners and their art during this time. Below are the students' 1st-3rd place winners:

- Da'Shya Greer, 10th grade, 1st place winner, Karmin Jones, 9th grade, 2nd place winner, and Ja'niya Williams, 3rd place winner.

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

- ***Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr., announced that Paragon Civic Social Club and Morehouse Grambling Alumni donated a total of \$10,000 to Morehouse Parish School District. The district will distribute \$25.00 gift cards to all full-time employees.***

- ***Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr. announced that Nativ State sent our district a check for the amount of \$32, 249.55 for Carbon Credits.***
- ***Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr. announced the Free District 34 ACT Tutorial Workshops at ULM for all students on the dates of May 16, May 20, 21, June 4,5,6, July 9, and 10, 2026 at ULM. Transportation will be provided by the district for those who register to attend.***

The next item on the agenda was approval of minutes- The Regular School Board Meeting held on April 14, 2026, at 5:30 pm. ***On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting held on April 14, 2026, at 5:30 pm, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was **New Business**, to adopt the resolution and related documents to adopt the 2026 millage rate(s). (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs). ***On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to adopt the resolution and related documents to adopt the 2026 millage rate(s), seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. 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 Mr. Louis Melton to approve the monthly travel requests, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. 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 Mr. Louis Melton to approve the monthly bus requests, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to adopt a proposal for the 2026 Summer Work Schedule. (Presented by Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr.) ***On a motion of Mrs. Veronica Tappin to approve the 2026 Summer Work Schedule, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to adopt a proposal for the 2026-2027 School Calendar effective July 1, 2026. (Presented by Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr.) ***On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar effective July 1, 2026, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to adopt a proposal for the 2026-2027 Morehouse Parish School Board/Committee meeting schedule. (Presented by Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr.) ***On a motion of Mrs. Debbie Wilson to approve the 2026-2027 Morehouse Parish School Board/Committee meeting schedule, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was 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, and Adrin Williams. Also present were Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr., Superintendent and Steve Katz, Attorney.

Karen Diel was absent.

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, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton. None opposed, and the motion passed unanimously.

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, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton. None opposed, and the motion passed unanimously.

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, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton. None opposed, and the motion passed unanimously.

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, seconded by Mr. Louis Melton. None opposed, and the motion passed unanimously.

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, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed, and the motion passed unanimously.

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, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed, and the motion passed unanimously.

C. School Lunch Fund- 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, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed, and the motion passed unanimously.

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, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

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- A. Sales Tax Funds
- B. General Fund
- C. East Morehouse Tax Fund

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- A. Sales Tax Funds***
- B. General Fund***
- C. East Morehouse Tax Fund***

Seconded by Mr. Louis Melton. None opposed, and the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to receive the Preliminary Determination and Statement Regarding Reduction in Force. (Presented by Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr.) ***This was an announcement only.***

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

The next item on the agenda was 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.) ***On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to change 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, seconded by Ms. Karen Diel. None opposed, and the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was 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.) ***There were none for this meeting.***

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