MEETING MINUTES

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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.

Attendance

Voting Members
Mr Phillip Arceneaux, School Board Member
Mr. Greg Bordelon, School Board Member
Mr. Charles Bruchhaus, School Board Member
Mr. Malon Dobson, School Board Member
Mr. David Doise, School Board Member
Mr. W. Blake Frey, School Board Member
Mrs. Janet Jones, School Board Member
Mrs. Summer LeJeune, School Board Member
Mr. Greg Patterson, President
Mr. Blake Petry, School Board Member
Mr. Paul Trahan, School Board Member
Mr. W. Russell Walker, School Board Member

Absent
Mrs. Paula LeJeune, School Board Member

Legal Counsel
Lauren Heinen, District Attorney
Jon Guice, School Law Attorney

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL FOR DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Mrs. Abshire called rolled and confirmed that there were no requests for public comment or public speaking.

III. INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Maddison Orsak, Senior and Vice President of Elton FFA lead the invocation.
Nevaeh Robinson, Senior FFA member from Elton lead the pledge.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Motion made by: Mr Phillip Arceneaux
Motion seconded by: Mr. Paul Trahan

> ***Voting results:*** Unanimously Approved

V. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

A. Jeff Davis Cattlemen's Association

Mr. Richard Carter and Brandon Broussard presented each Parish High School Ag Deptartment with a donation of $1,000.00.

B. Parish FFA annual report

Area High School FFA members were present and Austin Bruchhaus from EHS, Thea Demary, from JHS and Baylee Reed from LHS gave yearly highlights.

C. School Board Member Highlights

Outgoing School Board Member, Phillip Arceneaux was asked by President Patterson to speak about his 18 years of service on the Board.

VI. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Finance Committee - Paula LeJeune, Chair

1. Jeff Davis Arts Council "Art in Education"

Motion made by: Mr. Paul Trahan
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Summer LeJeune

> ***Voting results:*** Unanimously Approved

2. LAHS purchase of lawnmower

Motion made by: Mr. Paul Trahan
Motion seconded by: Mr. Greg Bordelon

> ***Voting results:*** Unanimously Approved

3. WES purchase of AC system for auditorium

Motion made by: Mr. Paul Trahan
Motion seconded by: Mr. W. Blake Frey

> ***Voting results:*** Unanimously Approved

4. **JWCE purchase of AC system for gymnasium**

Motion made by: Mr. Paul Trahan
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Janet Jones

> ***Voting results:*** Unanimously Approved

B. Insurance- Blake Petry, Chair

C. Building & Grounds Committee- David Doise, Chair

D. Policy Committee - Russell Walker, Chair

1. **Policy Changes for consideration:**

- **EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLANS: File EBBC**

  Effective: upon approval
  Act 821 rewrites La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §17:416.16. The Crisis Management and Response Plan becomes the Emergency Operations Plan, the District Threat Assessment Team becomes the District Safety and Emergency Team with revised membership, and "active shooter" becomes "active assailant." It also classifies preparedness exercises as discussion-based or operations-based, revises the classroom door requirements, and replaces the Superintendent's annual report with annual school and district safety questionnaires.

- **PROTECTION OF CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION: File GBCA**

  Effective: upon approval
  Needed to be revised to meet the states requirements for background checks.

- **SICK LEAVE: File GBRIB**

  Effective: upon approval
  Act 539, the Teacher's Shield Act, provides that sick leave resulting from an assault or battery may be used for medical treatment, psychological treatment, and physical rehabilitation.

- **CAMERAS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSROOMS: File IDDFC**

  Effective: upon approval
  Act 237 amends La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §17:1948 to require that both the superintendent and his designee, or two designees of the superintendent, be present at the initial viewing of a recording after a request has been made. It also requires any person who views a recording and suspects a violation of

state or federal law to report the suspected violation to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

- **STUDENT SCHEDULES: File IEE**

  Effective: upon approval
  Needed to be edited to match policy JB-Attendance, that was changed and adopted June 2024 in regards to seniors attending school part time.

- **CLASS RANKING AND HONOR GRADUATES: File IHC**

  Effective: upon approval
  Selection of Valedictorian and salutatorian, Tops University Diploma (Honor Graduates) and Career Diploma Excellence removed. Selection of honor graduates was adopted in 2023 for the incoming Freshman cohort of 2023-2024.

- **DISCIPLINE: File JD**

  Effective: upon approval
  Act 539 amends La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §17:416 to provide that no principal or administrator may prohibit, discourage, or retaliate against a teacher or school employee for taking disciplinary action against a student, so long as the action is taken in accordance with School Board policy. Each school must also give written notice at the beginning of each school year to teachers and school employees, including bus operators, of their rights to take or request disciplinary action and of their eligibility for leave if injured by a student.

- **SUSPENSION: File JDD**

  Effective: upon approval
  Act 539 revises the immediate suspension requirements for assault or battery on a school employee. When a student is formally accused, the principal is to suspend the student immediately and remove the student from the school premises, or prohibit the student from returning. The requirement now reaches an incident occurring off school property only when that incident continues a documented altercation that began on school property.

- **EXPULSION: File JDE**

  Effective: upon approval
  Act 539 adds expulsion requirements for assault or battery on a school employee. Following an immediate suspension, the principal is to recommend the student's expulsion, which is to be no less than two complete school semesters, during which the student is placed in an alternative school or alternative educational placement and participates in an anger management program.

- **CHILD ABUSE: File JGCE**

Effective: upon approval
Act 631 enacts La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §17:421, confirming that school employees who are mandatory reporters are subject to all provisions of state law relative to mandatory reporters, including the training and reporting requirements of the Children's Code.

Motion made by: Mr. W. Russell Walker
Motion seconded by: Mr. David Doise

> ***Voting results:*** Unanimously Approved

E. Transportation Committee- Greg Bordelon, Chair

F. 16th Section- Charles Bruchhaus, Chair

G. Ward II- Phillip Arceneaux, Chair

H. Legislative Liaison- Greg Bordelon, Chair

I. Long Range Planning- Paul Trahan, Chair

J. Food Service Committee- Summer LeJeune, Chair

VII. SALES TAX REPORT BY AMBER MILLER

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Out of State Travel requests

- Consideration to approve the following out-of-state travel requests:
- LHS FFA students and teacher to attend the 2026 FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, IN from 10/19/26 to 10/25/26. Board will pay $500.00 towards expenses for the National Competition.
- EHS FFA students and teacher to attend the 2026 FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, IN from 10/19/26 to 10/25/26. Board will pay $500.00 towards expenses for the National Competition.

Motion made by: Mr. Paul Trahan
Motion seconded by: Mr. Blake Petry

> ***Voting results:*** Unanimously Approved

- Consideration to amend motion to add JHS FFA students and teacher to also attend the 2026 FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, IN from 10/19/26 to 10/25/26. Board will pay $500.00 towards expenses for the National Competition.

Motion made by: Mr. David Doise
Motion seconded by: Mr. Charles Bruchhaus

> ***Voting results:*** Unanimously Approved

B. Renew the contract of Superintendent John Hall

Consideration to extend the contract of Superintendent John Hall until December 31, 2028.

Motion made by: Mrs. Summer LeJeune
Motion seconded by: Mr. Charles Bruchhaus

> ***Voting results:*** Unanimously Approved

C. Non Faculty Coaches for 2026-27

- Consideration to approve the following as a non-faculty coaches for 2026-2027 upon completion of LHSAA coaching course certification and Board policy requirements:
    - Win Fear, WAR basketball
    - Alan Morgan, WHS Golf
    - Michael Morrison, LAHS baseball
    - Camille Landry, WHS Danceline
    - Katy Sonnier, WHS Tennis
    - Landon Carmen, EHS football and powerlifting
    - Branden Guidry, HHS basebal
    - Wayne Fruge, HHS softball

Motion made by: Mr. Greg Bordelon
Motion seconded by: Mr. Paul Trahan

> ***Voting results:*** Unanimously Approved

D. Non-compliance of Industrial Tax Exemption Program (ITEP) by Metalplate Galvanizing.

Consideration to take action on MetalPlate ITEP non-compliance.

Motion made by: Mr. Blake Petry
Motion seconded by: Mr. W. Blake Frey

> ***Voting results:*** Unanimously Approved

Consideration to take action on MetalPlate ITEP non-compliance for full amounts owed. Mr. Ben Boudreaux, from JDP Police Jury and Sheriff Kyle Mier were both in attendance.

Motion made by: Mr. David Doise

Motion seconded by: Mr. W. Russell Walker

> ***Voting results:*** Unanimously Approved

IX. DISCUSSION

A. Parish Sales Tax Disbursement

X. INFORMATION

A. Special Olympics at LAHS on 9/23/26

Special Olympics Sports day for participants in grades 3rd-6th SWDS. 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Events will take place on the football field. In the event of weather, Sports Day activities will take place in the gym.

B. Condolences

- Condolences are extended to the family of Martha Coleman, who retired in 2003, with 30 years of service.

XI. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

XII. ADJOURN

- There being no other business to come before the Board, consideration to adjourn at 7:06 pm.

Motion made by: Mr. Blake Petry
Motion seconded by: Mr. W. Blake Frey

> ***Voting results:*** Unanimously Approved

John G. Hall, Superintendent

Greg Patterson, President