

**JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
JANUARY 21, 2021**

The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board met in Regular session at 203 E. Plaquemine Street, Jennings, LA 70546, on Thursday, January 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., with the following School Board members present: President, Jody Singletary, Vice-President, James Segura, Members, Phillip Arceneaux, ,Greg Bordelon, Jason Bouley, Donald Dees, Malon Dobson, Doise Doise, Terry Leger, Denise Perry and Paul Trahan. Absent: Charles Bruchhaus and David Capdeville

The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board welcomes public input as to all agenda items which it considers and understands the inconvenience which COVID-19 guidelines impose. In an effort to meet within the CDC recommendations and to comply with the Governor's orders (Modified Phase II), while at the same time providing the opportunity for public comment, the Board will adhere to the following procedures at its meetings:

- 1. Capacity limitations of 30 persons (First preference to Board Members and necessary staff) will be followed in the Board Room at its normal meeting place in Jennings, LA;**
- 2. Public participants wishing to become an active part of the meeting agenda must request written permission ([via email to debbie.abshire@jdpsbk12.org](mailto:debbie.abshire@jdpsbk12.org)) no later than one day prior to the meeting date. Individual speakers are granted three minutes to speak when public comment is acknowledged.**
- 3. Once public participants have submitted a written request to speak, they will receive the active participant link via email.**
- 4. This is a live remote-access meeting for public participation. Video and audio will be recorded throughout the entirety of this meeting and will be archived.**
- 5. As this is a live remote-access meeting, all active speakers are to adhere to professional meeting etiquette. Please refrain from using any profane language or making derogatory remarks aimed at any individual or group.**
- 6. This meeting will be moderated for all active participants. Any active participant not adhering to the guidelines set forth in this document will be muted or removed from the meeting (depending on extent of violation).**
- 7. Active participants are asked to mute their microphones when not speaking. Unmuted participants (not actively speaking or asked to speak) will be muted by the moderator.**
- 8. During the meeting, questions can be submitted using the "Chat" feature (comment bubble icon). All questions submitted in the "Chat" feature will be visible to all participants and should adhere to the same guidelines as outlined in number 2 on this page.**
- 9. This meeting will be live-streamed (view only) to the public for those requesting. The live-stream recording will be available after the meeting on the district website at www.jeffersondavis.org.**

The meeting was called to order by President Singletary.

President Singletary certified the following:

- A. President or presiding officer certifies the following:
 - A. Governor has declared a State of Emergency (Modified Phase II)
 - B. Nature of Emergency could cause more than 30 persons present in the Boardroom to be detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the Public in order to adhere to social distancing guidelines;
 - C. This is a live remote-access meeting for public participation. Video and audio will be recorded throughout the entirety of this meeting and will be archived.
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The record will reflect that all requests for public viewing were sent links to the meeting.

An invocation by Mr. Dees, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag led by Mr. Bordelon.

Motion by Mr. Arceneaux, seconded by Mr. Dobson and unanimously carried to approve the School Board minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 17, 2020 and the Special Meeting on December 30, 2021.

Motion by Mr. Bouley, seconded by Mr. Leger 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 and to add items not on the original agenda.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

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

Grant permission to WES to accept the quote of \$9,100.00 from J & M Steel Construction to replace the covered horseshoe awning. Other quotes received from Affordable Hardwood Custom Millworks, Cabinets and Renovations \$11,669.84 and Affordable Structures of Acadiana, LLC \$13,700.00. To be paid CSD #1. Motion seconded by Mr. Trahan and unanimously approved.

Grant permission to WES to purchase from Troxell on State Contract (4) four 75" Newline Tru Touch Panels with wall mounts and software at a cost of \$12,180.00. To be paid CSD #1. Motion seconded by Mr. Bouley and unanimously approved.

Grant permission to JWES to purchase from DETEL on State Contract 11 Tablet/Chromebook Computer Charging Carts at a cost of \$7,425.00. To be paid from Ward 2 Contingency. Motion seconded by Mr. Arceneaux and unanimously approved.

Grant permission to WHS to accept the following donations:

1. WHS Boys basketball team \$550.00 from Dayna Hall. To be used towards the purchase of supplies and equipment.

Motion seconded by Mr. Trahan and unanimously approved.

Grant permission to EHS to replace the roof on the gym at a cost of \$58,000.00 from Morcore Roofing, LLC. Other quotes received from Indemnity Roofing \$60,750.00 and Ace Roofing, Inc. \$65,200.00. To be paid from General Fund Roof Replacement. Motion seconded by Mr. Doise and unanimously approved.

POLICY COMMITTEE:

The following recommendations were made by Mr. Phillip Arceneaux, Policy Committee Chairman, that the School Board adopt the following new or revised policies:

1. **Teleconference/Remote Participation in School Board Meetings: File**

BCAD

Effective: October 2020

In response to the pandemic, Act 302 of the 2020 Louisiana Legislature enacted La. Rev. Stat. 42:17.1 to allow public entities to conduct meetings through electronic means during a gubernatorial declared emergency or public health emergency and that information was included in new policy

Teleconference/Remote Participation in School Board Meetings. Act 43 of the 2nd Extraordinary Session added one item to the list of matters that could be addressed on the agenda. The following statutory language has been added to the policy: "Other matters that are critical or time-sensitive and that in the determination of the presiding officer should not be delayed; however, such matters shall not be considered at the meeting unless the members of the School Board present at the meeting approve the consideration of the matters by a **two-thirds** vote." The Act took effect October 28, 2020.

2. **Sick Leave: File GBRIB**

Effective: October 2020

Act 34 of the 2nd Extraordinary Session revised three statutes, La. Rev. Stat. Ann. 17:500, 17:1201, and 17:1206, adding the same language to the statutes which address sick leave for bus operators, teachers, and school employees, respectively. These statutes previously required a physician's certification for absences of six (6) or more consecutive days. Now that certification can also be provided by a **physician assistant** providing health care in accordance with La. Rev. Stat. Ann. 37:1360.28, or a *nurse practitioner* providing health care in accordance with La. Rev. Stat. Ann. 37:913. Language has been added to the *Sick Leave* policy to reflect this change.

Motion seconded by Mr. Dees and unanimously approved.

3. Emergency Paid Sick Leave (COVID-19 Pandemic): File GBRIBC

Effective: January 2021

The United States Congress has enacted the *Families First Coronavirus Response Act* (FFCRA) to assist employees affected by the COVID-19 outbreak with job-protected leave and emergency paid sick leave. The provisions of this policy are based on the FFCRA that was in effect from April 1, 2020, until December 31, 2020. Although the provisions mandated by Congress expired on December 31, 2020, the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board shall extend the provisions for *Emergency Paid Sick Leave* until June 30, 2021, for those employees who have not used their allotted benefits.

Motion seconded by Mr. Dees and unanimously approved.

The following committees had no reports to present:

Insurance - David Doise, Chairman

Building & Grounds - Terry Leger, Chairman

Transportation - Greg Bordelon, Chairman

16th Section - Charles Bruchhaus, Chairman

Ward II (Ad Hoc) - Donald Dees, Chairman

Legislative Liaison - Donald Dees, Chairman

Food Service Committee - Malon Dobson, Chairman

The Sales Tax report was given by Mrs. Meghan Campbell, Finance Director.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Mr. Bouley, seconded by Mr. Leger and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution regarding School Board meetings:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, ACT 707 of the 1977 Louisiana Legislature makes substantive changes in Louisiana's Open Meeting Law, and WHEREAS, one change exempts the Board from having to give written notice of each regular meeting (1) if the Board adopts a resolution each January establishing the day, time, and place of the regular meeting, (2) written public notice of this resolution is given at least one time, and (3) the day, time, and place remain the same or, if changed, the Board gives written public notice at least once to the amendment or new resolution no less than twenty-four hours in advance of the changed regular meeting, and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to conform to this change,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board in regular session duly convened on January 21, 2021, that the Board does hereby adopt an official resolution establishing the regular meeting schedule for the year 2021 to be on the third Thursday of each consecutive month, the meeting place to be at the School Board Central Office, 203 East

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Plaquemine Street, Jennings, Louisiana, and the time to be 6:00 p.m. throughout the year. EXCEPTIONS: In February the meeting shall be held on the fourth Thursday, February 25, 2021 (due to American Heritage and Mardi Gras). In May, 2021, the Board will meet on the first Thursday, May 6, 2021, (due to parish Graduations.) In December the meeting shall be held on December 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at Lake Arthur High School, 4374 Tiger Lane, Lake Arthur, LA 70549. The above Resolution, having been put to a vote and having passed, was duly declared adopted and ordered spread on the minutes of this Board.

/s/ _____
Jody Singletary, President

/s/ _____
Kirk Credeur, Superintendent

Motion by Mr. Doise, seconded by Mr. Dobson and unanimously carried to approve submission to the Louisiana State Department of Education of all 2021 -2022 federal and state flow-through projects and any new programs enacted through the “No Child Left Behind Education Act”.

Motion by Mr. Arceneaux, seconded by Mr. Bouley and unanimously carried that the Jefferson Davis Parish Early Childhood Community Network will submit the following Coordinated Funding Request for at-risk Pre-kindergarten seats for the 2020-2021 School Year:

- 250 Jefferson Davis Parish School Board LA4 Cecil Picard Early Childhood Seats
- 24 Birth through three year old seats for Type III Licensed Child Care Centers in Jefferson Davis Parish
- 0 NSECD Seats
- 0 Pre-K Expansion Grant Seats

Motion by Mr. Segura, seconded by Mr. Arceneaux and unanimously carried to approve the following non-faculty coaches for the 2020-21 school year upon completion of LHSAA coaching course certification and Board policy requirements.

- A. Mark Hanks, WHS Softball.
- B. JayIn Johnson, JHS Basketball.

Motion by Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Leger and unanimously carried to approve the following non-faculty coaches for the 2020-21 school year upon completion of LHSAA coaching course certification and Board policy requirements.

- A. Christopher Monceaux and Lexi Hagen , LAHS Softball.
- B. Taylor McFarlin, Nick Newsome and Joey Thibodeaux, LAHS Baseball.

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INFORMATION

1. **Congratulations to the 2020 Parish Students of the Year:**
Hyacinth Williamson - WES - Elementary
Kinzie Brassell - LHS - Middle
Kaleb Lemoine - EHS - High School
2. **Congratulations to the 2020 School Level Students of the Year:**
ELEMENTARY
Matilda Briscoe - EES
Ally Bebee - FES
Isabella Marquart - HHS
Joy Uys - JES
Samantha Davis - LHS
Ella Reed - LAES
MIDDLE SCHOOL
Van Landry - EHS
Jamari Williams - FES
Andrew Nguyen - HHS
Ryleigh Crochet - JHS
Mallory Lyon - LAHS
Kamon Wier - WAR
HIGH SCHOOL
Olivia Habetz - HHS
Morgan Futch - JHS
Hannah Miller - LHS
Kenzie Hanks - LAHS
Gracie Myers - WHS
3. **Condolences are extended to the families of:**
 1. Dorothy Reed, HHS Cafeteria Tech, who retired in 2007 with 18 years of service.
 2. Delia Crochet, HHS Cafeteria Tech, who retired in 1990 with 20 years of service.
4. **School Board President Singletary has named the following 2021 School Board committees:**
FINANCE COMMITTEE - JAMES SEGURA, CHAIRMAN
Malon Dobson, Phillip Arceneaux, Denise Perry, David Doise, Charles Bruchhaus and Jason Bouley.
POLICY COMMITTEE - PHILLIP ARCENEUX, CHAIRMAN
Donald Dees, Charles Bruchhaus, Terry Leger and Paul Trahan.
INSURANCE - DAVID DOISE, CHAIRMAN
Greg Bordelon, James Segura, Denise Perry and Paul Trahan.
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - TERRY LEGER, CHAIRMAN
Malon Dobson, James Segura, Paul Trahan and Jason Bouley.

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TRANSPORTATION - GREG BORDELON, CHAIRMAN

Malon Dobson, Donald Dees, David Doise and Denise Perry

16TH SECTION - CHARLES BRUCHHAUS, CHAIRMAN

Phillip Arceneaux, Greg Bordelon, David Capdeville and Donald Dees

WARD II AD HOC (JENNINGS BOARD MEMBERS) - DONNIE DEES, CHAIRMAN

Phillip Arceneaux, David Capdeville, David Doise, Denise Perry and James Segura

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON - DONALD DEES

LONG RANGE PLANNING - JASON BOULEY, CHAIRMAN

Phillip Arceneaux, Greg Bordelon, Charles Bruchhaus, Terry Leger and Paul Trahan

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE - MALON DOBSON, CHAIRMAN

Jason Bouley, David Doise, Terry Leger and Denise Perry.

5. The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board Members 2021 Spring Strategic Planning Meeting will be on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Abshire Camp.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

A. Personnel appointments as determined by the Superintendent:

1. Name, **KRISTI BABINEAUX**, Jennings Schools Bus Driver, effective 1/11/21, re: Pam Riley resignation.

B. Personnel changes:

APPOINTMENTS

1. Wallace Moss, HHS Custodian, 1/4/2021, re: Eric Crochet resignation.
2. Krystal Boudreaux, JWES SPED Para, 11/18/20, re: New Position.
3. Keishawna Davis, Welsh Schools Cafeteria Tech, 01/11/21, re: New position.

TRANSFERS

1. Aaron Sonnier, HHS Custodian to WAR Custodian, 12/17/21, re: Adam Anthony Resignation.
2. Caryn Murrell, EHS Gifted to FES Gifted, 01/18/21, re: Homebase change.

LEAVES

1. G. LeJeune, Maternity Leave 01/06/21 to 01/13/21 and Extended Medical Leave 01/04/21 to 02/21/21.
2. A. Foreman, LHS Para, 01/04/21 to tbd.
3. T. Hensgens, WES Teacher, 01/04/21 to 02/16/21.
4. C. Hardee, WEIC SPED Teacher, 11/12/20 to TBD.

RESIGNATIONS

1. Joseph Trahan, HHS Custodian, 12/14/20.
2. Pamela Riley, Jennings Schools Bus Driver 01/08/21.

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3. Leslie Ray Richard, Electrician/ Warehouse, 01/23/21.

RETIREMENTS

1. Kimberly Precht, JWES Teacher, 05/27/21, with 33 years of service.
2. Marella LeLeux, JWES Teacher, 05/27/21, with 28 years of service.
3. Christine L. Baccigalopi, JWES Teacher, 05/27/21, with 26 years of service.
4. Terry Leger, LAE Custodian, 05/01/21, with 20 years of service.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

1. Congratulations to all Students of Year.
2. Update of EES - initial architect drawing is ready.
3. Update on New Jennings Elementary Construction- moving along on Schedule.
4. Covid Update - Turned over to Assistant Superintendent, John Hall for Update.

School Board Members and Administration reminded parents and students to please stay safe and adhere to all Covid guidelines and restrictions.

ADJOURN

There being no other business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Doise, seconded by Mr. Leger and unanimously carried, to adjourn.

/s/ Jody Singletary, President

ATTEST:

/s/Kirk Credeur, 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.