

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
APRIL 7, 2022

The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board met in Regular session at 203 E. Plaquemine Street, Jennings, LA 70546, on Thursday, April 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., with the following School Board members present: President, James Segura, Members, Vice-President, Paul Trahan, Phillip Arceneaux, Greg Bordelon, Jason Bouley, Charles Bruchhaus, Donald Dees, Malon Dobson, David Doise and Denise Perry.

Absent: David Capdeville, Terry Leger and Paul Trahan.

Legal Counsel Present: None.

The meeting was called to order by President Segura.

An invocation by Jefferson Davis Parish High School Student of the Year, Miss Isabella Hardy, a Sr. at LHS, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag led by Jefferson Davis Parish Middle School Student of the Year, Miss Mandie Matt, an 8th grader at LHS.

Roll call was done by Mrs. Abshire. Mrs. Abshire verified that there were no requests for the virtual link or for public comment.

Motion by Mr. Dees, seconded by Mr. Bouley and unanimously carried to approve the School Board minutes of the Special meetings on March 4, 2022 and March 15, 2022 and the Regular meeting on March 17, 2022.

Motion by Mr. Arceneaux, seconded by Mr. Bordelon and unanimously carried that the Board call for a vote to take care of items of business not listed on the original agenda or to change the order of topics to be addressed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The following recommendations were made by Mr. Jody Singletary, Finance Committee Member, that the School Board:

Accept the recommendation by the Director of Finance and Superintendent to accept the 2020-2021 Audited Financial Statements and Audit Opinion by Mike Gillespie, CPA, External Auditor of the School Board. Motion seconded by Mr. Dees and unanimously approved.

Grant permission to WHS to accept the following donations:

1. WHS Backers to WHS Baseball - \$1,678.00 - to be used towards purchase of new uniforms.
2. Skip Broussard/90 One Stop of Welsh - \$4,000.00 - to be used towards the construction of a new stadium ticket booth.

Motion seconded by Mr. Bouley and unanimously approved.

Grant permission to JHS to accept the following donations:

1. Anonymous donor - \$50.00 - JHS Social Studies Department - to be used for the State Social Studies Fair expenditures.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Perry and unanimously approved.

Grant permission to LAHS to accept the following donations:

1. Greater Houston Community Foundation - \$1,000.00 - to be used for FFA program to offset expenses.
2. Lake Arthur Varsity Club - \$2,000.00 - to be used for Softball program to offset expenses.

Motion seconded by Mr. Dobson and unanimously approved, with Mr. Bordelon recused from voting.

Grant permission to EHS to accept the following donations:

1. The Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana - \$1,210.00 - to be used for entry fees for boys and girls golf program events.
2. Elton Quarterback Club - \$3,996.30 - to football program to offset 2021 season expenses and to pay pioneer paint bill from 2021 season.

Motion seconded by Mr. Bruchhaus and unanimously approved.

Grant permission to LAES to accept the following donations:

1. Mark A. Broussard with Hilcorp Energy - \$10,000.00 - to be used to benefit current and future students.
2. Mark A. Broussard with Hilcorp Energy - \$5,000.00 - to Erin Broussard's class account to be used for supplies, incentives and other necessary items for current and future students.
3. Tristan Comeaux with Hilcorp Energy - \$5,000.00 - to Cynthia Savoie's class account to be used for supplies, incentives and other necessary items for current and future students.
4. Tristan Comeaux with Hilcorp Energy - \$5,000.00 - to Regina Hornsby's class account to be used for supplies, incentives and other necessary items for current and future students.

Motion seconded by Mr. Bordelon and unanimously approved.

The Elton Elementary construction project has a budget and projected cost of 3.8 million dollars. The following bids were received by the school board on March 15, 2022.

Trahan Construction	\$5,145,000
Pat Williams Construction	\$5,152,000
M.D. Descant	\$5,233,000

With all bids coming in above budget and projected cost we would ask that the committee motion to reject all bids received and reconvene at a later date to determine when to rebid the project. Motion seconded by Mr. Bruchhaus and unanimously approved.

Grant permission to accept Change Order No. 4 on the Jennings Elementary Construction Project.

Change Order #4 reflects the following changes:

Item Cor #59	\$163,665.00
Additional grading and drainage at soft surface Areas	
Item Cor #64	\$ 42,320.00
Provide & Install an New Single-sided Pedestal Sign	
Item Cor #65	\$ 29,317.00
Provide & Install a New Monument Sign at Hwy 26	
Item Cor #67	\$ 21,934.00
Provide Labor & Equipment for Yard Drains	
Fencing Walk Gates and New Ramp	

- add grading & drainage @ soft surface areas
- add additional sidewalks and trench drain covers required for soft surfacing & playground equipment
- enlarge the Trike Tracks
- Adjust fencing and gates for the kickball field
- additional fencing and bollard located near the existing North and South drop off canopies for student safety

Bid Changes as follows:

The Original Contract Sum was	\$22,085,000.00
The net change by previously orders	\$ 1,616,705.00
The Contract Sum prior to this Change Order	\$23,701,705.00
The Contract Sum will be increased by	\$ 257,236.00

The new Contract Sum including this Change Order will be \$23,958,941.00

The Contract Time will be increased by forty days (40) days

The new date of Substantial Completion will be **July 18, 2022**

Motion seconded by Mr. Dobson and unanimously approved.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE:

The following recommendations were made by Mr. Malon Dobson, Insurance Committee Member, that the School Board:

Name Jeff Davis Insurance as **Property Insurance** Broker of Record for the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board for the next three Fiscal years 22-23 thru 24-25. All Casualty Insurance will remain on the RFP schedule as previously utilized by the board. Motion seconded by Mr. Dees and unanimously approved.

The following committees had no reports to present:

Policy - Jody Singletary, Chairman

Building & Grounds - David Doise, Chairman

Transportation - Greg Bordelon

16th Section - Charles Bruchhaus, Chairman

Ward II Committee - Phillip Arceneaux, Chairman
Legislative Liaison - Donald Dees, Chairman
Long Range Planning - Donald Dees, Chairman
Food Service - Terry Leger, Chairman

The Sales Tax report was given by Mrs. Amber Hymel, Tax Collector.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Mr. Bouley to approve the following out-of-state travel:

1. WHS Cheer team and sponsor to travel to Destin, FL from June 13-17, 2022 to attend the SCA Cheer Camp. At no cost to the Board.
2. Employees, Shannon McSwain, Sharon Jackson and Erin Williams to travel to Fallbrook, CA from June 26 -29, 2022 to attend Lind Crew Training- a high school transition program. To be paid with Title I and Title II funds.
3. LHS FBLA students and and staff to travel to Chicago, IL from 06/27/22 to 07/03 to attend the National FBLA Leadership Conference. Expenses to be paid according to Board policy.

Motion by Mr. Singletary to add the following to original motion:

4. JHS FFA students and sponsor to travel to Oklahoma City, OK from 05/02/22 to 05/06/22 to attend the National Land Judging Competition (Placed in top 5 at State). All expenses to be paid by local chapter.

Amended motion seconded by Mr. Arceneaux and unanimously approved. Original motion unanimously approved as amended.

INFORMATION

1. Condolences are extended to the family of:
 1. Dorothy Gaspard, LAE Cafeteria Tech, who retired in 1994, with 32 years of service.
2. Jefferson Davis Parish Job Fair will be held on Friday, May 27, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m at the Lacassine High School Gymnasium.
3. The May 2022 Finance and any other Committee meetings will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, beginning at 5:00 p.m. and the Regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. due to graduations.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

A. Personnel appointments as determined by the Superintendent:

1. Name **BENJAMIN OUSTALET**, Assistant Superintendent, effective 07/01/22, re: John Hall promotion.
2. Name **AMY TREME**, Curriculum Supervisor, effective Intermittently 03/29/2022 to 06/30/22, then full-time 07/01/22, re: ESSER new position thru 09/13/24.
3. Name, **ALEXIS C. BREAUX**, Assistant Accountant, effective 03/31/22, re: ESSER new position thru 09/13/24.
4. Name, **BROOKE BRYANT**, WHS Financial Secretary, effective 03/30/22, re: Jackie Daigle retirement.

5. Name, **JEFFERY IGUESS**, WHS Custodian, effective 03/30/2022, re: Anthony Atkinson death.

B. Personnel changes:

APPOINTMENTS

1. Kendra St. Julien, JWES Bus Driver, 03/16/22, re: Charles Wilridge resignation.
2. Bart Richard, Warehouse/ Skilled Master Craftsman, 03/21/22, re: Jimmy Lopez retirement.
3. Dwaine Thurman, WEIC Para, 04/07/22, re: new ESSER position.

TRANSFERS

1. Rachelle Jones, JWES Bus 296 to JWES Bus 301, 03/21/22, re: Mistie Landry to Bus 264.
2. Mistie Landry, JWES Bus 264 to JWES Bus 296, 03/21/22, re: Rachelle Jones to Bus 301.
3. John Hall, Assistant Superintendent to Superintendent, 07/01/22, re: Kirk Credeur retirement.

LEAVES

1. T. Stallion, WHS Teacher, 01/28/22, 02/01/22, 02/04/22, 02/09/22, 02/10/22/ 02/23/22, 03/04/22 and 03/15/22.
2. V. Bertrand, HHS Teacher, 03/21/22 to 03/23/22.
3. P. Fruge, EES Speech Therapist, 04/05/22 to 06/05/22.
4. C. Rubin, JWES Cafeteria Tech, 03/21/22 TO 04/29/22.
5. K. Rea, LHS Teacher, 03/16/22 to 05/25/22.
6. M. Lee, WES Teacher, 03/08/22 to 03/11/22.
7. D. Guillory, EES Lab Manager, 03/28/22 to 05/27/22.
8. A. Bagwell, WEIC Para, 03/21/22 to 06/30/22.
9. S. Esthay, JWES Para, 03/29/22 to 08/10/22.
10. C. Noel, JWES Cafeteria Tech, 04/11/22 to 06/01/22.
11. E. Thibodeaux, WES Asst. Principal, 04/04/22 to 04/05/22.
12. K. Newman, WES Teacher, 04/01/22.
13. R. Nagy, WAR Teacher, 04/05/22 to 05/26/22.
14. M. Duhon, JES Teacher, 02/07/22 to 03/28/22.
15. B. Simon, LAHS Cafeteria Tech, 03/22/22 to 04/06/22.

MATERNITY LEAVE

1. V. Gillespie, Sowela Dual Enrollment RN Coordinator, 04/30/22 to 05/26/22.

RESIGNATIONS

1. Deborah Johnson, LAHS Cafeteria Tech, 03/02/22.
2. Kori Primeaux, Welsh Schools Bus Driver, 04/16/22.
3. Gavin Schexnider, FES Custodian, 03/30/22.
4. Melody Muller, JWES Teacher, 05/27/22.

RETIREMENTS

1. Cheryl Fawcett, WEIC Ed. Diagnostician, 07/01/22, with 35 years of service.
2. Bonnie Comeaux, Lake Charles Route Bus Aide, 05/26/22, with 9 years of Service.

3. Brendan J. Boudreaux, WEIC EMS Instructor, 05/27/22, with 6.48 years of service.
4. Ida Warner, EHS Cafeteria Tech, 03/23/22, with 31 years of service.
5. Robert L. Kingery, Teacher, 05/27/22, with 33.5 years of service.
6. Sharon Dugas, Welsh Schools Asst. Cafeteria Manager, 06/06/22, with 20 years of service.
7. Tara Hill, WAR Teacher, 05/27/22, with 20.17 years of service.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

1. Congratulations to Mr. Ben Oustalet, Assistant Superintendent effective July 1, 2022.
2. Visited the new JES site today.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Bouley and seconded by Mr. Singletary to enter into Executive Session. President Segura asked all Board Members and Mrs. Debbie to remain for Executive Session.

Motion by Mr. Arceneaux and seconded by Mr. Dees to return to regular session.

Motion by Mr. Doise and seconded by Mr. Bouley to accept the contract terms and conditions of newly named Superintendent-elect, John Hall.

ADJOURN

There being no other business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Singletary, seconded by Mr. Bordelon and unanimously carried, to adjourn.

/s/ James Segura, President

ATTEST:

/s/Kirk Credeur, Secretary/Superintendent

Note: Items purchased by quotes or bids may be reviewed at the School Board office during normal business hours. All policies can be reviewed at any facility under the jurisdiction of the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board.³