

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.

The next item on the agenda was 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

On a motion of Ms. Adrin Williams to accept 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*

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

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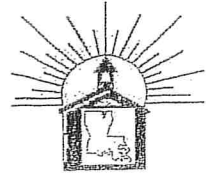
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AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF MOREHOUSE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned notary public, duly commissioned and qualified within and for the aforesaid parish and state, personally came and appeared:

JESSE WINSTON, JR.
(Authorized person to represent the taxing district)

who, after first being duly sworn, did depose and state that:

He/she is the duly authorized Superintendent of the Morehouse Parish
(Title or position) (Taxing district)

(Mark the appropriate box below to show how you complied with the Open Meetings Law.)

Affiant, Jesse Winston, Jr. who did depose and hereby states: "A public meeting was held in accordance with the Open Meetings Law at R.S. 42:11, *et seq.*, including allowing a public comment period before taking a vote, R.S. 42:14(D), to adopt the millage rates for the 2026 tax year. Public written notice of the agenda, date, time, and place of the meeting was posted on the building where the meetings of this taxing authority are usually held no less than 24 hours before the meeting, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays and/or was published in the official journal no less than 24 hours before the meeting, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays.

A quorum or simple majority of the total membership of the taxing authority was physically present and voting at the public meeting, which was held on the 5th day of May, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at 1607 Martin Luther King South, Bastrop, LA 71220. The meeting was conducted in accord with the prior noticed agenda. Matters not included on the agenda were not discussed without the unanimous approval of the members present after complying with all provisions of R.S. 42:19(A)(1)(b)(ii)(cc)".

[If applicable and as required by R.S. 42:23(A) and R.S. 44:36(F) as a non-elected board we have video or audio recorded, filmed or broadcast live all proceedings of our public meeting and ensure the recording will be maintained for at least 2 years.]

Copies of all required notices and agenda are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Jesse Winston, Jr.
(Signature of affiant)

JESSE WINSTON, JR.
(Printed name)

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED Before Me, this 13th day of May,
2026, at Bastrop, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.

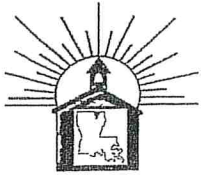
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RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2026 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Morehouse Parish School Board:

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
School District Regular Constitutional	5.96 mills
School District A Parishwide – Maintenance and Operations	6.25 mills
School District A Parishwide – Special Leeway Maint/Operations	5.82 mills
School District A Parishwide – Special 1998 Capital Program	9.68 mills
East Morehouse School District	9.44 mills
School District No. 12 Consolidated	10.00 mills
Bond Debt Service	10.00 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Morehouse, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2026, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: *Karen Diel, Louis Melton, Robert Johnson, Rick Hixon, Debbie Wilson, Veronica Tappin, Adrin Williams*

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on May 5th, 2026, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Bastrop, Louisiana, this 5th day of May, 2026.
(City, Town, Village)

Mr. Jesse Winston, Jr.

(Signature of authorized person of the taxing district)

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