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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: September 4, 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 –
 - Shirley Peoples – Retired Nutrition Tech
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Roll Call to Establish a Quorum
6. Approval of Agenda
7. Recognitions:
 - Hall of Fame- Gladys Hamlin Edward
 - Pafford EMS of Bastrop - Donated 250 backpacks to Morehouse Parish Schools.
 - Employee of the month (Central Office)
8. Superintendent's Announcements – (Presented by Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr.)
9. Approval of Minutes – The Regular School Board Meeting held on August 5, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

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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 present the LARMA renewal and approve same and adopt the resolution for the 2025-2026 school year and authorize the superintendent to execute all documents necessary for renewal. (Presented by Mr. Rob Cowan)
13. “To discuss and consider an extension of the employment contract for the Superintendent of Schools.” (Presented by Mr. Louis Melton)
14. To consider adopting 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. (Presented by Mrs. Samantha Mann)
15. To authorize Volkert, Inc. to receive bids for Morehouse Elementary School roof project. (Requested by Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr. and Presented by Volkert - Mr. Lyn Kenley)
16. To approve the engagement letter with Woodard and Associates for the school activity fund audit of any outstanding 2023-2024 audits and for 2024-2025 audits. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs)
17. To receive the report from the Finance and Advisory Committee meeting held on August 26, 2025.

The Finance and Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 5:30 pm. **Robert Johnson - Chairperson** called the meeting to order. In attendance were the following: Louis Melton, Debbie Wilson, Veronica Tappin and Adrin Williams. Also present was Dr. Jesse Winston, Jr., Superintendent and Stephen Katz, Attorney.

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

1. To receive the Sales Tax Funds for July 2025. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mrs. Debbie Wilson to approve the Sales Tax Fund for July 2025, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed the motion passed unanimously. Madam President, I so move.*
2. To receive the General Fund report for July 2025. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Mr. Louis Melton to approve the General Fund report for July 2025, seconded by Ms. Adrin Williams. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

Madam President, I so move.

3. To receive the School Lunch Fund report for July 2025. (Presented by Ms. Ersula Downs) *On a motion of Ms. Adrin Williams to approve the School Lunch Fund report for July 2025, seconded by Mrs. Debbie Wilson. None opposed the motion passed unanimously.*

Madam President, I so move.

4. Meeting adjourned.

18. "To discuss and consider having a cleanest campus contest." (Presented by Mr. Rick Hixon)
19. To adopt the following Forethought amended policies as a: **"First 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)
20. Public Comment: None for this meeting.
21. Personnel
- Personnel Report (See Attachment)

22. **ADJOURNMENT**



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

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

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