

Centerville, Louisiana

June 13, 2024

Public Hearing

The St. Mary Parish School Board conducted a public hearing on Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 5:15 p.m., in the Evans Medine Meeting Room at the Central Office Complex in Centerville, Louisiana, with the following members answering to roll call:

Present: Ms. Guienzy M. Brent, Ms. Tammie L. Moore, Mrs. Lindsey T. Anslem, Ms. Debra R. Jones, Mrs. Ginger S. Griffin, Ms. Marilyn P. LaSalle, Mr. Murphy J. Pontiff Jr., Mr. Chad M. Paradee, Mrs. Alaina L. Black, Mr. Andrew V. Mancuso, Mrs. Rhonda R. Dennis.

Absent: None

Mrs. Becky Voisin stated, during reassessment years, which occurs every four years, it is required to provide the Board options to either remain revenue neutral by adopting the adjusted slightly lower millage rates at reassessment

OR

to roll forward which maintains the current millage rates & provides a slight increase in revenue.

Detailed guidance will be provided during the regular meeting for Agenda Line Items 10, 11 & 12 regarding adopting our 2024 Millage Rates.

Since is it being recommended to roll forward, it is required to have a public hearing and read aloud the "Public Hearing Notice" that was published in the paper on two separate occasions (May 1st & May 3rd) as follows:

Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Article 7, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that a public hearing will be held at 5:15 p.m., prior to the regular scheduled meeting of the St. Mary Parish School Board, on Thursday, June 13th, 2024 in the Evans Medine Meeting Room at the Central Office Complex located at 474 Highway 317, Centerville, LA 70522 to consider levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum. The estimated amount of total tax revenues to be collected in the next tax year from the increased millage is \$10,501,497, and the amount of increase in taxes attributable to the millage increase is \$167,793. This notice as well as a recitation (summary) of St. Mary Parish School Board's current budget can be found on our Internet website @ <http://www.stmaryk12.net>.

The floor was open for public comments. Hearing none, the meeting adjourned.

Regular Session

The St. Mary Parish School Board met in regular session on Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., in the Evans Medine Meeting Room at the Central Office Complex in Centerville, Louisiana, with the following members answering to roll call:

Present: Ms. Guienzy M. Brent, Ms. Tammie L. Moore, Mrs. Lindsey T. Anslem, Ms. Debra R. Jones, Mrs. Ginger S. Griffin, Ms. Marilyn P. LaSalle, Mr. Murphy J. Pontiff Jr., Mr. Chad M. Paradee, Mrs. Alaina L. Black, Mr. Andrew V. Mancuso, Mrs. Rhonda R. Dennis.

Absent: None

Invocation

Mr. Holmes gave the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

President Black led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Approval of Amended Agenda.

No amended agenda.

Approval of Official School Board Minutes.

Ms. Moore offered the motion and Mr. Mancuso offered the second to approve the official school board minutes from the regular school board meeting held on May 9, 2024. All in favor and the motion carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda.

President Black stated that Board Members can remove any of the items on the consent agenda for further discussion in the regular proceedings. Dr. Fegenbush read aloud the items on the consent agenda as follows:

New Business

Business Affairs:

Item 4. *Approve Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire of audit engagement entities.

Item 5. *Approve a newspaper to serve as the official journal for the school board for the year commencing July 1, 2024.

Item 6. *Accept proposal of financial institutions in the parish to serve as joint fiscal agents for the school board for the two (2) year period commencing July 1, 2024.

Item 9. *Approve banking resolutions authorizing signatories at various schools as a result of recent appointments.

Item 13. *Field Trip(s):

A. *Morgan City High School Band travel to Universal Studios STARS Marching Performance on April 13-17, 2025, in Orlanda, Florida.

Mr. Mancuso made a motion to approve the consent agenda, as presented by Dr. Fegenbush. Ms. Jones made a second, all in favor and the motion carried.

Appearances:

Recognition of newly appointed positions:

Ms. Estay recognized and congratulated the new appointees as follows:

- Ms. Amanda Chase, Principal of Wyandotte Elementary
- Mrs. Gidget Everitt, At-Risk Interventionist
- Ms. Elbone Delone, St. Mary Parish Coordinator of Accountability
- Mr. Kentrell Lewis, St. Mary Parish Behavior Interventionist

Recognition of 2024 Red Ribbon Slogan and Drawing Contest Winners:

Dr. Sanders recognized the 2024 Red Ribbon Slogan and Artwork winners as follows:

Slogan Contest Winner:

Andi-lyn Gros, 5th grade, M. E. Norman Elementary School

Artwork Winners:

- Jase Aucoin, 4th grade, Hattie Watts Elementary School
- Wyatt Aucoin, 1st grade, Berwick Elementary School
- Sherlly Bardales, 8th grade, Morgan City Junior High School
- Joselett Bibian, 3rd grade, J. S. Aucoin Elementary School
- Clare Crawford, 3rd grade, St. John Elementary School
- Fernando Fonseca, 8th grade, Morgan City Junior High School
- Adrian Hernandez-Garcia, 4th grade, J. S. Aucoin Elementary School
- Marcus Johnson, 11th grade, Morgan City High School
- Aubrey Notto, 3rd grade, Raintree Elementary School
- Bella Nguyen, 1st grade, St. John Elementary School
- Brynn Robison, 5th grade, St. John Elementary School
- Blain Richardson, 11th grade, Franklin Senior High School

Grand Champion:

- Sophia Hastings, 11th grade, Morgan City High School

Recognition of VAM 4 Educators:

Ms. Estay recognized the VAM 4 Educators as follows:

- Heather Crappell, Bayou Vista Elementary School
- Tamatha King, Bayou Vista Elementary School
- Bridget Mabile, Bayou Vista Elementary School
- Shantay Womble, Bayou Vista Elementary School
- Amy Gilliam, Franklin Junior High School
- Mary Gilmore, Hattie Watts Elementary School
- Ingrid Cummings, Raintree Elementary School
- Kim Mire, Raintree Elementary School
- Anna Howard, W.P. Foster Elementary School
- Maybelle Klein, Wyandotte Elementary School

Recognition of 12th grader J’Kylon Ceasar for Class 2A High Jump State Champion.

Due to prior commitments, recognition of J’Kylon Ceasar will be announced at the July 11, 2024 regular school board meeting.

Recognition of 11th grader A’Larryen Fuselier for FFA State President and 11th grader Benjamin Robicheaux for FFA State Parliamentarian.

Due to prior commitments, recognitions will be announced at the July 11, 2024 regular school board meeting.

Item 1. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding an Industrial Tax Exemption application for Gravois Aluminum Boats.

Mr. Evan Boudreaux, Director of St. Mary Economic Development explained the non-compliance notice from the Louisiana Economic Development regarding Gravois Aluminum Boats Industrial Tax Exemption Program Contract# 20200220-ITE - \$1,057,275.745 for project year 2022. The company failed to satisfy the requirements of Exhibit A as referenced in the Exemption Contract.

The annual Certification of Compliance was received by the deadline set forth in Section 7.02; however, the company’s actual annual jobs and payroll was 0 jobs with payroll of \$0; therefore, company is not in compliance with company objectives for the project year 2022.

The Board may defer any decision or action on the Company’s non-compliance to the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry, (“Board”), or in accordance with Section 6.01 (B)(4) of the Exhibit A, make a recommendation to the Board on the consequence for non-compliance.

Alternatively, as further provided by Section 6.01(B)(4), the local Governmental entities and the Company may agree on a default payment that the company can make to each of the local Governmental entities in the agreed amount, in which case, the current terms of the Exemption Contract shall remain the same without further consideration by the Board.

In order to make a recommendation to the Board or notify the Board if the Company makes a default payment, the Local Governmental Entity or Entities must provide written notice, by resolution or otherwise, as appropriate, to LED either: 1) outlining the Local Governmental Entity’s recommendation to the Board to reduce the term of the exemption, reduce the annual percentage of the exemption or terminate the exemption or, 2) confirming that the Company has notice made a default payment. In order to ensure Board consideration of any local action, written notice should be provided t LED no later than July 15, 2024.

Ms. LaSalle stated due to the non-compliance notice of Gravois Aluminum Boats, LLC, she would like to suggest that the Louisiana Economic Development Board pay back lost tax revenue to the St. Mary Parish School Board.

Ms. LaSalle made a motion to recommend that the Louisiana Economic Development Board pay back lost tax revenue to the St. Mary Parish School Board. Mrs. Griffin made a second. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yes: Mr. Murphy J. Pontiff Jr., Mrs. Ginger S. Griffin, Mrs. Lindsey T. Anslem, Ms. Debra R. Jones, Ms. Guienzy M. Brent, Ms. Marilyn P. LaSalle.

No: Mr. Chad M. Paradee, Mr. Andrew V. Mancuso, Mrs. Alaina L. Black, Mrs. Rhonda R. Dennis, Ms. Tammie L. Moore.

Vote: The motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 6, No = 5, Abstain = 0).

Item 2. Approve proposed Employee Meal Prices for the 2024-2025 school year.

Mrs. Dennis made a motion and seconded by Mr. Paradee to approve the proposed Employee Meal Prices for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented by Ms. Chaisson. All in favor and the motion carried.

Item 3. Approve Community Eligibility Provision Participation for the 2024-2025 school year.

Ms. Brent made a motion and seconded by Ms. Jones to approve the Community Eligibility Provision Participation for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented by Ms. Chaisson. All in favor and the motion carried.

Item 7. Approve group life insurance for the period commencing October 1, 2024.

Mr. Perry stated that the group life insurance policy will expire on September 30, 2024. The renewal with the current carrier, UNUM, had a substantial rate increase of 16%, prompting to seek quotes. Over twenty companies were contacted for quotes. Of those contacted, only seven were responsive with the remainder choosing not to quote.

An analysis was performed with benefits and premiums being considered. Upon completion of this review, one company stood out, Standard. Standard is an A-rated company which offered identical benefits at the same premium with a three-year rate guarantee.

After meeting with group consultant Mr. James Perez and broker Mr. Skip Kovac, it was unanimously agreed to move the policy to Standard effective October 1, 2024.

Mr. Paradee made a motion and seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the group life insurance with Standard for the period commencing October 1, 2024. All in favor and the motion carried.

Item 8. Announce intent to call elections in one or more school districts within the jurisdiction of the St. Mary Parish School Board.

Mr. Perry read aloud the announcement of public meeting as follows:

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the Evans Medine Meeting Room at the Central Office Complex, 474 Hwy. 317, Centerville, Louisiana, the Parish School Board of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling elections to be held in (i) Consolidated School District Number Two (2) of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, (ii) Consolidated School District Number Three (3) of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana and (iii) Sixth Ward Special School District No. 3 of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of ad valorem taxes therein.

No action was required from the Board.

Item 10. Adopt the adjusted millage rate(s)

Mrs. Becky Voisin briefly explained the process of the tax millage to board members. She read aloud the Resolution No. 1 for the tax millage rates for the year 2024 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 1

BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. Mary Parish School Board of the Parish of St. Mary, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on June 13, 2024, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following **adjusted** millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2024, for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGE

GENERAL FUND:

- 1. Constitutional School Tax (1068051) 8.76 mills
- 2. Consolidated School District No. 5 (1068061) 11.72 mills

SPECIAL FUNDS (MAINTENANCE TAXES):

- 1. Consolidated School District No. 3 (1068055) 12.32 mills
- 2. Consolidated School District No. 2 (1068054) 12.59 mills
- 3. Sixth Ward School District No. 3 (1068057) 12.45 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of St. Mary, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2024 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with 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:

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the meeting held on June 13, 2024, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Centerville, Louisiana, this 13th day of June, 2024.

Secretary/Treasurer

The floor was open for public comments. There were no public comments.

Ms. LaSalle made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1 adopting the tax millage rates for the year 2024, as presented by Mrs. Becky Voisin. Mr. Mancuso gave a second to the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yes: Mr. Chad M. Paradee, Mr. Andrew V. Mancuso, Mr. Murphy J. Pontiff Jr., Mrs. Alaina L. Black, Mrs. Ginger S. Griffin, Mrs. Lindsey T. Anslem, Mrs. Rhonda R. Dennis, Ms. Debra R. Jones, Ms. Guienzy M. Brent, Ms. Marilyn P. LaSalle, Ms. Tammie L. Moore.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 11).

Item 11. Set forth the adjusted millage rate(s) and roll forward to millage rates not exceeding the maximum authorized rate(s)

Mrs. Becky Voisin asked to combine Items 11 and 12 because they correlate to Resolution No 2.

Item 12. Adopt other authorized millages or taxes.

Mrs. Becky Voisin read aloud the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2

BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. Mary Parish School Board of the Parish of St. Mary, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on June 13th, 2024, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year’s maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2024, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rate(s) are:

<u>Adjusted Rate</u>	<u>2024 Levy</u>
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GENERAL FUND:

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| 1. Constitutional School Tax (1068051) | 8.76 mills | 8.83 mills |
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2. Consolidated School District No. 5 (1068061) 11.72 mills 11.82 mills

SPECIAL FUNDS (MAINTENANCE TAXES):

1. Consolidated School District No. 3 (1068055) 12.32 mills 12.42 mills

2. Consolidated School District No. 2 (1068054) 12.59 mills 12.73 mills

3. Sixth Ward School District No. 3 (1068057) 12.45 mills 12.53 mills

BOND RETIREMENT FUNDS:

1. Consolidated School District No. 1 (1068093) 8.00 mills

2. Special School District No. 4 (1068092) 4.00 mills

3. Fifth Ward Special School District No. 1 (1068106) 20.00 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of St. Mary, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2024 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by no less than two-thirds of the total membership of the taxing authority voting in favor as required by Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B). The votes were:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the meeting held on June 13, 2024, at which meeting at least two-thirds of the total membership was present and voting.

Centerville, Louisiana, this 13th day of June, 2024.

Secretary/Treasurer

The floor was open for public comments. There were no public comments.

Ms. Moore made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2 adopting the tax millage rates for the year 2024, as presented by Mrs. Becky Voisin. Mrs. Dennis gave a second to the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yes: Mr. Chad M. Paradee, Mr. Andrew V. Mancuso, Mr. Murphy J. Pontiff Jr., Mrs. Alaina L. Black, Mrs. Ginger S. Griffin, Mrs. Lindsey T. Anslem, Mrs. Rhonda R. Dennis, Ms. Debra R. Jones, Ms. Guienzy M. Brent, Ms. Marilyn P. LaSalle, Ms. Tammie L. Moore.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 11).

Item 14. Receive updates regarding the re-enrollment process that has been initiated by the St. Mary Parsh School system.

Dr. Sanders explained the re-enrollment process as requested by Ms. Guienzy Brent, District I Board Member. On March 13, 2024, the district sent out a j-text to all of Saint Mary Parish families and sent the notification to local media, the district and school websites, and

district and school social media. The notification provided all St. Mary's families the information needed from the re-enrollment and residence verification process. The deadline given at that time was April 30, 2024.

The required enrollment and residents' verification documents were posted and remained posted on the district website, and for a few weeks circulated through social media so that parents and legal guardians could readily see the documentation required.

Although the deadline given was April 30th schools have continued to accept documents and push out reminder notifications to families. Each school has maintained an alpha list spreadsheet to track each student re-enrollment. Currently, the district is close to 70 percent completed with enrollment district wide.

Senior graduates of 2025 for the upcoming school year were not impacted by this process, they were grandfathered in and didn't have to provide documentation.

In mid-April, Dr. Fegenbush hosted a press conference for all local media at the Central Office Complex, in Centerville, Louisiana, where she explained the process and the reason for re-enrollment and residence verification and filled several questions from media.

This past Monday, a j-text was sent to all families who have not yet completed enrollment, the families were reminded that re-enrollment and resident verification are mandatory and asked that all documentation be turned in by noon on June 14, 2024.

Item 15. Accept change order #1 for chiller replacement at West St. Mary High School/B. Edward Boudreaux Middle School using ESSER Funds.

Ms. Moore made a motion and seconded by Ms. Jones to approve change order #1 for chiller replacement at West St. Mary High School/B. Edward Boudreaux Middle School using ESSER Funds, as presented by Mr. Wiese. All in favor and the motion carried.

Item 16. Award substantial completion for chiller replacement at West St. Mary High School/B. Edward Boudreaux Middle School using ESSER Funds.

Ms. Moore made a motion and seconded by Ms. Jones to award substantial completion for chiller replacement at West St. Mary High School/B. Edward Boudreaux Middle School using ESSER Funds, as presented by Mr. Wiese. All in favor and the motion carried.

Item 17. Accept change order for Franklin High School District I Phase II roofing project.

Ms. Jones made a motion and seconded by Ms. Moore to approve change order for Franklin High School District I Phase II roofing project, which will include the Davis-Bacon wage requirement going forward from June 1, 2024 for a total cost of 20,362.79, as presented by Mr. Wiese. All in favor and the motion carried.

Item 18. Consider funding revisions for the Morgan City High School track to convert it to a 400-meter track.

Mr. Mancuso made a motion and seconded by Mrs. Dennis to approve funding revisions for the Morgan City High School track to convert it to a 400-meter track for a total cost of \$24,150.00, as presented by Mr. Wiese. All in favor and the motion carried.

Item 19. Accept change order for Patterson High School District II Phase I roofing project and change order for J. S. Aucoin Elementary School District III Phase I roofing project.

Mrs. Griffin made a motion and seconded by Ms. LaSalle to approve change order for Patterson High School District II Phase I roofing project for \$15,276.02 and change order for J. S. Aucoin Elementary School District III Phase I roofing project for the amount of \$4,055.00, as presented by Mr. Wiese. All in favor and the motion carried.

Item 20. Discuss and take action regarding proposed realignment plan.

Dr. Fegenbush reported that a public work session was discussed on Tuesday, June 11th regarding the proposed realignment plan. She briefly explained that the plan had two parts; one-part concerns organizational structure with some proposed changes and then the second part is the proposed salary adjustments. The salary adjustments were in three areas; the first area was

for classified staff who are hourly workers; the salary suggestions in that area vary because of a third-party vendor Lean Frog. The second area; teacher and index personnel; that proposal originally was to raise St. Mary's base teacher salary scale to an additional \$1,200, however from feedback from board members the suggestion was to raise that base pay by \$1,500, which would raise the starting salary from \$46,300 to \$47,800 for St. Mary Parish base teacher salary . The third area; adjust 10. 10.5-, 11- and 12-month calendars to equal the same days for classified personnel, which would help raise index salaries that have been shown to be slightly below the market peer average.

If the realignment Plan is approved, this will allow the potential School Board salaries to \$800 per board member and \$900 per board president to be **advertised** according to RS 17:56 for Board consideration at the July meeting.)

School Board member raises will not be included in this vote.

Mr. Paradee made a motion and seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the organizational chart of section I-A and 1-B of the proposed realignment plan.

Mr. Andrew Mancuso has requested to **abstain** from voting on teacher salary considerations due to his wife being a teacher. He will only be participating in the discussion.

Mr. Jones made a motion and seconded by Ms. Brent to approve the proposed salary adjustment for teachers and index personnel of section II of the proposed realignment plan.

Mrs. Griffin amended the motion on the floor to increase the index of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) from 1.60 to 1.67. Ms. LaSalle offered a second.

After discussion, Mr. Mancuso stated that he will be voting on the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer's increase since it does not include teacher salaries.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yes: Mr. Andrew Mancuso, Mr. Murphy J. Pontiff Jr., Mrs. Ginger S. Griffin, Ms. Marilyn P. LaSalle.

No: Mr. Chad M. Paradee, Mrs. Alaina L. Black, Mrs. Lindsey T. Anslem, Mrs. Rhonda R. Dennis, Ms. Debra R. Jones, Ms. Guienzy M. Brent, , Ms. Tammie L. Moore.

Vote: Motion failed by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4, No = 7, Abstain = 0)

The original motion made by Ms. Jones and seconded by Ms. Brent was approved for the proposed salary adjustment for teachers and index personnel as described in section II of the proposed realignment plan. All in favor, with Mr. Mancuso abstaining from voting.

Reports

Committees:

Staff Report:

Mr. Wiese reported that the Louisiana Public Service Commission Energy Efficiency Program approved funding for Lighting upgrades at Hattie Watts Elementary School and Berwick Elementary School. To qualify for this program, schools had to be Cleco customers, which prevented Morgan City High School from participating due to being a customer with the City of Morgan City. Total project funding for both schools is \$692,576.00, which is no cost to the school board.

Chief Financial Officer's Report:

Sale Tax Update

Mr. Perry reported that the sales tax collections are for eleven months into the fiscal year and May's collections were \$1,953,000 versus a budget of \$1,951,000.

Financial Statements (Major Funds Only):

The Board was provided financial statements for major funds only to review at their leisure.

Other Significant Items:

Mr. James Perez will attend the regular school board meeting on July 11, 2024, to provide a summary to date on the Group Health Insurance Plan.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Fegenbush briefly explained the changes made to the house bill 967 that was recently signed into law by Governor Landry becoming Act 394, regarding Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL) retirees to return to work in a TRSL eligible position. Those who have been out for more than twelve (12) months and wanting to return to work are encouraged to apply on the St. Mary Parish School Board's website.

Currently, St. Mary Parish School Board is trying to finalize the reenrollment process for the 2024-2025 school year that starts August 7 2024, which is close to 70 percent reenrollment status.

Dr. Fegenbush stated that she was recently informed by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security (GOHSEP) that seventeen (17) of St. Mary Parish schools has received over \$823,227.00 for safety upgrades. The remaining five (5) schools are on round two, which is likely to be approved for a total of over \$240,000 for safety upgrades.

In closing, she thanked the school board for approving salary raises for the St. Mary Parish School Board's employees.

Report from Board Attorney Mr. Bob Hammonds:

Attorney Hammonds made a brief announcement that the board had authorized the attorney general to come in as Co-counsel and your desegregation case that was opposed by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP.) A hearing was held today, and the court granted the motion for the attorney general to be CO-counsel for the board and the case.

Closing:**Resolutions of Respect**

Ms. Estay read the Resolutions of Respect for the late Elridge Hoskins, Jr. (retired middle school head custodian), Roger Liner (retired school bus attendant), and Herbert Menard (retired school bus driver).

Adjournment:

With there being no further business to address, Ms. LaSalle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Ms. Moore made a second, all in favor and the motion carried.