

The Morehouse Parish School Board met in regular monthly session on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at Morehouse Student Services Center, with the following members present Karen Diel, Robert Johnson – Vice President, Rick Hixon, Debbie Wilson, Veronica Loche-Tappin, and Adrin Williams - President. Also, present Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr., Superintendent, and Steve Katz, Attorney.

Absent- Louis Melton

President Adrin Williams 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 a moment of silence for:

- Arthur Hamlin – Retired Teacher
- Lee Anna Smith- Retired Cafeteria Worker

Mrs. Debbie Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the agenda. ***On a motion of Mr. Robert Johnson to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Rick Hixon. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.***

***The next item on the agenda was recognitions:***

- Employee of the month (Morehouse Magnet). Ashley Allen ***was recognized as the employee of the month and was presented with a plaque, and will receive a gift card from EBI Insurance.***

The next item on the agenda was Superintendent's Announcements – (Presented by Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr.)

***Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr. acknowledged Ashley White, Director of our Child Nutrition Program, has been selected as the Vice President of the School Nutrition Association of Louisiana for the 2025-2026 year.***

***Thursday, November 13, 2025 Morehouse Parish School District will have a District-wide Family Turkey BINGO night for our community at the Bastrop Municipal Center from 5:30 pm- 7:30 pm.***

***Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr., announced on December 1, 2025 Louisiana State Superintendent of Education Dr. Cade Brumley will be visiting our school district. During this visit, he will visit with our Executive Cabinet and Morehouse Elementary School.***

***There is a letter at your stations about Governor Jeff Landry's visit.***

***Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr. announced that Northeast Delta Human Services Authority has partnered with Morehouse Parish School District and offered free field trips to Chenault Aviation and military museum for grades 5-8.***

***At your stations are copies of our Crisis Management Plans. All five schools have updated their plans and submitted them to District staff. All schools are in compliance. Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr., thanked the board members for all donations and support for his Doctoral celebration.***

The next item on the agenda was Approval of Minutes – The Regular School Board Meeting held on October 7, 2025, at 5:30 pm. *On a motion of Mrs. Veronica Tappin to approve minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting held on October 7, 2025, at 5:30 pm, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed 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. Rick Hixon to approve the monthly Travel Requests, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed 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 Mrs. Debbie Wilson to approve the monthly Bus Requests, seconded by Mr. Rick Hixon. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was to receive the Sales Tax Funds report for September 2025. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mr. Robert Johnson to approve the Sales Tax Funds report for September 2025, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was to receive the General Fund report for September 2025. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mr. Robert Johnson to approve the General Fund report for September 2025, seconded by Ms. Karen Diel. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was to receive the School Lunch Fund report for September 2025. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mrs. Veronica Tappin to approve the School Lunch Fund report for September 2025, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was to receive the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for September 2025. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mrs. Debbie Wilson to approve the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for September 2025, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

The next item on the agenda was to receive the quarterly and year-to-date budget to actual comparisons on the funds below.

- A. Sales Tax Funds- *On a motion of Ms. Karen Diel to receive the quarterly and year-to-date budget to actual comparison, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously.*
- B. General Fund- *On a motion of Mr. Robert Johnson to receive the quarterly and year-to-date budget to actual comparison, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously.*
- C. School Lunch Fund- *On a motion of Mrs. Veronica Tappin to receive the quarterly and year-to-date budget to actual comparison, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously.*
- D. East Morehouse Tax Fund- *On a motion of Mr. Robert Johnson to receive the quarterly and year-to-date budget to actual comparison, seconded by Mr. Rick Hixon. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously.*
- E. Special Revenue Funds- *On a motion of Mr. Robert Johnson to receive the quarterly and year-to-date budget to actual comparison, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously.*

(Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)

The next item on the agenda was to receive the Discipline report for October 2025. (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport) ***This was presentation only.***

The next item on the agenda was to adopt revised policies, **IDDF** – Education Of Students With Exceptionalities; **JDA** – Corporal Punishment; **IDDFC** – Cameras In Special Education Classrooms; **JAA**–Equal Education Opportunities and **JD** – Discipline and to adopt a new policy **GAAA-E** – Morehouse Parish School Board Policy Statement On Title IX Of The Education Amendments From 1972, etc. “(Revised and added policies by Forethought as “**First Reading**”: Copies are provided in your packet. (Presented by Mr. Steve Katz) ***On a motion of Mr. Robert Johnson to adopt revised policies, IDDF – Education Of Students With Exceptionalities; JDA – Corporal Punishment; IDDFC – Cameras In Special Education Classrooms; JAA–Equal Education Opportunities and JD – Discipline and to adopt a new policy GAAA-E – Morehouse Parish School Board Policy Statement On Title IX Of The Education Amendments From 1972, etc. “(Revised and added policies by Forethought as “First Reading” with the corrections of the addresses, seconded by Ms. Karen Diel. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and consider accepting the state contract quote for a Chevrolet 2500 Crew Cab with Knaphiede 696J Service Body to be purchased through budgeted funds in the 2025-2026 adopted budget for the Maintenance Department. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs and Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr.) ***On a motion of Mr. Robert Johnson to accept the state contract quote for a Chevrolet 2500 Crew Cab with Knaphiede 696J Service Body to be purchased through budgeted funds in the 2025-2026 adopted budget for the Maintenance Department, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to consider Dylan Kelly's request to cancel his Lease Agreement with the Morehouse Parish School Board. (Presented by Mr. Steve Katz) ***On a motion of Mrs. Debbie Wilson to accept Dylan Kelly's request to cancel his Lease Agreement with the Morehouse Parish School Board, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was to adopt the Parent and Family Engagement Policy as a “**First Reading**”. A copy is provided in your packet. (Presented by Mrs. Marilyn Taylor & Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr.) ***On a motion of Mrs. Debbie Wilson to adopt the Parent and Family Engagement Policy as a “First Reading”, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Tappin. None opposed and the motion passed unanimously.***

The next item on the agenda was Public Comment: ***None for this meeting.***

The next item on the agenda was the Personnel Report.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr., Superintendent  
Adrin Williams, Board President