



**JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA
203 E. PLAQUEMINE STREET
JENNINGS, LOUISIANA
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**FINANCE/SALARY COMMITTEE AGENDA
MEETING TIME: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

FILE: BCB - 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.

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) 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.

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. ROLL CALL FOR DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Chairman, James Segura. Phillip Arceneaux, Jason Bouley, Charles Bruchhaus, Malon Dobson, David Doise and Denise Perry.

Roll Call for Finance Committee Members for determination of a quorum:

Segura	Arceneaux	Bouley	Bruchhaus	Dobson	Doise	Perry
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Roll Call for Other Members present:

Bordelon	Capdeville	Dees	Leger	Singletary	Trahan
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III. VOTE TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF TOPICS TO BE ADDRESSED AND TO ADD NEW ITEMS NOT ON THE ORIGINAL AGENDA.

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IV. AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Approve a request from Curriculum Supervisor, Danielle Semien, to pay the Fall tuition for dual enrollment students to SOWELA Technical Community College in the amount of \$11,445.00. To be paid by SCA (Supplemental Course Academy/Course Choice) funds.

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2. Grant permission to WAR to purchase from CTI Security Solutions four Megapixel Security Cameras at a cost of \$3,016.18. To be paid from the CSD#1 Contingency funds.

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3. Adopt the following resolution regarding employment of special counsel:

**RESOLUTION OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
REGARDING EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL**

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statutes 42:263 authorizes the retention of special counsel by any school board upon a statement of reasons why such counsel is necessary and upon the approval by the Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board has employed the law firm Hammonds, Sills, Adkins, Guice, Noah & Perkins, LLP (formerly Hammonds & Sills) since 2008 as its special counsel with experience, training, and expertise in school law issues including, but not limited to, special education, school personnel matters, public bid law and general school board policy matters involving compliance with the federal and state laws and regulations, including due process hearings, tenure hearings, misconduct investigations and the handling of administrative hearings and litigation in state and federal courts; and

WHEREAS, through its representation of the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board and various school boards throughout the State of Louisiana, the law firm of Hammonds, Sills, Adkins, Guice, Noah & Perkins, LLP has special experience, training and expertise in those issues of school law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED by the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board in regular session duly convened:

Section I – This School Board does hereby renew its employment of the law firm of Hammonds, Sills, Adkins, Guice, Noah & Perkins, LLP as special counsel with training, experience and expertise in school law issues including, but not limited to, special education, school personnel matters, public bid law and general policy matters to include administrative

hearings and litigation with respect thereto for the purpose of advising, consulting with, and representing this School Board in connection with such legal matters involving the school system.

Section II – Said law firm shall be paid for their services at hourly rates equal to the maximum hourly fee schedule for special counsel published by the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana in effect at the time of the services except that the paralegal rate shall be \$75.00 per hour and to be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses for long distance telephone calls, document duplication, expert witness fees, court reporter fees, printing costs, travel expenses and other expenses as a result of the legal services to and for this School Board.

Section III – Said law firm shall keep itemized time records for presentation to the Superintendent with respect to services rendered at said hourly rates and the expenses incurred, and the Superintendent is hereby authorized and directed to pay same upon submission and receipt thereof.

Section IV – This employment shall continue and is effective immediately upon adoption of this resolution.

The vote, in open meeting, on the resolution was as follows:

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board in regular session duly convened on _____, 2021 and that same has not been rescinded or repealed.

JENNINGS, LOUISIANA, this _____ day of _____, 2021.

 JODY SINGLETARY, President
 Jefferson Davis Parish School Board

 KIRK CREDEUR, Secretary-Treasurer
 Jefferson Davis Parish School Board

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4. Grant permission to HHS to purchase on state contract four 75” TruTouch NewLine boards from Troxell Communications at a cost of \$12,180.00. To be paid from Maintenance #3.

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5. Approve a request from Curriculum Supervisor, Danielle Semien, to purchase 6 site licenses for EHS, WHS, HHS, LHS, LAHS and JHS at \$1,500.00 each for the renewal of the online ACT Workkeys Curriculum for students to prepare for the Workkeys exam. Scoring of the silver level of above will afford students the opportunity to earn the TOPS TECH award, count towards the school and district accountability, as well as assist students in satisfying graduation requirements necessary for their Jumpstart pathway. The total for this purchase will be \$9,000.00 to be paid for out of General Fund.

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6. Grant permission for JWES to accept the following donations:
 - A. First Baptist Church \$800.00. Funds to be used to purchase school uniforms.
 - B. Green's Cafe - uniforms for the uniform closet.

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7. Grant permission for JHS Baseball team to accept a \$19,125.00 donation from the Bulldogs Diamond Booster, Inc. Funds to be used to purchase new uniforms. Grant permission to JHS to purchase from JB Team Sports baseball uniforms at a cost of \$19,124.85. To be paid by donation from the Bulldogs Diamond Booster, Inc.

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8. Grant permission to WHS Student Council to accept a \$3,935.00 donation from Welsh Parent Homecoming Committee. Funds to be used towards Student Council events and activities.

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9. Grant permission to WHS Volleyball to accept a \$250.00 donation from the Lumpkin Group. Funds to be used towards the purchase of equipment and supplies for the volleyball team.

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW, A COPY OF THIS AGENDA WAS POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE AT THE MEETING PLACE OF SAID BOARD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 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.