



MOREHOUSE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

"Obtaining Excellence in Education Through Quality Teaching"

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Mission: "Academic Excellence through Quality Teaching"
Vision: "Continuing to a 'B' in 2025"

JESSE WINSTON, JR.
Superintendent

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

DATE: October 7, 2025
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 –
 - Clara B. Haynes – Retired Teacher
 - Michael Doles – Retired Bus Driver
 - Letha Heckford – Retired Teacher
 - Patsy Rhodes- Retired Bus Driver
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Roll Call to Establish a Quorum
6. Approval of Agenda
7. Recognitions:
 - Employee of the month – Custodian/Maintenance Personnel
8. Superintendent's Announcements – (Presented by Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr.)

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9. Approval of Minutes – The Regular School Board Meeting held on September 4, 2025, at 5:30 pm, September 15, 2025 Hearing, and September 15, 2025 Special Called Board Meeting at 5:30 pm.
10. Approval of monthly Travel Requests - (Presented by Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr.)
11. Approval of monthly Bus Requests – (Presented by Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr.)
12. To discuss and consider paying the one-time stipend of \$2,000 for certified staff and \$1,000 for support staff on October 10, 2025. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
13. To receive the Sales Tax Funds report for August 2025. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
14. To receive the General Fund report for August 2025. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
15. To receive the School Lunch Fund report for August 2025. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
16. To receive the East Morehouse Tax Fund report for August 2025. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
17. To receive an update on the Morehouse Parish 4-H program. (Presented by Ms. Denise Guyewski)
18. To receive the Discipline report for September 2025. (Presented by Mr. Ralph Davenport)
19. To adopt the 2025-2026 Pupil Progression Plan. (Presented by Ms. Katie Henderson)
20. To consider rescinding a resolution granting preliminary authority relative to the issuance by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Morehouse, State of Louisiana, of not exceeding seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) aggregate principal amount of revenue bonds, in one or more series, making application to the Louisiana State Bond Commission for approval of said bonds and providing for other matters in connection therewith, adopted as a preliminary resolution by the Morehouse Parish School Board on the 4th day of September, 2025.(Presented by Mr. Steve Katz)
21. “To consider adopting a resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not to exceed Five Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,900,000) of Revenue Bonds, in one or more series, of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Morehouse, State of Louisiana; providing certain terms of said Bonds; making application to the State Bond Commission for the approval of said Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.” (Presented by Mr. Steve Katz)
22. To consider entering into an agreement with HireFox & Atty. Elaine San Juan in the amount \$2,960 for H1B renewal processing and legal counsel for immigration legal services for one Math Secondary Teacher (Ryan Biscocho). (Presented by Mrs. Teresa Merritt)

23. To adopt the following Forethought amended policies as a: **"Second Reading:"** IFA- Instructional Materials, IFBGA- Computer Access And Use, JBD- Student Absences And Excuses, JCDAF-Bullying And Hazing, JDE- Expulsion, JGCE-Child Abuse and JGCF- Behavioral Health Support For Students. Copies are provided in your packet. (Presented by Mr. Steve Katz)
24. To discuss and consider accepting the state contract quote for a Ford Transit 150 Cargo Van to be purchased through budgeted funds in the 2025-2026 adopted budget for school deliveries. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs and Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr.)
25. "To discuss and take the necessary actions concerning disruptive Special Ed and Regular Ed students." (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton)
26. "To discuss and take the necessary action to provide portable buildings for storage for the schools." (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton)
27. "To discuss implementing an awards program for students at schools who have made the principal's list, honor roll, and honorable mention, as well as schools placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Beginning with the 2nd six weeks, recognize the school with the most significant improvement." (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton)
28. "To discuss and take the necessary actions to change the board member stipend to the third of each month." (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton)
29. Public Comment: None for this meeting.
30. Personnel
 - Personnel Report (See Attachment)

31. **ADJOURNMENT**



Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr., Superintendent
Morehouse Parish Schools

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

Pursuant to the requirements of LSA-R.S. 42:19, no matter may be discussed by the Morehouse Parish School Board unless it appears on the agenda published at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting unless a unanimous vote of the members of the school board votes to take up the matter.

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