

# JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA 203 E. PLAQUEMINE STREET

# JENNINGS, LOUISIANA (337) 824-1834

## AGENDA MEETING

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

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FILE: BCB - 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. INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
- III. ROLL CALL FOR DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM.

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# IV. APPROVAL OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2025.

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# V. VOTE TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF TOPICS TO BE ADDRESSED AND TO ADD NEW ITEMS NOT ON THE ORIGINAL AGENDA.

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# VI. RECOGNITION OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH STAFF MEMBERS WHO HAVE BATTLED THE FIGHT WITH BREAST CANCER

### VII. PRESENTATION:

1. WHS Renaissance Team presentation

#### VIII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. FINANCE COMMITTEE REQUEST FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, PHIL ARCENEAUX, THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD:
  - 1. Grant permission to accept the following donations:
- A. JES
  - Sparks Law Firm, LLC \$1,000.00 to Library. Funds to be used for library needs.
- 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.

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2. 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.

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3. Grant approval to the Director of Finance for the district to transition to cashless as of January 1, 2026.

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4. 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.

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5. 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

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

The Original Contract Sum was

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 data of Substantial Completion will be July 9, 2026

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6. 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

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- B. Insurance Blake Petry, Chairman
- C. Building & Grounds Committee David Doise, Chairman
- D. POLICY COMMITTEE REQUEST FROM THE POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, RUSSELL WALKER, THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD:
  - 1. Approve the following policy changes recommended by JDP.
    - A. 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 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.

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B. 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.

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- E. Transportation Committee Greg Bordelon, Chairman
- F. 16th Section-Charles Bruchhaus, Chairman
- G. Ward II Paula LeJeune, Chairman
- H. Legislative Liaison Greg Bordelon, Chairman
- I. Long Range Planning Paul Trahan, Chairman
- J. Food Service Committee Summer LeJeune, Chairman

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## IX. SALES TAX REPORT - by Amber Miller, Tax Collector.

#### X. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. 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.

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- 2. 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.

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- 3. Approve the following non-faculty coaches for 2025-2026 upon completion of LHSAA coaching course certification and Board policy requirements:
  - Maxwell Hebert, WHS basketball.

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4. 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

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# XI. INFORMATION

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

### XII SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

### XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Motion to en	Motion to enter into Executive session.					
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B. Motion to resume in regular session.						
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# XIV. ADJOURN

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