
**DECLARATION OF VACANCY IN POSITION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER,
DISTRICT 2, ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD AND PROCLAMATION
CALLING SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL SUCH VACANCY**

WHEREAS, due to the passing of Sylvia Lockett on October 8, 2021, a vacancy now exists in the office of School Board Member, District 2, St. Mary Parish School Board; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 18:602 requires that the St. Mary Parish School Board formally declare the vacancy in its membership and appoint an individual to fill the vacancy until a special election can be conducted in accordance with the requirements of law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED that the St. Mary Parish School Board does hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The School Board hereby declares that, due to the passing of Sylvia Lockett, the office of School Board Member, District 2, St. Mary Parish School Board, is vacant.

SECTION 2: A special election shall be held for the purpose of electing a qualified individual to fill the vacancy in the office of School Board Member, District 2, St. Mary Parish School Board.

SECTION 3: Any qualified person desiring to become a candidate for the office shall file a notice of candidacy, accompanied by a qualifying fee or a nominating petition, as required or authorized by law, with the appropriate election official in the manner and form and under the procedures and conditions set forth in the Louisiana Election Code during the period commencing Wednesday, January 26, 2022 and ending at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 28, 2022.

SECTION 4: The special election shall be held and conducted under the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code.

SECTION 5: The primary election shall be held Saturday, March 26, 2022 and the general election, if necessary, shall be held Saturday, April 30, 2022, at the times and places and in the manner prescribed by law.

SECTION 6: The Secretary of State, Commissioner of Elections, Parish Board of Election Supervisors, Clerk of Court, Registrar of Voters, and all other persons charged with any power, function, right, duty or responsibility in conducting elections in the jurisdiction of the vacant position described herein are hereby authorized, requested, directed and empowered to exercise every lawful function and to do every act necessary to conduct the special election, to cause the returns to be made, to canvass and promulgate the results, and to perform all related and incidental functions.

SECTION 7: Superintendent Teresa T. Bagwell (or her designee) will take all action necessary to immediately publish this proclamation in the School Board's official journal.

SECTION 8: Superintendent Teresa T. Bagwell (or her designee) will send a copy of this proclamation to the Clerk of Court for the 16th Judicial District and to the Secretary of State by registered or certified mail no later than twenty-four (24) hours after this proclamation is issued.

RESOLVED by the St. Mary Parish School Board at its special board meeting on the 28th day of October, 2021.

Teresa T. Bagwell
Board Secretary

Kenneth E. Alfred
Board President