

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
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The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board met in Regular session at 203 E. Plaquemine Street, Jennings, LA 70546, on Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. , with the following School Board members present: President, Greg Patterson, Members, Greg Bordelon, Charles Bruchhaus, Malon Dobson, David Doise, Blake Frey, Janet Jones, Paula LeJeune, Summer LeJeune, Blake Petry, Paul Trahan and Russell Walker.

Absent: Vice-President, Phillip Arceneaux

Legal Counsel: Lauren Heinen

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 JHS student, Kali Patterson, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag by employees Rachel Person, Julie Pickle, Kimberly Precht, Charmayne Theriot and Kim Briscoe.

RECOGNITION:

In recognition of October being Breast Cancer awareness month, Board Members and staff wore pink to honor JDPSB staff members who have battled the fight with breast cancer. Staff members were invited to attend the meeting to be recognized as a breast cancer warrior. Those attending and recognized were:

Rachel Person
Julie Pickle
Kimberly Precht
Charmayne Theriot
Kim Briscoe

Motion by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Trahan and unanimously carried to approve the School Board minutes of the Regular meeting on September 18, 2025.

Motion by Mr. Petry, seconded by Mr. Walker, 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. Russell Walker, Finance Committee Member, that the School Board:

Grant permission to accept the following donations:

A. JES

1. Sparks Law Firm, LLC \$1,000.00 to Library. Funds to be used for library needs.

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- B. JHS
 - 1. FFA for National Convention expenses:
 - A. Clements Insurance \$250.00
 - B. Bubba Oustalet Ford \$500.00
 - C. The Bank \$350.00
- C. JWCE
 - 1. Jennings Lil Dribblers \$500.00. Funds to be used for SWPBIS expenses to help students grow in education and daily activities.
- D. WHS
 - 1. Welsh Band Boosters to WHS Band \$150.00. Funds to be used towards costs of feeding the band pizza for 9/25 game.
 - 2. Welsh Greyhound Backers to WHS Volleyball \$500.00. Funds to be used towards yearly expenses.
 - 3. Pat Deshotel \$100.00. Funds to be used towards WHS Band costs.
 - 4. Catholic Daughters Court Stella Maris #1233. \$100.00. Funds to assist needy students.
- E. WAR
 - 1. Anonymous \$100.00. Funds to be used for ESports fees or supplies.
- F. United Way \$775.00 to McKinney Vento students. Funds to be used to purchase school spirit shirts.

Motion seconded by Mr. Trahan and unanimously approved.

Grant permission to LHS to purchase from Thib's in Jennings (under state contract #T92711) a SCZ11-61v-38cv-efi 11 Cheetah 61" cut velocity plus 38HP mower for the new athletic baseball/softball facility at a cost of \$11,999.00. To be paid from LHS maintenance. Motion seconded by Mr. Petry and unanimously approved.

Grant approval to the Director of Finance for the district to transition to cashless as of January 1, 2026. Motion seconded by Mrs. Paula LeJeune and approved, with Mr. Doise voting against.

Grant permission to Tanya Gaudet, Textbook Supervisor, and Christin LeGros, Director of Finance, to purchase textbooks, workbooks, and materials at a total budgeted cost of \$300,000 for the 2025-2026 school year. To be paid from the General Fund 2025-2026 budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Bordelon and unanimously approved.

Grant permission to accept Change Order No. 1 on the JDPSB – Lake Arthur Bond Project.

- Description: Change Order #1 – Pat Williams will provide labor and equipment required for the following:
(refer to attached backup for additional information)
- COR #3 – Track Repairs Required for Track Resurfacing. \$78,645.00.
 - COR #4 – Additional Abatement at Exterior Wall. \$10,446.00

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Details: Change Order #1 for \$89,091.00 and adding days: 2 days
Bid Changes as follows:

The Original Contract Sum was	\$2,858,000.00
The net change by previously orders	\$.00
The Contract Sum prior to this Change Order	\$2,858,000.00
The Contract Sum will be increased by	\$ 89,091.00

The new Contract Sum including this Change Order will be \$2,947,091.00
The Contract Time will be increased by two (2) days
The new date of Substantial Completion will be July 9, 2026

Motion seconded by Mr. Dobson and unanimously approved.

Grant permission to accept Change Order No. 3 on the JDPSB – Jennings Ward II Improvements, Phase 4 – Jerry Simmons Stadium.

Description: Change Order #3 – Alfred Palma Construction will provide labor, equipment and supervision required for the following:
(refer to attached backup for additional information)
- COR #31 – Complete repairs to the stadium, including aluminum seat planks, visitor entrance gate , visitor-field gate, fencing under the press box, revisions to the decorative sidewalk gate and fence near the Field House, and modifications to existing structural steel members as necessary to achieve acceptable headroom clearances beneath the new press box.

Details: Change Order #3 for \$28,175.72 and adding days: 0 days
Bid Changes as follows:

The Original Contract Sum was	\$3,046,000.00
The net change by previously orders	\$ 558,715.28
The Contract Sum prior to this Change Order	\$3,604,715.28
The Contract Sum will be increased by	\$ 28,175.72

The new Contract Sum including this Change Order will be \$3,632,891.00
The Contract Time will be increased by zero (0) days
The new date of Substantial Completion will be December 31, 2025

Motion seconded by Mrs. Summer LeJeune and unanimously approved.

FINANCE INFORMATION

Review of 1st quarter Budget-to-Actual Comparisons on the General Fund and all Special Revenue Funds was presented by Director of Finance, Christin LeGros at the Finance Committee.

POLICY COMMITTEE:

The following recommendations were made by Mr. Russell Walker, Policy Committee Chairman, that the School Board:

Approve the following policy changes recommended by JDP.

1. **EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL: File GBD**

Effective: upon approval

Allows non-faculty coaches to be paid, but the payment cannot exceed what the JDPSB coaching stipend allows. They cannot be

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paid directly by outside sources all payments must come through the school board.

- 2. **SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS: File IFCD**
Effective: upon approval
Requires volunteers to sign a behavior agreement and meet certain requirements.

Motion seconded by Mr. Petry and unanimously approved.

Approve the following policy changes recommended by Forethought Consulting and JDP.

- 1. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT: File GAAA**
EQUAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES: File JAA
Effective: upon approval
Act 100 added “military status” to the list of prohibited discriminations.
- 2. **EDUCATION OF STUDENTS WITH**
EXCEPTIONALITIES: File IDDF
Effective: upon approval

Act 479 includes revising procedures regarding seclusion and restraint.
- 3. **CAMERAS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSROOMS:**
File IDDFC
Effective: upon approval
Act 479 addresses cameras in special education classrooms. Changes that cameras shall only be installed upon the request of parents to cameras shall be installed in every special education classroom that meets the criteria.
- 4. **DISCIPLINE: File JD**
Effective: upon approval
In 2024, statutory language was added to prevent principals from deterring teachers or punishing teachers for using disciplinary measures as provided in School Board policy. Act 439 has expanded this protection to all school employees as well. The Act also created the School Employee Bill of Rights, a copy of which School Boards are required to provide school employees at the beginning of the school year.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Summer LeJeune and unanimously approved.

The following committees had no reports to present:

- Insurance - Blake Petry, Chairman**
- Building & Grounds - David Doise 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**

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Mr. Bordelon seconded by Mr. Dobson and unanimously carried to grant permission for the following out-of-state travel:

- 1. LAHS Boys basketball team and coaches to travel to Monticello, AR on 12/5/25 to 12/6/25 for a Basketball tournament. At no expense to the Board.
- 2. JHS Tennis team and coaches to travel to College Station and Waller, TX on 02/26/26 to 02/28/26 for a tennis match. At no expense to the Board.

Motion by Mr. Petry seconded by Mrs. Summer LeJeune and unanimously carried to declare the following as surplus and send to the next available public auction:

- 1. EHS:
 - A. Garland Convection Natural Gas Double Oven MCO-GS-10SW #1408230000573
 - B. Garland Convection Natural Gas Double Oven MCO-GS-10S #1408230000572.
- 2. JHS:
 - A. Athletic Hustler mower (Model # 935841, serial #16115030)
 - B. Hustler mower (Model 929786, serial # 10110851)
 - C. Old track jump mats.

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

- 1. Maxwell Hebert, WHS basketball.

Motion by Mrs. Summer Lejeune seconded by Mrs. Paula LeJeune and unanimously carried to approve the following resolution for Superintendent Hall to sign a Cooperative

Endeavor Agreement for funds allocated from the State to the six high school Ag Science Departments.

Resolution

RESOLUTION OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD AND ELTON HIGH SCHOOL

RESOLVED that the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board hereby authorizes John Hall, Superintendent of Jefferson Davis Schools, to execute the State of Louisiana Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Act 461 for and on behalf of the six high school AG Science Departments in Jefferson Davis Parish Schools and also be authorized to sign, initial, accept or execute all documents in connection with the transaction.

CERTIFICATE

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, President of the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a correct copy of the of the Resolution of the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board, on the 16th day of October, 2025.

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WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, this 16th day of October, 2025.

Greg Patterson, PRESIDENT

Motion by Mr. Bruchhaus seconded by Mr. Trahan and unanimously carried to grant permission for the following out-of-state travel:

- a. EHS FFA Teacher, Lana Myers to travel to Indianapolis to be a judge for the National FFA Conference from 10/29/25 to 11/1/25.
At no expense to the Board.

INFORMATION

Condolences are extended to the family of Carolyn DeWolf, LHS Teacher, who retired in 2007 with 20 years of service.

SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

- 1. Feasibility study for Fenton Elementary School
- 2. ESports update by Mrs. Laurie Duhon, Technology Supervisor

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURN

There being no other business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mrs. S. LeJeune, seconded by Mr. Doise and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 6:48 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.