



# Louisiana Special School District

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## Louisiana Special School District Board of Directors

Board Meeting

May 7, 2024 at 10:30 AM

Louisiana Schools for the Deaf and Visually Impaired

2888 Brightside Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70820

Student Activity Center, Room 196

## Minutes

### I. Call to Order

The May 7, 2024 Board meeting of the Special School District Board of Directors was called to order at 10:37 AM by Ms. Kristy Flynn, Board President. Members present at the meeting included: Ms. Maria Annis; Ms. Sherry Crosby; Mr. Kenny Davis; Mr. Anthony Celestine; Mr. Ronnie Morris and Ms. Vickie Smith. Members not in attendance: Dr. Edward Bell, and Ms. Bambi Polotzola.

Public comment was given by Ms. Jeri Pilk.

### II. Approval of the February 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mr. Ronnie Morris to approve February 7, 2024 Minutes  
Seconded by Ms. Sherry Crosby

### III. Reports

Motion By Mr. Ronnie Morris to receive the Superintendent's report  
Seconded by Vickie Smith

LA School for the Visually Impaired (LSVI)- Susan Covington, Executive Director of LSVI provided updates on LSVI school events and test scores

LA School for the Deaf (LSD) - Dr. Natalie Delgado, Executive Director of LSD provided updates on LSD school events and test scores

Special School Programs (SSP)- Shawnee Parker, Regional Coordinator from Pine Crest presented updates on behalf of Dr. Shirly Lewis.

Shared Service - Kathleen Carr, Executive Director of Shared Services provided updates on Non-Academic Shared Services

District Wide Supports (DWS) - Edward Boyd Director of CTE and Transition presented updates on that department on behalf of Nancy Rawls.

#### a. Personnel Report

Ms. Santa Patterson, Executive Director of Human Resources, provided the Board with updates of agency filled positions, vacant positions, new hires, and current workmen's compensation claims.

#### b. Financial Report

### IV. Old Business

#### a. SSA Contract

Motion by Mr. Ronnie Morris to submit final payment of \$4361.04, invoiced by SSA Consultants.  
Seconded, simultaneously, by Ms. Vickie Smith & Mr. Kenny Davis

Ms. Maria Annis Yes

Mr. Anthony Celestine Yes

Ms. Sherry Crosby No

Mr. Kenny Davis Yes



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Ms. Kristy Flynn Yes  
Mr. Ronnie Morris Yes  
Ms. Vicky Smith Yes

b. Virtual Board Meeting Requirements

Dr. David Martin discussed the Special School District Board of Director's request to explore equipment required to create virtual meeting platforms. Dr. Martin informed board members that the district had purchased equipment to create virtual meeting platforms per the detailed requirements for Louisiana's state agencies.

V. New Business

a. Board Legal Services

Kristy Flynn: The board needs to decide if we will need to work on a contract to continue to have legal services. The current contract expires at the end of June.

Motion: by Ms. Kristy Flynn to renew and closely monitor the Roedel Parsons Blache Fontana Piontek and Pisano, A Law Corporation, contract. Ms. Flynn proposed a process for invoicing legal services to maintain contract limits not to exceed \$100,000.

Seconded by: Mr. Ronnie Morris

The motion was unanimously approved.

b. District Accountability

c. Finance Committee

d. A discussion on whether or not to adopt a policy that increases the number of regular Board Meetings in a calendar year to at least six (6). This would qualify the SSD Board under Act 393 of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session, Subsection H to hold virtual meetings, and in addition would allow the SSD Board to thereby have unlimited virtual Board Meetings in accordance with Subsection F(2) of the previously mentioned Act.

Motion by Kristy Flynn for the Board to conduct six (6) meetings per year. Ms. Flynn also stated in the motion, a proposal for setting two (2) additional meeting dates for total of six (6) meeting per year at the time of the Board's August meeting.

Seconded: Ronnie Morris

e. Superintendent's Evaluation

Motion to go into Executive Session by Ms. Vicky Smith

Seconded by: Ms. Sherry Crosby

The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

Following Executive session, Ms. Kristy Flynn conducted a roll call vote to reconvene meeting.

The motion was unanimously passed with a roll call vote.

Ms. Kristy Flynn announced Superintendent Martin received a score of 4.3 on an evaluation of his annual performance evaluation. Ms. Flynn then congratulated Superintendent Martin on his performance.

Motion by Mr. Anthony Celestine to table agenda items III C, V b & V c financial report, district accountability and finance committee to the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Seconded by: Ms. Vicky Smith

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Ms. Kristy Flynn

Motion to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved.

1. Public Comment Policy – Members of the public shall be allowed to speak on items presented for action consistent with the Board's public comment policy and for a time period to be determined at the Board's discretion.



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2. The Board reserves the right to enter into Executive Session, if needed, in accordance with La. R.S. 42:16 and 42:17, the Open Meetings Law. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance regarding the meeting, please contact Amy Jones at [Ajones@lsdvi.org](mailto:Ajones@lsdvi.org).