



JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA

203 E. PLAQUEMINE STREET

JENNINGS, LOUISIANA

(337) 824-1834

AGENDA MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

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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.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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 DECEMBER 19, 2024.

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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. REQUEST TO SPEAK:

1. Rev. Gerald Perkins

VII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE - REQUEST FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, PHILLIP ARCENEUX, THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD:

1. Accept the recommendation by the Director of Finance and Superintendent to accept the report of Mike Gillespie, CPA, External Auditor of the School Board.

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2. Grant permission to accept the following donations:

A. JHS

1. Jennings QuarterBack Club, \$1,000.00. Funds to be used towards the supplemental pay of Philip Bell and Tyler Theunissen.

- B. LAHS
 - 1. Greater Houston Community Foundation, \$1,000.00.
Funds to be used equally for powerlifting team and weight room renovations.
- C. WHS:
 - 1. Kade Kelly, \$100.00. Funds to be used for SWPBIS.
 - 2. WHS Baseball Backers, \$405.00. Funds to be used for season costs.
 - 3. Town of Elton, \$300.00. Funds to be used for WHS Band towards costs for being in Elton Christmas parade.
 - 4. Pat Deshotel, \$100.00. Funds to be used towards WHS Band expenses.
 - 5. Anonymous, \$600.00. Funds to be used towards WHS football expenses.

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FINANCE INFORMATION:

- 1. Review of 2nd quarter Budget-to-Actual Comparisons on the General Fund and all Special Revenue Funds was presented by Director of Finance, Christin LeGros.
 - 2. Presentation of the 2023-2024 Audited Financial Statements and Audit Opinion by Mike Gillespie, CPA, External Auditor of the School Board was done at the Finance Committee meeting.
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- B. Insurance - Blake Petry, Chairman
 - C. Building & Grounds Committee - David Doise, Chairman
 - D. Policy- Russell Walker, Chairman
 - E. Transportation Committee - Greg Bordelon, Chairman
 - F. 16th Section-Charles Bruchhaus, Chairman
 - G. Ward II - Paula LeJeune, Chairman
 - H. Legislative Liaison - Greg Bordelon, Chairman
 - I. Long Range Planning - Paul Trahan, Chairman
 - J. Food Service Committee - Summer LeJeune, Chairman

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

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Adopt the following resolution regarding School Board meetings:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, ACT 707 of the 1977 Louisiana Legislature makes substantive changes in Louisiana’s Open Meeting Law, and WHEREAS, one change exempts the Board from having to give written notice of each regular meeting (1) if the Board adopts a resolution each January establishing the day, time, and place of the regular meeting, (2) written public notice of this resolution is given at least one time, and (3) the day, time, and place remain the same or, if changed, the Board gives written public notice at least once to the amendment or new

resolution no less than twenty-four hours in advance of the changed regular meeting, and
WHEREAS, this Board would like to conform to this change,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board in regular session duly convened on January 16, 2025, that the Board does hereby adopt an official resolution establishing the regular meeting schedule for the year 2025 to be on the third Thursday of each consecutive month, the meeting place to be at the School Board Central Office, 203 East Plaquemine Street, Jennings, Louisiana, and the time to be 6:00 p.m. throughout the year. EXCEPTIONS: In May, 2025, the Board will meet on the second Thursday, May 8, 2025, (due to parish Graduations.) In December the meeting shall be held on Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at Elton Elementary School, 614 Powell Road, Elton, LA 70532 (due to Holiday schedule). The above Resolution, having been put to a vote and having passed, was duly declared adopted and ordered spread on the minutes of this Board.

/s/ _____ /s/ _____

Greg Patterson, President John Hall, Superintendent

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2.
- Approve the submission to the Louisiana State Department of Education of all 2024-2025 federal and state flow-through projects and any new programs enacted.

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3.
- Declare the following as critical shortage for the 2024-25 school year:
All grades Special Education, Speech Therapist/Pathologist, 6-12 Mathematic, 6-12 Science, 6-12 Spanish, 6-12 English, 6-12 French, 6-12 Social Studies, FACS, 6-12 Business Education, Bus Operator, Counselor, Administration, Pre-K -5 All Subjects, and Librarians.

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4.
- Grant permission for the following out-of-state travel request:

1. JES Principal, David Reed to travel to San Diego, CA from February 23-28, 2025 for the 2025 Annual Teacher Clarity Conference & Teacher Clarity Playbook Certification. To be paid with JES Title I funds.

2. Assistant Superintendent, Ben Oustalet and WAR Principal, Chris Humble to travel to National Harbor, MD June 22 - 25, 2025 for the Model School Conference. To be paid with District Title II funds.

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5.
- Grant permission to the Child Nutrition Program to declare the following items as surplus and send to the next available public auction:

1. Fenton Elementary: ASBER Reach in 2 Section Freezer Model SN 81020488225.

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*** ADDENDUM TO NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve the following non-faculty coaches for 2024-2025 upon completion of LHSAA coaching course certification and Board policy requirements.
 1. Laina Bryant, LAHS powerlifting.
 2. Joey Thibodeaux, LHS baseball.

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X. INFORMATION

1. School Board President Patterson has named the following 2025 School Board committees:

FINANCE COMMITTEE - PHILLIP ARCENEUX, CHAIRMAN
Paula LeJeune, David Doise, Charles Bruchhaus, Blake Petry, Paul Trahan and Russell Walker.

POLICY COMMITTEE - RUSSELL WALKER, CHAIRMAN
Phillip Arceneaux, Summer LeJeune, David Doise and Paul Trahan

INSURANCE - BLAKE PETRY, CHAIRMAN
Malon Dobson, Janet Jones, David Doise and Charles Bruchhaus.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - DAVID DOISE, CHAIRMAN
Greg Bordelon, Paul Trahan, Blake Frey and Russell Walker.

TRANSPORTATION - GREG BORDELON, CHAIRMAN
Malon Dobson, Summer LeJeune, Janet Jones, Blake Frey.

16TH SECTION - CHARLES BRUCHHAUS, CHAIRMAN
Malon Dobson, Phillip Arceneaux, Paula LeJeune and Russell Waker.

WARD II AD HOC (JENNINGS BOARD MEMBERS) - PAULA LEJEUNE, CHAIRMAN
Phillip Arceneaux, Summer LeJeune, Janet Jones and Greg Patterson.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON - GREG BORDELON

LONG RANGE PLANNING - PAUL TRAHAN,
Malon Dobson, Paula LeJeune, Blake Petry, and Blake Frey.

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE - SUMMER LEJEUNE, CHAIRMAN
Greg Bordelon, Charles Bruchhaus, Blake Petry and Blake Frey.
2. Condolences are extended to the families of:
 1. Wanda Martin, LAHS Teacher and Curriculum Supervisor, who retired in 2014 with 34 ½ years of service.
 2. Rebecca Swift, LAES Teacher, who retired in 1990, with 27 years of service.
 3. Mary Guillory, FES Cafeteria Manager, who retired in 1996, with 23 years of service.
3. **Teachers of the Year**

Elementary
Welsh Elementary - Gabrielle Thibodeaux - District Winner
Elton Elementary - Sydney Augustine
Fenton Elementary - Kaylyn Trahan
Hathaway High - Maggie Baxter

Jennings Elementary - Jeremy Thibodeaux
Lacassine High - Makenna Hardwick
Lake Arthur Elementary - Jacqueline Prielipp

Middle

WARD Center of Excellence - Kim Harris - District Winner

Elton High - Kieshaunna Clayton
Hathaway High - Alexis Hargroder
Jennings High - Elizabeth McCleery
Lacassine High - Marie Willis
Lake Arthur High - Elizabeth Vallo
Welsh Roanoke - Jenny McNabb

High

Jennings High - Aaron Beaubouef - District Winner

Elton High - Lana Myers
Hathaway High - Jodi Deshotel
Lacassine High - Natalie Trahan
Lake Arthur High - Mercedes Gonzales
Welsh High - Shannon McSwain

24-25 School Support Employees of the Year

Elementary

Welsh Elementary - Danielle Broussard - District Winner

Elton Elementary - Sarah Reeves
Fenton Elementary - Candice Prejean
Hathaway High - Tasha Adickes
Jennings Elementary - Lori Fontenot
Lacassine High - Morgan Augustine
Lake Arthur Elementary - Kevin Lacombe

Middle

Welsh Roanoke - Camille Landry - District Winner

Hathaway High - Samantha Gary
Jennings High - Eva Broussard
Lacassine High - Jo Chadwick
WARD Center of Excellence - Lisa Duplechin

High

Lake Arthur High - Rachel Dugas - District Winner

Elton High - Sandra Davis
Hathaway High - Coby Miller
Jennings High - Trish Boudreaux
Lacassine High - Monica Ardoin
Welsh High - Laura Onken

2025 Principals of the Year:

Elementary - David Reed - Jennings Elementary School
Middle - Lori Lemons - James Ward Center of Excellence
High - Jason Jagneaux - Hathaway High School

24-25 Students of the Year

Elementary

District Winner - Lydia Carter - Hathaway

EES - Brandon Shallow
FES - Kohen Leblanc
LHS - Demi Deville
LAES - Westin Fluitt
JES - Maya Munoz
WES - Audra Ardoin

Middle School

District Winner - Chloe Austin - Hathaway

- EHS - Adeline Bertrand
- LHS - Anderson Veuleman
- LAHS - Ella Grace Istre
- JHS - Elli Hill
- WRJH - Avery Leblanc

High School

District Winner - Andrew Nguyen - Hathaway

- EHS - Kenzly Shuff
- JHS - Avi Coleman
- LHS - Audrey Hardy
- LAHS - Jalea Prudhomme
- WHS - Alyssa Touchet

School Health Provider Nominees:

Nurse

Ashley Galley - nominated by Welsh Roanoke

Speech Pathologist

Heidi Parker - nominated by Lake Arthur Elementary

XI. PERSONNEL CHANGES

A. Personnel changes:

APPOINTMENTS

- 1. Bryson McCoy, HHS Teacher, 01/06/25, re: Joseph Manuel resignation.
- 2. Alexia LaComb, JES Teacher, 12/13/24, re: Debra Marceaux promotion.
- 3. Alicia Broussard, JHS Teacher, 01/06/25, re: Raven Babineaux Granger resignation.

TRANSFERS

- 1. Taddy Doucet, Central Office Sales Tax Bookkeeper to Central Office Sales Tax Specialist, 12/1/2024, re: new position.
- 2. Morgan Fontenot Vanicor, WES Teacher to LAES Teacher, 01/27/25, re: Elizabeth Schexnayder resignation.

LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

- 1. Kelly Dronet, HHS Teacher, 04/07/25.

RESIGNATIONS

- 1. Joseph Manuel, HHS Teacher, 12/21/24.
- 2. Elizabeth Schexnayder, LAES Teacher, 01/13/25.
- 3. Benjamin Martin, Central Office Sales Tax Auditor, 01/28/25.

RETIREMENTS

- 1. Kimberly Bertrand, EHS Teacher, 12/21/24. (RTW)
- 2. Amy Hulsey, JES Teacher, 05/24/25, with 15 years of service.
- 3. Sandra Simien, JES Teacher, 05/24/25, with 21 years of service.
- 4. Charlotte St. Germain, HHS Paraprofessional, 05/24/25, with 37 years of service.

5. Rosalind Broussard, Pupil Appraisal SPED SER Data Advisor, 07/01/25, with 31 years of service.

XII. DISCUSSION

1. Finger printing costs for subs.

XIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Motion to enter into Executive session.
1. To discuss 20 acres of land adjacent to JHS owned by Harris Downes Properties.

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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 WAS POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE AT THE MEETING PLACE OF SAID BOARD ON MONDAY JANUARY 13, 2025 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. |