



AGENDA

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING RULES OF PROCEDURE

An individual speaker who appears at a School Board meeting to speak on an agenda item must register prior to the meeting, and will be allotted three (3) minutes to speak on the agenda item prior to School Board discussion on the agenda item.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL FOR DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Phillip Arceneaux	Paula LeJeune
Greg Bordelon	Summer LeJeune
Charles Bruchhaus	Greg Patterson
Malon Dobson	Blake Petry
David Doise	Paul Trahan
Blake Frey	Russell Walker
Janet Jones	

Mrs. Abshire will confirm if there are any requests for public comment or public speaking.

III. INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

- Consideration to approve the School Board Minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 20, 2026.

Motion:

Second:

Public Discussion:

Board Discussion:

Vote:

V. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

A. Jeff Davis Cattlemen's Association

Presentation of donation from the Jeff Davis Cattlemen's Association to the six parish high school FFA chapters.

B. Parish FFA annual report

C. School Board Member Highlights

VI. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Finance Committee - Paula LeJeune, Chair

REQUEST FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, PAULA LEJEUNE, THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

1. Jeff Davis Arts Council "Art in Education"

- Consideration to contribute \$7,500.00 to the Jeff Davis Arts Council "Arts in Education" mini-grant program for the 2026-2027 school year. To be paid from General Fund

Motion:

Second:

Public Discussion:

Board Discussion:

Vote:

2. LAHS purchase of lawnmower

- Grant permission to LAHS to purchase, on state contract (#4400032792) from Hornsby Lawn & Equipment an Exmark 60 inch Zero Turn lawnmower for \$15,519.00. To be paid from Maintenance #1.

Motion:

Second:

Public Discussion:

Board Discussion:

Vote:

3. WES purchase of AC system for auditorium

- Grant permission to WES to purchase a 15 ton Trane air conditioning system for the auditorium from Acme AC at a cost of \$17,425.00 (includes \$2,000.00 sheet metal work). Other quotes received from Butcher \$20,955.00 (no sheet metal work) and Solar 15 \$21,261.00/\$23,461.00 with sheet metal work. To be paid from CSD #1 Maintenance.

Motion:

Second:

Public Discussion:

Board Discussion:

Vote:

4. JWCE purchase of AC system for gymnasium

- Grant permission to JWCE to purchase a 10 ton Trane air conditioning unit system for the gym from Butcher Distributors, Inc. AC at a cost of \$14,233.00 (direct replacement). Other quotes receive from Young's AC \$15,900.00 (direct replacement), Solar Air 10 ton York unit \$13,143.04 (would require sheet metal work) and Acme refrigeration 10 ton Rheem \$10,684.34(would require sheet metal work). Sheet metal work to adapt unit would be more than the savings of the cheaper units. All prices do not include installation. To be paid from the General Fund.

Motion:

Second:

Public Discussion:

Board Discussion:

Vote:

B. Insurance- Blake Petry, Chair

C. Building & Grounds Committee- David Doise, Chair

D. Policy Committee - Russell Walker, Chair

REQUEST FROM THE POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, RUSSELL WALKER, THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD CONSIDER APPROVING THE FOLLOWING POLICY CHANGES RECOMMENDED BY FORETHOUGHT CONSULTING AND JDP:

1. Policy Changes for consideration:

- **EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLANS: File EBBC**

Effective: upon approval

Act 821 rewrites La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §17:416.16. The Crisis Management and Response Plan becomes the Emergency Operations Plan, the District Threat Assessment Team becomes the District Safety and Emergency Team with revised membership, and "active shooter" becomes "active assailant." It also classifies preparedness exercises as discussion-based or operations-based, revises the classroom door requirements, and replaces the Superintendent's annual report with annual school and district safety questionnaires.

- **PROTECTION OF CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION: File GBCA**

Effective: upon approval

Needed to be revised to meet the states requirements for background checks.

- **SICK LEAVE: File GBRIB**

Effective: upon approval

Act 539, the Teacher's Shield Act, provides that sick leave resulting from an assault or battery may be used for medical treatment, psychological treatment, and physical rehabilitation.

- **CAMERAS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSROOMS: File IDDFC**

Effective: upon approval

Act 237 amends La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §17:1948 to require that both the superintendent and his designee, or two designees of the superintendent, be present at the initial viewing of a recording after a request has been made. It also requires any person who views a recording and suspects a violation of state or federal law to report the suspected violation to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

- **STUDENT SCHEDULES: File IEE**

Effective: upon approval

Needed to be edited to match policy JB-Attendance, that was changed and adopted June 2024 in regards to seniors attending school part time.

- **CLASS RANKING AND HONOR GRADUATES: File IHC**

Effective: upon approval

Selection of Valedictorian and salutatorian, Tops University Diploma (Honor Graduates) and Career Diploma Excellence removed. Selection of honor graduates was adopted in 2023 for the incoming Freshman cohort of 2023-2024.

- **DISCIPLINE: File JD**

Effective: upon approval

Act 539 amends La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §17:416 to provide that no principal or administrator may prohibit, discourage, or retaliate against a teacher or school employee for taking disciplinary action against a student, so long as the action is taken in accordance with School Board policy. Each school must also give written notice at the beginning of each school year to teachers and school employees, including bus operators, of their rights to take or request disciplinary action and of their eligibility for leave if injured by a student.

- **SUSPENSION: File JDD**

Effective: upon approval

Act 539 revises the immediate suspension requirements for assault or battery on a school employee. When a student is formally accused, the principal is to suspend the student immediately and remove the student from the school premises, or prohibit the student from returning. The requirement now reaches an incident occurring off school property only when that incident continues a documented altercation that began on school property.

- **EXPULSION: File JDE**

Effective: upon approval

Act 539 adds expulsion requirements for assault or battery on a school

employee. Following an immediate suspension, the principal is to recommend the student's expulsion, which is to be no less than two complete school semesters, during which the student is placed in an alternative school or alternative educational placement and participates in an anger management program.

- **CHILD ABUSE: File JGCE**

Effective: upon approval

Act 631 enacts La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §17:421, confirming that school employees who are mandatory reporters are subject to all provisions of state law relative to mandatory reporters, including the training and reporting requirements of the Children's Code.

Motion:

Seconded:

Public Comment:

Board Discussion:

Vote:

E. Transportation Committee- Greg Bordelon, Chair

F. 16th Section- Charles Bruchhaus, Chair

G. Ward II- Phillip Arceneaux, Chair

H. Legislative Liaison- Greg Bordelon, Chair

I. Long Range Planning- Paul Trahan, Chair

J. Food Service Committee- Summer LeJeune, Chair

VII. SALES TAX REPORT BY AMBER MILLER

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Out of State Travel requests

Consideration to approve the following out-of-state travel requests:

- LHS FFA students and teacher to attend the 2026 FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, IN from 10/19/26 to 10/25/26. Board will pay \$500.00 towards expenses for the National Competition.
- EHS FFA students and teacher to attend the 2026 FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, IN from 10/19/26 to 10/25/26. Board will pay \$500.00 towards expenses for the National Competition.

Motion:

Second:

Public Discussion:
Board Discussion:
Vote:

B. Renew the contract of Superintendent John Hall

Consideration to extend the contract of Superintendent John Hall until December 31, 2028.

Motion:
Second:
Public Discussion:
Board Discussion:
Vote:

C. Non Faculty Coaches for 2026-27

- Consideration to approve the following as a non-faculty coaches for 2026-2027 upon completion of LHSAA coaching course certification and Board policy requirements:
 - Win Fear, WAR basketball
 - Alan Morgan, WHS Golf
 - Michael Morrison, LAHS baseball
 - Camille Landry, WHS Danceline
 - Katy Sonnier, WHS Tennis
 - Landon Carmen, EHS football and powerlifting
 - Branden Guidry, HHS baseball
 - Wayne Fruge, HHS softball

Motion:
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Vote:

D. Non-compliance of Industrial Tax Exemption Program (ITEP) by Metalplate Galvanizing.

Consideration to take action on MetalPlate ITEP non-compliance.

Motion:
Second:
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Vote:

IX. DISCUSSION

A. Parish Sales Tax Disbursement

X. INFORMATION

A. Special Olympics at LAHS on 9/23/26

B. Condolences

- Condolences are extended to the family of Martha Coleman, who retired in 2003, with 30 years of service.

XI. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

XII. ADJOURN

- There being no other business to come before the Board, consideration to adjourn.

Motion:

Second:

Public Discussion:

Board Discussion:

Vote:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT DEBBIE AT 337-824-1834 DESCRIBING THE ASSISTANCE THAT IS NECESSARY.