

**JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
DECEMBER 18, 2025**

The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board met in Regular session at Elton Elementary School 614 Powell Road, Elton, LA 70532 at 10:00 a.m. , with the following School Board members present: President, Greg Patterson, Vice-President, Phillip Arceneaux, Members, Charles Bruchhaus, Paula LeJeune, Summer LeJeune, Blake Petry (late: 10:03), Paul Trahan and Russell Walker.

Absent: Greg Bordelon, Malon Dobson, David Doise, Blake Frey and Janet Jones  
Legal Counsel: Jon Guice

The meeting was called to order by President Patterson.

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 EES Teacher of the Year, Sarah LaFleur, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag by EES 5th grade Student of the Year, Blair Maggio.

Motion by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mrs. Paula LeJeune and unanimously carried to approve the School Board minutes of the Regular meeting on November 20, 2025.

Motion by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Arceneaux 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.

**RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS:**

Welcome by EES Principal, Katie Maggio.

Mr. Blake Petry arrived at meeting.

Mrs. Maggion introduced first grade teachers, Ms. Randi Menard and Ms. Brittany Regan, whose students presented the Cajun Twelve Days of Christmas and the Snowflake song.

Superintendent Hall and President recognized the following students who scored perfect on the 2025 LEAP test:

1. E. Aguillard - EES - Grade 4 – Math
2. E. Guinn - HHS - Grade 3 - Math
3. L. Carter - HHS - Grade 5 - Math
4. J. Himel - LHS - Grade 6 - Math
5. J. Lafosse - LAES - Grade 3 - Math
6. D. Bulla - WES - Grade 3- Math

Cesilee Oliver, Jefferson Davis Parish Economic Development introduced herself to the Board.

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**ELECTION OF 2026 SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.**

President Patterson turned the meeting over to Superintendent Hall for election of President. Motion by Mr. Arceneaux and seconded by Mr. Trahan, to nominate Mr. Greg Patterson for president.

Motion by Mr. Bruchhaus and seconded by Mr. Petry and unanimously carried that nominations cease.

Mr. Greg Patterson unanimously elected as President for 2026.

Meeting was returned to President Patterson.

Motion by Mrs. S. LeJeune and seconded by Mr. Walker, to nominate Mrs. Paula LeJeune as Vice-president.

Motion by Mr. Trahan and seconded by Mr. Walker and unanimously carried that nominations cease.

Mrs. Summer LeJeune was unanimously elected as Vice-President for 2026.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

The following recommendations were made by Mr. Phillip Arceneaux, Finance Committee Chairman, that the School Board accept the following donations (for general or designated purposes:

Grant permission to accept the following donations:

A. JHS

1. Coca-Cola Bottling Company \$25,000.00 to Baseball.  
Funds to be used for the new score board.
2. Jennings Alumni Association \$16,000.00. Funds to be used as follows:
  - A. Girls Softball \$3,500.00. Umpire and travel expenses, field material.
  - B. Tennis program \$1,000.00. Uniforms, Maintenance/Training Equipment
  - C. Boys/Girls Track program \$2,000.00. Track Spikes and equipment.
  - D. Swim program \$800.00. Pool fees, Meet entry fees and state Patches.
  - E. Golf program \$1,400.00. Course/Tournament entry Fees.

- F. Boys and Girls Basketball \$3,000.00. Travel expenses, shoes and warm up gear.
- G. Powerlifting \$500.00. Meet entry fees and travel Expenses.

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- H. Coach stipend (5.5%) \$2,800.00.
- I. Cheer \$500.00. Travel expenses.
- J. Jazzer \$500.00. Travel expenses.
- 3. Jennings Tennis Booster Club \$2,000.00. Funds to be used toward help with Tennis account balance and balls Ordered.
- 4. Jennings Quarterback Club \$3,148.96. Funds to be used towards cleats ordered.
- 5. Junior League of Lake Charles \$1,985.84. Funds to be used for STEM Robotics program.
- B. JWCE
  - 1. Safe Schools Grant \$40,000.00. Funds to be used to upgrade camera security system.
  - 2. Our Savior Church of Jennings \$300. Funds to be used for SWPBIS.
- C. WHS
  - 1. Dazzler parents. Funds to be used for expenses.
    - A. \$3,234.00.
    - B. \$500.50
  - 2. Provincial Homebuilders, LLC \$2,500.00. Funds to be used for football bus rental expenses.
  - 3. SnoB'S Express \$700.00. Funds to yearly Band expenses.
  - 4. Knights of Columbus \$599.00. Funds to be used for Special Education expenses.

Motion seconded by Mr. Petry and unanimously carried.

Granted permission to the Director of Finance to renew the software program, KEV School Solutions, at a cost of \$20,935.56. To be paid from the General Fund. This is the accounting software system that our school secretaries use for bookkeeping. Motion seconded by Mrs. Summer LeJeune and unanimously carried.

For the 25-26 fiscal year, authorized the Director of Finance and/or Accountant to prepare and execute all necessary closing entries required to complete the fiscal year-end and/or monthly accounting processes. This authorization includes the authority to initiate and record the temporary loan of funds from the General Fund to any other fund for the sole purpose of eliminating negative balances and ensuring that all accounts are properly closed and zeroed out in accordance with applicable

accounting standards and organizational policies. All entries executed under this authorization shall be documented and repaid from the receiving fund as soon as sufficient revenues become available. Motion seconded by Mrs. S. LeJeune and unanimously carried.

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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**

**Food Service - Summer LeJeune, Chairman**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

1. Justin Sims, LAHS Jr. High Softball
2. Michelle Bazinet, EHS track and powerlifting

Motion by Mr. Arceneaux seconded by Mrs. P. LeJeune to name the following selection as District Hearing Officers for use in review hearings authorized by La.R.S.17:443, La. R.S. 17:444, and R.S. 17:493:

Brandon Decuir  
Reginald "Reggie" Abrams  
Wendy Giovingo  
Greg Belfour  
L. Douglas Lawrence  
Mike Cassidy

Motion by Mrs. S. LeJeune seconded by Mr. Petry and unanimously carried to approve the following Early Childhood Community Network funding requests for publicly-funded seats for the 2026–27 School year:

The Jefferson Davis Parish Early Childhood Community Network will submit the following coordinated Funding Request for publicly-funded seats for the 2026-27 School Year:

250 Jefferson Davis Parish School Board LA4 Cecil Picard Early at-risk Pre-K Seats  
0 NSECD Seats

Motion by Mr. Arceneaux seconded by Mrs. P. LeJeune to approve a resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, for school purposes, on Saturday, November 15, 2025, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein.

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Motion by Mr. Arceneaux seconded by Mr. Trahan to adopt an ordinance providing for the levy within the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, effective April 1, 2026, of a 1/2% sales and use tax.

**INFORMATION:**

Condolences are extended to the families of:

1. Bernadine Martin, WES Teacher, who retired in 1993, with 26 years of service.
2. Kavin Canik, Maintenance/Warehouse AC Tech, who retired in 2023, with 10 years of service.

4th Annual 2026 4th Annual 2026 Special Olympics ~ Young Athletes event on January 15, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Jennings High School Gymnasium. This event is designed for students with disabilities (SWDs) in grades Pre-K through 2nd grade.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

1. Several new state mandated policies will be on January agenda.
2. Mr. Hall congratulated the following parish winners:

**Teachers of the Year**

**Elementary**

**District Winner: Heather Hanks - LAES**

Elton Elementary - Sarah LaFleur  
Fenton Elementary - Meagan Guidry  
Hathaway High - Dana Sockrider  
Jennings Elementary - Caroline LeJeune  
Lacassine High - Ann Nunez  
Lake Arthur Elementary - Heather Hanks  
Welsh Elementary - Amanda Benoit

**Middle School**

**District Winner: Alexis Hargroder - HHS**

Elton High - Kieshaunna Clayton  
Hathaway High - Alexis Hargroder  
Jennings High - Kristen Badon  
Lacassine High - Elanea Golmaryami  
Lake Arthur High - Kendalyn Hebert  
Welsh Roanoke - Julieana Carlson

## **High School**

**District Winner: Jeanne Eddins - JHS**

Elton High - Kalita Watson

Hathaway High - Michelle Sawyer

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Jennings High - Jeanne Eddins

Lacassine High - Jamie Bult

Lake Arthur High - Heather Newman

Welsh High - Jared Underwood

James Ward Center of Excellence - Rae Fontenot

**25 -26 New Teacher of the Year: Morgan Vanicor - WES**

**25-26 School Support Employees of the Year**

### **Elementary**

**District Winner: Annetta Jones - LAES**

Elton Elementary - David Soileau

Hathaway High - Tasha Addicks

Jennings Elementary - Stephen Nixon

Lacassine High - Erica Leckelt

Lake Arthur Elementary - Annetta Jones

Welsh Elementary - John Gay

James WARD Center of Excellence - Bridgette Dupuis

### **Middle**

**District Winner: KeShawn Lyons - FES**

Fenton Elementary - KeShawn Lyons

Hathaway High - Alexander Comeaux

Jennings High - Ruthie "Regina" Tramel

Lacassine High - Buffi Himel

Welsh Roanoke Jr. High - Jaydin Andrepont

### **High**

**District Winner: Shannon Fontenot - JHS**

Elton High - Jan Prejean

Hathaway High - Sheila Fruge

Jennings High - Shannon Fontenot

Lacassine High - Natalie "Tara" Bourgeois

Lake Arthur High - Kiley Roche

Welsh High - Marcus Hampton

**2025 2026 Principals of the Year:**

Elementary - Katie Maggio - EES

Middle - Rhoda Corkran - LHS

High - Amy Gobert - EHS

**25-26 Students of the Year**

**5th Grade**

District Winner: Leighton Fontenot - WES

EES - Blair Maggio  
FES - Amberlyn Humphrey  
HHS - Callie Austin

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JES - Gideon Ardoin  
LAES - Marlee Guidry  
LHS - Gabriel Sonnier  
WES - Leighton Fontenot

**8th Grade**

District Winner: Kadence Lilley - WRJH

EHS - Anne-Marie Shuff  
HHS - Brooke Thomas  
JHS - Landri Hill  
LHS - Abbie Martin  
LAHS - Elyse Fontenot  
WRJH - Hadlei Self, Kadence Lilley

**12th Grade**

District Winner: Isabell Carbalan - EHS

EHS - Isabell Carbalan  
HHS - Braedon Trahan  
JHS - Noah Guinn  
LHS - Londyn Gaspard  
LAHS - Jaxson Davis  
WHS - Bhreten Chaisson

**School Health Provider Nominees:**

**Nurse**

Meredith Woods

**Speech Pathologist**

Kelly Robertson

3. School Law attorney Jon Guice was welcomed to the meeting.

**ADJOURN**

There being no other business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mrs. S. LeJeune, seconded by Mrs. P. LeJeune and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 10:53 pm.

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/s/ Greg Patterson, President

ATTEST:

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/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.