



**JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA**

**203 E. PLAQUEMINE STREET**

**JENNINGS, LOUISIANA**

**(337) 824-1834**

**AGENDA MEETING**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

**LIVE REMOTE ACCESS (COVID19 PANDEMIC)**

The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board welcomes public input as to all agenda items which it considers and understands the inconvenience which COVID-19 guidelines impose. In an effort to meet within the CDC recommendations and to comply with the Governor’s orders (Phase III), while at the same time providing the opportunity for public comment, the Board will adhere to the following procedures at its meetings:

1. Capacity limitations of 30 persons (First preference to Board Members and necessary staff) will be followed in the Board Room at its normal meeting place in Jennings, LA;
2. Public participants wishing to become an active part of the meeting agenda must request written permission (via email to [debbie.abshire@jdpsbk12.org](mailto:debbie.abshire@jdpsbk12.org)) no later than one day prior to the meeting date. Individual speakers are granted three minutes to speak when public comment is acknowledged.
3. Once public participants have submitted a written request to speak, they will receive the active participant link via email.
4. This is a live remote-access meeting for public participation. Video and audio will be recorded throughout the entirety of this meeting and will be archived.
5. As this is a live remote-access meeting, all active speakers are to adhere to professional meeting etiquette. Please refrain from using any profane language or making derogatory remarks aimed at any individual or group.
6. This meeting will be moderated for all active participants. Any active participant not adhering to the guidelines set forth in this document will be muted or removed from the meeting (depending on extent of violation).
7. Active participants are asked to mute their microphones when not speaking. Unmuted participants (not actively speaking or asked to speak) will be muted by the moderator.
8. During the meeting, questions can be submitted using the “Chat” feature (comment bubble icon). All questions submitted in the “Chat” feature will be visible to all participants and should adhere to the same guidelines as outlined in number 2 on this page.
9. This meeting will be recorded. The live-stream link will be available after the meeting on the district website at [www.jeffersondavis.org](http://www.jeffersondavis.org).

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**A. President or presiding officer certifies the following:**

- A. Governor has declared a State of Emergency (Phase III)
- B. Nature of Emergency could cause more than 30 persons present in the Boardroom to be detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the Public in order to adhere to social distancing guidelines;
- C. This is a live remote-access meeting for public participation. Video and audio will be recorded throughout the entirety of this meeting and will be archived.
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**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**III. ROLL CALL FOR DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM.**

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**IV. APPROVAL OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON MARCH 18, 2021.**

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**V. VOTE TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF TOPICS TO BE ADDRESSED AND TO ADD NEW ITEMS NOT ON THE ORIGINAL AGENDA.**

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**VI. RECOGNITION OR PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Congrats to Lake Arthur High School Girls Basketball Team and Coaches, 2021 Class 2A State Basketball Champions.
2. Congrats to Hathaway High School Girls Basketball Team and Coaches, 2021 Class B State Runner up Basketball Champs.
3. Congratulations to JHS Principal, Selena Gomes, who has been named a State Principal of the Year semi-finalist.

**VII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. FINANCE COMMITTEE - REQUESTS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, JAMES SEGURA, CHAIRMAN, THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD:**

1. Information Item only:  
Under the Public Covid Emergency Declaration of March 19, 2020 the Child Nutrition program purchased 3 Full Height Insulated Mobile Heated Cabinets from Central Restaurant Products for \$6,296.00 each (Total \$18,888.00) to assist in keeping food warm for the new model of distribution of meals that is being implemented at some sites due to all students returning to campus everyday. Other quotes received from Katom Restaurant Supply (\$6,548.00) and Atlantic Shelving (\$8,185.00). To be paid from ESSER II funds.
2. Grant permission to LAHS to accept the following donations:
  1. Lake Arthur Varsity Club - \$450.00 to be used for the baseball program to help offset expenses.
  2. Hammond Chamber of Commerce - \$100.00 to be used for the girls basketball program to help offset expenses.
  3. LAHS Girls Basketball Program to purchase State Championship Rings and help offset expenses for the Awards Banquet:
 

1. Dreamcatcher Construction, LLC	\$ 275.00
2. Thrifty Way Pharmacy of Lake Arthur	\$1,000.00
3. LJS Services, LLC	\$1,500.00
4. The Bank - Lake Arthur	\$ 500.00
5. Rachel David, M.D.	\$1,000.00
6. Don Gauthier	\$1,000.00
7. Judy & Leonard Meaux	\$ 800.00

- 8. Sterling Automotive \$ 500.00
- 9. Bubba Oustalet \$ 650.00
- 10. Loretta Broussard \$ 300.00
- 11. Gotta Potty, LLC \$ 100.00
- 12. Preferred Contractors \$ 550.00
- 13. Richard Savoie, III \$ 500.00
- 14. Tiger Mart \$1,000.00
- 15. Dana Williams \$ 100.00
- 16. Kenny & Sue Chapman \$ 360.00
- 17. Waste Connections \$ 500.00
- 18. Keith & Mary Simpson \$ 50.00

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- 3. Grant permission to WHS to accept the following donations:
  - 1. Crawfish Boil and Go, Inc., \$300.00 to Boys basketball to be used for play-off game, team travel and meals.

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- 4. Grant permission to WAR to accept the following donations:
  - 1. Jeff Davis Bank - \$1,000.00 Crawfish Boil and Go, Inc., \$300.00 to be used towards offsetting the cost of awards for WAR Awards Day and student incentives.

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- 5. Grant permission to EHS to accept the painting bid of \$103,191.90 from Dupuis Construction to wash, caulk, prime, paint the main building and metal buildings. Other quotes received from David Duplichan \$156,864.50 and Crest Exteriors, LLC \$174,206.00. To be paid from Elton Contingency.

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- 6. Grant permission to EHS to accept the following donations:
  - 1. Cheerleaders - \$65.86 from Campus Box Media. To be used to help defray expenses for this year's sports seasons.

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- 7. Grant permission to EES to purchase a Badboy 61 inch Rebel 36HP Vanguard Zero turn mower from Kenjabruch in Elton at a cost of \$7,104.30. Other quotes received from Thib's Outdoor Equipment & Trailers, LLC (\$7,994.66) and Hornsby Lawn & Equipment (\$11,005.15). To be paid from Elton Contingency.

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- 8. Grant permission to Laurie Duhon, Technology Supervisor to enter contract negotiations with Spectrum VOIP for VOIP phone services. Our current contract with Conterra expires on May 24, 2021. This

new contract will be a 36 month contract and will include enhanced VOIP services with monthly billing for equipment lease and VOIP services. State contract pricing for Spectrum VOIP will be \$5,414.48 monthly for the duration of the 36 month contract. Other quotes were received from Conterra (\$6,979.55); Ring Central (\$5,200.00 with a \$16,500.00 implementation fee); Jennings Public Phone/United Technology Group (\$11,836.80); Southwest Communications (\$6,238.20 with a \$1,400 implementation fee); Trust Security/Broadvoice (\$4,166.51 with a \$9,000 deployment fee); and Reach 4 Communications (\$8,700.00).

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9. Grant permission to HHS to accept the following donations:
  1. High School Cheer:
    - A. \$686.00 in anonymous donations - to assist with covering expenses for cheerleaders to attend boys and girls state semi-finals and finals games.
  2. High School boys basketball to assist with defraying expenses for the team to attend the state semifinals basketball game and to assist with other expenses related to the boys basketball team:
    - A. \$940.00 - T-shirt shop - portion of t-shirt sales from state semi-finals shirts.
    - B. \$250.00 - Kenneth Young
    - C. \$2,820.00 - Anonymous donations.

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- B. Insurance Committee - David Doise, Chairman
- C. Building & Grounds - Terry Leger, Chairman

**D. POLICY COMMITTEE - REQUESTS FROM THE POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, PHILLIP ARCENEUX, CHAIRMAN, THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING NEW OR REVISED POLICIES:**

1. **Sabbatical Leave: File GBRHA**  
**Effective: April 2021 (upon approval)**  
 Jefferson Davis Parish School Board is requesting to add the following verbiage to an already existing sabbatical leave policy. A teacher may make application for medical sabbatical leave, which shall be accompanied by a statement from a licensed physician certifying that the leave is medically necessary. New Part: A medical sabbatical can only be approved for the health concern of the employee.
2. **Foreign Exchange Students: File JQK**  
**Effective: April 2021 (upon approval)**  
 Jefferson Davis Parish School Board is requesting to delete the following highlighted verbiage to an already existing foreign exchange students' policy. International student change programs are welcomed by the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board. Prior to approval which **must occur during June or July**, the Superintendent or

his/her designee shall review the program's qualifications to assure compliance with all state, federal, and School Board requirements.

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**E. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - REQUESTS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, GREG BORDELON, CHAIRMAN, THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD:**

1. Grant permission to purchase on State Contract (3) new 2021 71 passenger Bluebird Vision diesel buses at a cost of \$84,710.30 each. The total cost for the 3 buses is \$254,130.90. To be paid from 2021-22 budget.

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2. Declare the following buses surplus and send to the next available surplus auction:

1. Bus 244 VIN # 1FDPB80CXTVA15643
2. Bus 250 VIN # 1HVBBAAP4TH259921

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3. Grant permission for Transportation Supervisor Guilbeaux to seek quotes to purchase another 71 passenger Bluebird Vision diesel bus.

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- F. 16th Section-Charles Bruchhaus, Chairman
- G. Ward II (Ad Hoc) - Donald Dees, Chairman
- H. Legislative Liaison - Donald Dees, Chairman
- I. Food Service Committee - Malon Dobson, Chairman

**VIII. SALES TAX REPORT - by Amber Hymel, Tax Collector.**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Grant permission to the Child Nutrition Program to surplus the following items and send to next available auction:
  1. EES washer/dryer unit Whirlpool Model number WET3300XQ1 Serial Number M42320307.
  2. LAE dryer Estate Model number EED4300TQ0 Serial number MW0622508; miscellaneous broken and outdated items from various cafeterias.

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2. Approve the following areas of critical shortage for the 2020-2021 school session: Special Education, Speech Therapist/Pathologist, 6-12 Math, 6-12 Science, 6-12 English, 6-12 Social Studies, 6-12 Business Education, 6- 12 Spanish, 6-12 French, FACS, Bus Driver, Counselor and Administration. These critical shortage areas will be referenced for purposes of tuition reimbursement and for compas salary schedule and for retire-rehire recommendations.



5. B. Simon, LAHS Cafeteria Tech, 03/05/21 to 05/29/21.
6. K. Newman, WES Teacher, 03/15/21 to 04/01/21.
7. A. Hymel, SBO Tax Administrator, 03/05/21 and 03/15/21 to 03/17/21.
8. A. Jones. LAE Para, 04/01/21 to 04/15/21.
9. S. Broussard, JWES Teacher, 03/29/21 to 05/07/21.

**RETIREMENTS**

1. Dwayne Viney, Computer Technician, EMC, effective 07/01/21, with 28 years of service.
2. Tana Garcia, LAHS Teacher, effective 05/27/21, with 32.5 years of service.
3. Rebecca P. Cormier, JWES Teacher/RTI Coach, effective 05/27/21, with 42 years of service.
4. Maggie McGee, WES Teacher, effective 05/27/21, with 30 years of service.

**RESIGNATION**

1. Meagan LaMarque, LAHS Cafeteria Tech, 03/22/21.
2. Natalie Pousson, JES Clerical Aide, 03/19/21.
3. Jasmin Charbonier, HHS Cafeteria Tech, 05/27/21.
4. Carlo Maggio, EHS Teacher/Coach, 05/27/21.
5. Lindsey Kinney, LHS Teacher, 05/27/21.
6. Marlene Roche, HHS Counselor, 06/10/21.

**XIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Motion to enter into Executive session.

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B. Motion to resume in regular session.

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**XV. ADJOURN**

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW, A COPY OF THIS AGENDA ADDENDUM WAS POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE AT THE MEETING PLACE OF SAID BOARD THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021 BY 4:00 P.M.

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.