

**JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
NOVEMBER 20, 2025**

The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board met in Regular session at 203 E. Plaquemine Street, Jennings, LA 70546, on Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. , with the following School Board members present: Vice-President, Phillip Arceneaux, Members, Greg Bordelon (late 6:07 pm), Charles Bruchhaus, Malon Dobson, David Doise, Janet Jones, Paula LeJeune, Summer LeJeune, Paul Trahan and Russell Walker.

Absent: President, Greg Patterson, Blake Frey and Blake Petry

Legal Counsel: Lauren Heinen and Jon Guice (Virtual)

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Arceneaux.

Roll call was done by Mrs. Debbie Abshire. Mrs. Abshire confirmed that there were no requests for public comment or requests to speak on any agenda items.

An invocation was led by Pastor Eric Sonnier, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag by Jennings students who scored perfect on the 2025 LEAP test, E. Reed, J. Sonnier, H. Purcell, A. Mouton and B. Romero- JHS.

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS:

1. Kevin Berken, BESE, District 7 Representative
2. Recognition to the following Jennings students who scored perfect on the 2025 LEAP test:
 1. E. Reed - JES - Grade 3 – ELA
 2. J. Sonnier - JES - Grade 3 - Math
 3. H. Purcell - JES - Grade 6 - Math
 4. A. Mouton - JES - Grade 6 - Math
 5. R. Edwards - JES - Grade 5- Social Studies
 6. B. Romero- JHS - Grade 9- Algebra I

Motion by Mrs. Paula LeJeune, seconded by Mr. Bruchhaus and unanimously carried to approve the School Board minutes of the Regular meeting on October 16, 2025.

Motion by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs. S. LeJeune, 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. Phillip Arceneaux, Finance Committee Chairman, that the School Board:

Finance Committee Chairman, Phillip Arceneaux recused himself from the following item and asked Finance Committee member, Russell Walker to handle:

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Grant permission to accept the following donations:

- A. JHS
 - 1. Jennings Fireman's Association \$250.00: Funds to be used for SWPBIS Supplies.
 - 2. Community Foundation \$250.00: Funds to be used for Roscoe's Room for uniforms or supplies needed.
- B. LHS
 - 1. DecoExchange \$2,000.00: Funds to be used to purchase food for needy families of LHS.
- C. LAHS
 - 1. Fitzpatrick Media Group, LLC \$1,000.00: Funds to be used for football program to help offset expenses.
- D. WHS
 - 1. Pat Deshotel \$100.00: Funds to be used for Band expenses.
- E. Educational Media Center
 - 1. United Way - 376 Literacy STEM kits: To be given to every third-grade student in Jefferson Davis Parish Schools.
 - 2. Lake Charles Kiwanis - approximately 250 gently used coats. The coats will be given to any student identified by school personnel as needing a coat. Coats include both uniform and non-uniform coats.

Motion seconded by Mr. Trahan and unanimously carried.

Finance Committee returned to Mr. Arceneaux.

Approve the recommendation of the Finance Director, Mrs. LeGros, to issue a one-time, state mandated, special appropriation stipend for certified and support staff. The stipend will be paid to all permanent Jefferson Davis Parish School Board employees that are active, as of close of business, November 3, 2025. The stipend will be paid out as follows:

- * Certificated personnel whose job requires an advanced degree (which includes a Practitioners License) receive a gross supplement of \$2,000.00 per full-time position. Part-time personnel will receive one-half of the full-time distribution.
- * Support/Non-Certificated personnel will receive a gross supplement of \$1,000 per full-time position. Part-time personnel will receive one-half of the full-time distribution. The total cost for this stipend will be approximately \$1,700,000 to be paid using the general funds and the special appropriation funds from the state.

Motion seconded by Mrs. P. LeJeune and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to the Director of Finance, Christin LeGros, to allow each school to obtain a credit card for their School Activity Fund account. The authorized signers on these accounts will include any school administrator, financial secretary, or other approved employee who has received prior purchasing authorization in accordance with district policy. Motion seconded by Mrs. S. LeJeune and unanimously carried.

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Grant permission to JHS to accept the quote from EA Builders for \$11,740.00 to repair 100 feet of baseball field wall that was blown down during a wind event in the spring. Other quotes received from Scout Metal Construction and Supply for \$11,800.00, and Gunter Construction, Inc. for \$34,600.00. To be paid from Ward II Contingency. Motion seconded by Mrs. S. LeJeune and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to JHS to accept the quote from EA Builders for \$22,180.00 to replace the chain link softball field outfield fence with a new metal wall that will be moved in from 247 to 205 feet to make the softball field a standard size. Other quotes received from Scout Metal Construction and Supply for \$29,303.00 and Gunter Construction, Inc. for \$44,608.00. To be paid from Ward II Contingency. Motion seconded by Mrs. Jones and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to JHS to accept the quote from Gunter Construction for \$168,500.00 to replace the softball and baseball field back stops. The baseball field backstop was blown down during a wind event in the spring and the softball field backstop is not sufficient enough to keep foul balls in the field of play. The project will include demo/cleanup of existing backstops, pour new footings where needed, build new cinder block walls with precast caps, and add a suspending net system on both fields. Other quotes Nets of Texas/Sam Istre Construction for \$169,480.00 and Alfred Palma for \$183,000.00. To be paid from Ward II Contingency. Motion seconded by Mr. Bordelon and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to JHS to purchase a new scoreboard for the Danny Reed Baseball field at a cost of \$59,454.00 from Spectrum Sports. This price includes scoreboard, Truss Sign, sponsor sign, delivery and installation and relocation of sign. CocaCola will sponsor \$25,000.00 towards the cost of sign and balance will be paid from Ward II Contingency. Motion seconded by Mrs. S. LeJeune and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to accept Change Order No. 2 on the JDPSB – Lake Arthur Bond Project.

Description: Change Order #2 – Pat Williams will provide labor and equipment required for the following: (refer to attached backup for additional information)

-COR #6R1 – Camera System Access Controls Intrusion Detection System.
\$260,890.00

-COR #7 – Elementary Gym Renovation. \$637,900.00

-COR #8 – High School Gym Floor Replacement. \$186,648.00

Details: Change Order #2 for \$1,085,438.00 and adding days: 47 days

Bid Changes as follows:

The Original Contract Sum: \$2,858,000.00.

The net change by previously orders: \$89,091.00.

The Contract Sum prior to this Change Order: \$2,947,091.00

The Contract Sum will be increased by: \$1,085,438.00

The new Contract Sum including this Change Order will be \$4,032,529.00.

The Contract Time will be increased by forty-seven (47) days.

The new date of Substantial Completion will be August 25, 2026.

Motion seconded by Mr. Dobson and unanimously carried.

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Grant permission to accept Change Order No. 1 on the JDPSB – Welsh Bond – Phase 1 – Welsh Upper Elementary.

Description: Change Order #1 – Trahan Construction will provide labor, equipment and supervision required for the following: (refer to attached backup for additional information)

-COR 4R1 – Change all VCT flooring to LVT. - \$95,617.00

-COR #5 – Upgrade entire elementary school campus fire alarm system.
\$172,249.00

Details: Change Order #1 for \$267,866.00 and adding days: Thirty (30) days
Bid Changes as follows:

The Original Contract Sum was \$4,699,000.00.

The net change by previously orders: \$0.00

The Contract Sum prior to this Change Order: \$4,699,000.00

The Contract Sum will be increased by: \$267,866.00

The new Contract Sum including this Change Order will be \$4,966,866.00.

The Contract Time will be increased by thirty (30) days.

The new date of Substantial Completion will be September 3, 2026.

Motion seconded by Mr. Trahan and unanimously carried.

INFORMATION DISCUSSED AT FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:

1. Finance Director Christin LeGros reviewed the 2024-2025 Financial Risk Assessment for the fiscal year 2023-2024.
2. Discussion on the potential sale of the JDPSB's spectrum licenses and providing the non-binding offer from T-Mobile.

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE:

The following recommendations were made by Mrs. Summer LeJeune, Food Service Committee Chairman, that the School Board:

Grant permission to Superintendent Hall and Architect Steve Hotard to proceed with the design, bidding, and all related processes necessary for the development of a new Child Nutrition Warehouse. Motion seconded by Mr. Bruchhaus and unanimously carried.

The following committees had no reports to present:

Insurance - Blake Petry, Chairman

Building & Grounds - David Doise Chairman

Policy - Russell Walker, Chairman

Transportation - Greg Bordelon, Chairman

16th Section - Charles Bruchhaus, Chairman

Ward II - Paula LeJeune, Chairman

Legislative Liaison - Greg Bordelon, Chairman

Long Range Planning - Paul Trahan, Chairman

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

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NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Mr. Doise seconded by Mrs. S. LeJeune and unanimously carried to declare the following Child Nutrition Programs Warehouse items as surplus and send to the next available public auction:

1. Hytrol Conveyor (Model BA, Serial Number 175375)
2. 2 tables, 2 carts, a slicer topper, various mixer attachments, measuring cups, racks for warmers, scales, 2 coffee pots, cart covers, and miscellaneous kitchen gadgets.

Motion by Mr. Dobson seconded by Mr. Doise and unanimously carried to approve the following non-faculty coaches for 2025-2026 upon completion of LHSAA coaching course certification and Board policy requirements:

1. Scott Dauzat, WAR track.
2. Deonna Brister, LAHS girls basketball.

INFORMATION:

Condolences are extended to the family of Cynthia Dianne Lyons, WES SPED Teacher, who retired in August, 2009, with 30 years of service.

The December meeting of the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board will be held at Elton Elementary, 614 Powell Street, Elton, LA 70532, on December 18, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

1. Water & Soil Festival - Thank you to Dr. Coleman for organizing
2. LEADS/LER - Thank you to Dr. Sherrell
3. Test Scores - Curriculum Supervisor, Mrs. Rory Myers is gathering data
4. Congratulations to JDPSB Pre K program for being recognized as #1 in state. Thanks to Mrs. Amy Treme and Kyla Fontenot for their hard work on programs success.
5. Thank you to Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Ben Oustalet on his hard work on the Louisiana Leader Ruberic
6. Congratulations to Technology Supervisor, Mrs. Laurie Duhon, for statewide recognition for her success in School Technology

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURN

There being no other business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Dobson, seconded by Mrs. S. LeJeune and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 6:47 pm.

/s/ Greg Patterson, President

ATTEST:

/s/John Hall, 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.