

**JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**  
**APRIL 17, 2025**

The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board met in Regular session at 203 E. Plaquemine Street, Jennings, LA 70546, on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. , with the following School Board members present: President, Greg Patterson, Vice-President, Phillip Arceneaux, Members, Charles Bruchhaus, Malon Dobson, David Doise, Janet Jones, Paula LeJeune, Blake Petry, Paul Trahan and Russell Walker.

Absent: Blake Frey and Summer LeJeune

Virtual: Greg Bordelon

Legal Counsel Present: 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 to speak on any agenda items.

An invocation was led by School Board Member, Mrs. Paula LeJeune, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag by School Board Member, Mr. Doise.

Motion by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Trahan and unanimously carried to approve the School Board minutes of the Regular meeting on March 20, 2025.

Motion by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Jones 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.

Mr. Bordelon joined the meeting virtually.

**PRESENTATION/RECOGNITION:**

Recognition and presentation by Mr. Kevin Berken,BESE Board Member.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

The following recommendations were made by Mr. Phillip Arceneaux, Finance Committee Chairman, that the School Board:

Grant permission to accept the following donations:

- A. EHS
  - 1. Punishers LEMC Rougaroo Chapter - \$500.00. Funds to assist with baseball equipment and travel expenses.
- B. JES
  - 1. Sparks Law Firm, LLC - \$1,000.00. Funds to be used for library needs.
- C. JHS
  - 1. FCCLA State convention expenses
    - A. Lyons Market \$100.00
    - B. Bill’s Wrecker \$100.00
    - C. The Bank \$250.00

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- D. Hobo's Deli \$100.00
- E. Charles K. Fontenot \$100.00
  - F. Langley Williams Co. \$200.00
  - G. Fred & Ruth Zigler Foundation \$1,000.00
- D. LAES
  - 1. Faster Cajun Networks \$500.00. Funds to be used by teachers in the Special Education Department.
- E. LAHS
  - 1. Don Gauthier \$1,000.00. Funds to be used for powerlifting team expenses.
- F. WHS
  - 1. Pat Deshotel \$100.00. Funds to be used for end of year awards program.
  - 2. Kade Kelly \$135.00. Funds to be used for good behavior rewards.
  - 3. Kade Kelly \$320.00. Funds to be used for student awards.
  - 4. WHS Band Boosters \$360.00. Funds to be used for feeding students for LEMA camp.
  - 5. Welsh Band Boosters \$3,178.00. Funds to be used for Band end of the year trip.

Motion seconded by Mr. Trahan and unanimously carried, with Mr. Patterson recused from voting.

Grant permission to WAR to purchase security cameras at a cost of \$32,081.00 from Sylvan Special Systems (State contract #310082937). This will be a whole system upgrade. To be paid from Welsh Contingency. Motion seconded by Mr. Doise and unanimously carried.

Laurie Duhon, Technology Supervisor, is requesting permission to enter contract negotiations with School Insites, located in Saraland, Alabama, for website hosting for the district website. First year costs will include \$2,500 for site development and hosting, \$300 for Site Inspector to maintain ADA compliance, and \$2,800 for implementation and training fees. Annual cost after the first year will be \$2,800. Other quotes were received from IES Cyberschool (our current provider) in the amount of \$2,995 annually and from Edlio in the amount of \$10,250.00 (first year) and \$6,500 annually thereafter. Motion seconded by Mr. Dobson and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to LAHS to accept the quote from Acadiana Glass in the amount of \$14,298.00 for the replacement on 11 doors across the high school and junior high buildings. These bars are compatible with a motorized electric latch retraction system, which will be an integral part of our ongoing campus security upgrades. Other quotes received from Ricky Bellon Building Specialities, LLC (\$18,130.00 and \$14,318.00). To

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be paid from Maintenance #1. Motion seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously carried.

**FINANCE INFORMATION:**

A review of 3rd quarter Budget-to-Actual Comparisons on the General Fund and all Special Revenue Funds was presented to the Finance Committee meeting by Director of Finance, Christin LeGros.

The following committees had no reports to present:

- Insurance - Blake Petry, Chairman**
- Building & Grounds - David Doise Chairman**
- Transportation - Greg Bordelon, Chairman**
- Policy - Russell Walker, Chairman**
- 16th Section - Charles Bruchhaus, Chairman**
- Ward II - Paula LeJeune, Chairman**
- Legislative Liaison - Greg Bordelon, Chairman**
- Long Range Planning - Paul Trahan, Chairman**
- Food Service - Greg Patterson, Chairman**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Mr. Doise, seconded by Mr. Petry and unanimously carried to grant permission to the Sales Tax Collector, Amber Miller to attend the 2025 SEATA Conference from July 6-9, 2025 in Charleston, West Virginia at no expense to the Board. Funds to be paid out of the Sales Tax Fund.

Motion by Mr. Doise, seconded by Mr. Petry and unanimously carried to declare the following Child Nutrition Program items from WAR as surplus and send to the next available public auction:

- 1. Beverage Air milk cooler Model number: SM34N
- 2. Cres-Cor warmer: SN 1254-4-71 1500.

**INFORMATION**

- 1. Condolences are extended to the family of:
  - A. Alice Roy, Central Office Bookkeeper who retired in 1997, with 17 years of service.
- 2. JDPSB May School Board committee meetings will be on May 6, 2025 and the agenda meeting will be on May 8, 2025, due to graduation schedules.

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**PERSONNEL CHANGES**

**A. Personnel changes:**

- 1. Hubert “TJ” Gautreaux, WHS Assistant Principal, 04/07/25, re: Mark Deshotel promotion.
- 2. Cynthia Gotreaux, JHS part-time Clerical Aide, 03/19/25, re: Trish Boudreaux transfer.

**B. Personnel changes:**

**APPOINTMENTS**

- 1. Edwina Simon, LHS Cafeteria Tech, 08/06/25, re: Donna Collins transfer.

**TRANSFERS**

- 1. Dana Redlich Simar, JHS SPED Teacher to JWCE SPED Homebound Teacher, 08/04/25, re: Michael Trahan/Robert Kingery retirement/long term sub.
- 2. Morgan Vanicor, LAES Teacher to WES K Teacher, 08/04/25, re: Janne Crews Cormier retirement.
- 3. Chelsea Babineaux, JES 5th grade teacher to JES SPED Teacher, 08/04/25, re: Sandra Simien retirement.
- 4. Alexia LaComb JES ELA Teacher to JES K Teacher, 08/04/25, re: Rachael Jones retirement.
- 5. Chelsea Deculus JES Teacher to EES Teacher, 08/04/25, re: Kaitlynn Courville transfer.
- 6. Mary Spell, JES Teacher to JES Librarian, 08/04/25, re: Linda Anthony retirement.
- 7. Kelly Thibodeaux, JES 4th grade teacher to JES 3rd grade teacher, 08/04/25, re: Alexia LaComb transfer.
- 8. Jan Prejean, JHS Cafeteria Tech to EHS Cafeteria Manager, 04/07/25, re: Sheila Benoit transfer.
- 9. Sheila Benoit, EHS Cafeteria Manager to JHS Cafeteria Tech, 04/07/25, re: Jan Prejean transfer.

**LEAVE WITHOUT PAY**

- 1. Brooke Fruge, LAES Cafeteria Tech, 01/27/25 to 05/23/25.
- 2. Lydia Dietz, EES Cafeteria Tech, 03/27/25 (½ day pm).
- 3. Cheyenne M. Benoit, LAES Cafeteria Tech, 03/21/25.
- 4. Kelly Dronet, HHS Teacher, 03/18/25 and 03/21/25.
- 5. Tamra Langley, WES Interventionist, 04/04/25.
- 6. Kimberly A. Schexnider, FES Cafeteria Tech, 04/11/25.
- 7. Bethany Crochet, JES Cafeteria Tech, 03/10/25.
- 8. Kimber Prejean, HHS SPED Teacher, 04/14/25 (½).
- 9. John T. Harden, Bus Operator, 04/01/25 to 12/31/25.
- 10. Lisa Shuff, FES Cafeteria Tech, 03/26/25.
- 11. Maghon Conner, WES SPED Para, 04/01/25 (½ day am).
- 12. Laney Meaux, WES Teacher, 04/10/25, 04/11/25 and 04/17/25.
- 13. Lydia Dietz, EES Cafeteria Tech, 04/14/25.

14. Vickie Sandiferd, HHS Bus Operator, 04/10/25 (½ day) and 05/15/25 to 05/22/25.

#### **RESIGNATION**

1. Alexis Carrier, LHS SPED Para, 04/01/25.
2. Madeline Brame, JHS Teacher, 05/24/25.
3. Hailey Solari, LAES Teacher, 05/24/25.
4. Ashlee Guinn, LAES PE Teacher, 05/24/25.
5. Faline Daniels, LAES Para, 05/24/25.

#### **RETIREMENT**

1. Paulette Kratzer, JES Teacher, 05/24/25, with 40 years of service.
2. Colette Leger, JHS Teacher, 5/24/2025, with 30 years of service.
3. Christina Langley, EHS Teacher, 5/24/2025 with 22 years of service.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no other business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Dobson and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 5:21 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.