

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
APRIL 16, 2026

The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board met in Regular session at 203 E. Plaquemine Street, Jennings, LA 70546, on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., with the following School Board members present: Members, President, Greg Patterson, Vice-President, Paula LeJeune, Phillip Arceneaux, Greg Bordelon, Malon Dobson, David Doise, Blake Frey, Janet Jones, Summer LeJeune, Blake Petry, Paul Trahan and Russell Walker.

Absent: Charles Bruchhaus

Legal Counsel: Lauren Heinen and Jon Guice (Virtual)

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 Mr. Phillip Arceneaux, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag by WHS Sr., Jayden Turnley.

Motion by Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Mrs. S. LeJeune and unanimously carried to approve the School Board minutes of the Regular meeting on March 19, 2026.

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS:

Dr. Janet Pope, LSBA Executive Director recognized Board Members Malon Dobson and Charles Bruchhaus legacy Board Members with at least 24 years of service.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The following recommendations were made by Mrs. Paula LeJeune, Finance Committee Chairman, that the School Board:

Accept the recommendation by the Director of Finance and Superintendent to accept the report of Mike Gillespie, CPA, External Auditor of the School Board. Motion seconded by Mr. Arceneaux and unanimously carried.

Award bid for Food Service Warehouse project for the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board to contractor: Pat Williams with a bid of \$3,455,000.00. Other bids received were from K&J Development for \$3,580,000.00, Trahan Construction for \$3,603,000.00, Alfred Palma for \$3,540,000.00, ARL Construction for \$4,020,000.00, L.K. Breaux & Associates, Inc. for \$3,685,000.00, Keiland Construction for \$3,475,000.00 and Verius Property Group, LLC for \$3,995,000.00. To be paid from General Fund. Motion seconded by Mrs. S. LeJeune and unanimously carried.

Granting payment to the Town of Welsh in the amount of \$25,374.17 for upgraded baseball field lights owned by the Town of Welsh. This is in accordance with the Cooperative Endeavor Joint Services Agreement between the JDPSB and Town of

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Welsh wherein JDPSB will pay ½ of costs of upgrades or repairs. To be paid from Welsh Contingency. Motion seconded by Mr. Trahan and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to LAES to purchase 50 HP touchscreen Chromebooks with 50 Google Chrome Education packages from CDW-G at a cost of \$16,145.50. Other quotes received from Howard (\$16,550.00) and Dell (\$22,365.50). To be paid from Maintenance #1. Motion seconded by Mrs. S. LeJeune and unanimously carried.

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 Forethought Consulting and JDPSB:

A. NAMING OF FACILITIES: File FDC

Effective: upon approval

Adding in policy that a name of a facility, any portion of the facility, or a street shall not be eligible for a name change for a minimum of 50 years.

B. PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT: File IFD

Effective: upon approval

Changing of the word involvement to engagement in the policy.

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

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

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

A. Sales Tax Collector, Amber Miller to attend the 2026 SEATA Conference from June 28 to July 1, 2026 in Greenville, SC to be paid with Tax office funds and no expense to the Board.

B. JES Principal, David Reed, and teachers, Kristin Meaux & Margaret Smith to travel to Nashville, TN July 13 - July 18, 2026 for the Corwin Visible Learning conference. To be paid with Jennings Elementary Title I & II funds.

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Motion by Mr. Trahan and seconded by Mr. Frey and unanimously carried to approve the Welsh Phase II bid from K& J Development of SWLA in the amount of \$2,408,000.00. Other bids received from Pat Williams Construction (\$2,518,000.00), Trahan Construction (\$2,455,900.00) and Alfred Palma (\$2,575,400.00). To be paid from Welsh Construction Bonds.

INFORMATION:

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH GRADUATION DATES:

HATHAWAY HIGH SCHOOL

May 8, 2026 - 7:00 P.M. - Charles F. Groth Gymnasium

ELTON HIGH SCHOOL

MAY 12, 2026 - 7:00 P.M. - Oris Guidry Gymnasium

WELSH HIGH SCHOOL

May 13, 2026 - 7:00 P.M. - Greyhound Stadium

LACASSINE HIGH SCHOOL

MAY 14, 2026 - 7:00 P.M. - John Juneau Gymnasium

JENNINGS HIGH SCHOOL

May 15, 2026 - 7:00 P.M. - Jerry Simmons Stadium

LAKE ARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL

MAY 15, 2026 - 7:00 P.M. - Jack Doland Memorial Stadium

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

1. LAHS, WHS and JHS bands competed at McNeese. WHS and JHS advanced to state competition.
2. Property adjacent to JES owned by Donald Berken.
3. Mr. Walker invited everyone to Fenton on Saturday, April 18, 2026 to celebrate the LHS Boys basketball champs.

ADJOURN

There being no other business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mrs. S. LeJeune and seconded by Mr. Walker and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 6:28 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.