Jefferson Davis Parish Schools
Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA

11/19/2026 - 06:00 PM
203 E. PLAQUEMINE STREET
JENNINGS, LOUISIANA
(337) 824-1834

AGENDA

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING RULES OF PROCEDURE
An individual speaker who appears at a School Board meeting to speak on an agenda item must register prior to the meeting, and will be allotted three (3) minutes to speak on the agenda item prior to School Board discussion on the agenda item.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL FOR DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Phillip Arceneaux	Paula LeJeune
Greg Bordelon	Summer LeJeune
Charles Bruchhaus	Greg Patterson
Malon Dobson	Blake Petry
David Doise	Paul Trahan
Blake Frey	Russell Walker
Janet Jones	

Mrs. Abshire will confirm if there are any requests for public comment or public speaking.

III. INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

V. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. STUDENTS WITH PERFECT LEAP SCORES FOR 2026

- Recognition to the following students who scored perfect on the 2026 LEAP test:
  - Elliott Aguillard - EES 5th grade - Math
  - Madden Lecompte - EHS 10th grade - English II
  - Kyle Murphy - JES 4th grade - Social Studies
  - Ava Allen - JHS 10th grade - English II
  - Laikyn Kopnicky - JHS 8th grade - Social Studies

2. LSBA RECOGNITON OF LEGACY BOARD MEMBER

- Dr. Janet Pope, LSBA Executive Director, will recognize Board Member Charles Bruchhaus, a legacy Board Member for his 24 years of service.

VI. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Finance Committee - Paula LeJeune, Chair

    1. Change Order No. 3 on the JDPSB – Welsh Bond Improvements – Phase 1 Project.

        - Consideration to accept Change Order No. 3 on the Welsh Bond Improvements – Phase 1 — Welsh Upper Elementary School project.
          Description: Change Order #3 – Trahan Construction will provide labor and equipment required for the following:
          (refer to attached backup for additional information)
            - COR #40 – Fence at Front of WES. $50,744, Add 30 Days.
            - COR #41 — Contract Time Extension. $0.00, Add 100 Days.
            - COR #43 – 2nd Grade Annex East Door Upgrade. $16,390.00, Add 30 Days.
            - Details: Change Order #3 for $67,134.00 and adding days: 160 days
        - Bid Changes as follows:
            - The Original Contract Sum was $4,699,000.00
            - The net change by previous orders was $834,462.00
            - The Contract Sum prior to this Change Order was $5,533,462.00
            - The Contract Sum will be increased by $67,134.00
            - The new Contract Sum including this Change Order will be $5,600,596.00
            - The Contract Time will be increased by one hundred sixty (160) days
            - The new date of Substantial Completion will be May 1, 2027

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    2. Change Order No. 2 on the JDPSB – Welsh Bond Improvements – Phase 2 Project.

        - Consideration to accept Change Order No. 2 on the Welsh Bond Improvements – Phase 2 – WHS & WAR project.
            - Description: Change Order #2 – K&J Development of SWLA will provide labor and equipment required for the following (refer to attached backup for additional information)
                - COR #4 – Running of new fiber by Conterra. $20,176, Add 0 Days.
                - COR #5- Provide power to Annex Bldg for HVAC & Lights at N. $20.386, Add 0 Days.
                - COR #18 – Wiring for 6 cameras, & door release buttons. $3,229.00, Add 0 Days.
                - Details: Change Order #2 for $43,791.00 and adding days: 0 days
                - Bid Changes as follows:
                    - The Original Contract Sum was $2,408,000.00
                    - The net change by previous orders was $536,415.00
                    - The Contract Sum prior to this Change Order was $2,944,415.00
                    - The Contract Sum will be increased by $43,791.00

- The new Contract Sum including this Change Order will be $2,988,206.00
- The Contract Time will be increased by zero (0) days
- The new date of Substantial Completion will be February 20, 2027

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3. HHS FENCE PROJECT

- Consideration to accept the bid of $10,592.83 from Prince Fence, LLC to secure the west perimeter of the HHS school campus near the west playground area. Other bids received from Amko Fence & Steel $10,900.00 and A-1 American Fencing, Inc. $15,670.00. To be funded by a Safety grant awarded to school.

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4. JHS PURCHASE OF IXL STUDENT LICENSES

- Consideration to grant permission to JHS to renew the annual site license with IXL (7-12 grades) at a cost of $15,925.00. IXL provides personalized, skills-based learning that allows students to practice essential academic concepts, receive immediate feedback, and work toward mastery at their individual levels The platform also provides teachers with valuable student performance data to identify learning gaps, monitor progress and develop targeted interventions to address specific areas of need. To be paid from JHS Ward II Maintenance.

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5. .5% SALES TAX COLLECTION STIPEND

- Consideration to approve the following recommendation of the Finance Director, Mrs. LeGros, to issue the .5% sales tax stipend for certificated and support personnel:
    - The stipend will be distributed on December 16, 2026, to all permanent Jefferson Davis Parish School Board employees who are active as of the close of business on December 7, 2026. The stipend will be distributed as follows:

Certificated Personnel: Employees whose positions require an advanced degree, including those holding a Practitioner's License, will receive a stipend of $1,955 per full-time position. Part-time personnel will receive one-half of the full-time amount ($977.50).
    - Support/Non-Certificated Personnel: Employees serving in support or non-certificated positions will receive a stipend of $1,455 per full-time position. Part-time personnel will receive one-half of the full-time distribution ($727.50).
    - The total estimated cost of the stipend, including all associated benefits, is approximately $1,676,140. This stipend will be paid out of the general fund using the revenues generated from the .5% sales tax. The total collections, including penalties and interest from April 2026 to September 2026, were $1,676,200.63.

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6. DIFFERENTIATED COMPENSATION ALLOCATION

- Grant permission to disburse the State mandated, differentiated compensated stipend.
    - Eligibility requirements are as follows: Teachers working in state labeled critical shortage areas listed as K-12 Sped, 6-12 Math and 6-12 Science; 3+ years HE VAM; Teacher Leaders. If the specific criteria is met stipend values determined by Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Oustalet are based off of yearly allocation amount and number of eligible employees. The total cost of these stipends will be approximately $122,250 paid through the General Fund but allocated by the state.

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7. LAES CHROMEBOOKS PURCHASE

- Grant permission to Lake Arthur Elementary School to purchase 50 HP Chromebooks along with 50 Google Chrome Education packages to accompany them from Howard Technology Solutions on state contract (#4400035905). The total cost is $17,750 to be paid out of Maintenance #1. These will be used to replace outdated and unusable Chromebooks currently on campus.

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8. JHS REPLACEMENT OF CULVERTS

    - Consideration to grant permission to JHS to accept Guillotte Brothers Inc. bid of $15,000 to repair 60 feet of 36" culverts on the north side of the faculty parking lot. Other bids received were RF Services, LLC. for $17,688 and D&G Services was contacted and did not submit a bid. To be paid from JHS Ward II Maintenance.

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9. WHS PURCHASE OF CAMERAS

    - Consideration to grant permission to WHS to install 44 security and classroom cameras on the WHS campus and to accept the quote from Sylvan $45,531.00 for the purchase of these cameras. Other quotes received from National Networks $55,915.00 and Vallen Safety Services $48,196.00. All costs will be paid by the Louisiana Safe Schools Grant.

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2. Insurance- Blake Petry, Chair
3. Building & Grounds Committee- David Doise, Chair
4. Policy Committee - Russell Walker, Chair
5. Transportation Committee- Greg Bordelon, Chair
6. 16th Section- Charles Bruchhaus, Chair
7. Ward II- Phil Arceneaux, Chair
8. Legislative Liaison- Greg Bordelon, Chair
9. Long Range Planning- Paul Trahan, Chair
10. Food Service Committee- Summer LeJeune, Chair

VII. SALES TAX REPORT

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Out of State Travel Request

    - Consideration to approve the following out-of-state travel requests:
        - Welsh High School Band to travel to Dallas, TX on Thursday, April 1 through Saturday, April 3, 2027. This trip will take place during the Easter break so that students do not miss any school. They will be taking a charter bus. The band has been fundraising for this trip since last year. On the trip, they are learning about JFK's assassination and other forms of music performance. The trip is also a reward for a successful year. No expense to the Board.

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2. Non-Faculty Coach

    - Consideration to approve the following non-faculty coach:
        - Scott Dauzat - WAR Track Coach.

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3. LHS Purchase of Courtyard Furniture

    - Consideration for LHS to purchase outdoor furniture for student courtyard (six hex cedar picnic tables and four cedar poly benches) from Game Time (State Contract# 4400017443) at a cost of $15,787.55. To be paid from Maintenance #8.

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IX. INFORMATION

1. DECEMBER JDPSB SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

- The December meeting of the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board will be held at Lake Arthur High School, 4374 Tiger Lane, Lake Arthur, LA 70549, on December 17, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

2. Condolences

- Condolences are extended to the families of:
    - Howard Nugent, Warehouse Maintenance Supervisor, who retired in 2023 with 5 years of service.
    - Clifford Courville, Jennings Schools Bus Operator, who retired in 1990, with 20 years of service.
    - Trudy Charles, Lake Arthur Schools Bus Operator, who retired in 2017, with 21 years of service.

3. Congratulations to the following 2026-27 winners:

- **Principals of the Year**
    - **Dr. Cassidy Juneau - LAES- Elementary School**
    - **Mr. Chris Humble- WAR - Middle School**
    - **Mr. Mark Deshotel- WHS - High School**
- **Teachers of the Year**
    - **Miss Morgan Woods- LAES - Elementary School- Parish Winner**
        - Carmen Oliver - EES
        - Elizabeth Bohannon- FES
        - Kim Lessigne - HHS
        - Holly Hamrick - JES
        - Melanie Kate Trahan. JWCE
        - Meagan Burnett- LHS
        - Robin Istre - WES
    - **Mrs. Nicole Doucet - HHS - Middle Schoo**l-Parish Winner
        - Logan Batiste- EHS
        - Erin Dugas - JHS
        - Christy Oliver- LHS
        - Katie Vincent- LAHS
        - Jennifer Scharff- WAR
    - **Mrs. Kate Richard - WHS- High Schoo**l-Parish Winner
        - Kimberly Espirit- EHS
        - Hannah Hetzel - HHS
        - Missy Koonce - JHS
        - Gabrielle Larson - LHS
        - Grant Fontenot- LAHS
- **School Health Service Providers of the Year**
    - Ashley Galley - Welsh Elementary
    - Laura Istre - Lacassine High School
- **Support Employees of the Year**
    - **Mrs. Ashley Hebert- EES Pre-K Para- Elementary Schoo**l-Parish Winner
        - Ashley Andrus - FES

        - Alicia Hoffpauir - JES
        - Kari LeGros - LAES
        - Jacob LeBlanc - WES
        - Katie Ryder- LHS
    - **Mrs. Angelle Bagwell - JWCE Para - Middle School-**Parish Winner
        - Caitlyn Fruge- HHS
        - Brittney Lopez-WAR
        - Brittany Wilson-LHS
    - **Mrs. Donita Gradney - EHS SPED Para - High School-**Parish Winner
        - Gary Scharff-JHS
        - Gilbert Alexander-LAHS
        - Jeffrey Iguess-WHS
        - Patricia Martin-LHS
- **Students of the Year**
    - **Ella Peterson - WES - Elementary School-**Parish Winner
        - Thomas Tuller - EES
        - Matthew LeBlanc - FES
        - Ester Matherene-HHS
        - Julia Sonnier-JES
        - Addison Nunez-LHS
        - Zora Agent- LAES
    - **Stella Henning - HHS - Middle School-**Parish Winner
        - Kyla Lemoine-EHS
        - Lyla Cormier-JHS
        - Kael Menard-LHS
        - Deacon Hanks -LAHS
        - Wyatt McCown- WAR
    - **Shaune Maynard - JHS - High School-**Parish Winner
        - Madison Orsak - EHS
        - Mary Grace Bertrand- HHS
        - Heidi Davis- LHS
        - Noah Fontenot-LAHS
        - Blaire Dupuis - WHS

X. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

XI. ADJOURN

There being no other business to come before the Board, consideration to adjourn.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE,
PLEASE CONTACT DEBBIE AT 337-824-1834 DESCRIBING THE ASSISTANCE THAT IS NECESSARY