

**JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board met in Regular session at 203 E. Plaquemine Street, Jennings, LA 70546, on Thursday, February 12, 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, Charles Bruchhaus, Malon Dobson, David Doise, Summer LeJeune, Paul Trahan and Russell Walker. Absent: Blake Frey, Janet Jones and Blake Petry, 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 LHS Students, Skylar Shidia, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag by Brynlee Nunez.

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS:

1. Lacassine High School EdRising program for its commitment to developing future educators and promoting leadership, professionalism, and service within the teaching profession. Students presenting were Skylar Shidia, Brynlee Nunez, Ejueni Freeman and Baylee Reed and Teacher Natalie Trahan, along with Curriculum Supervisor, Danielle Simien.
2. Reese "Skip" Broussard, District 37 Representative.

Motion by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Arceneaux and unanimously carried to approve the School Board minutes of the Regular meeting on January 15, 2026.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The following recommendations were made by Mrs. Paula LeJeune, Finance Committee Chairman, that the School Board accept the following donations (for general or designated purposes):

Grant permission to accept the following donations:

- A. LJS Services, LLC \$1,500 to LAHS girls basketball expenses.
- B. WHS PTO \$3,000.00 to WHS awards day expenses.
- C. WHS PTO \$348.00 to WHS for ice maker for front office.
- D. Approximately 85 large gift bags of Christmas bags from Gifting Grace, the nonprofit organization whose mission is to support homeless children. The bags were donated to students in Jeff Davis Parish schools identified as being homeless by the McKinney Vento program.

Motion seconded by Mr. Bordelon and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to the Superintendent or his designee, to employ contractors, painters & part-time summer workers, to be paid from each school's maintenance account, General Fund or Child Nutrition Program. Motion seconded by Mr. Arceneaux and unanimously carried.

Consideration to grant permission to JHS to accept the adjusted quote from EA Builders for \$12,640.00. The original quote was for \$11,740.00. The additional \$900 is to cover the cost of the additional bracing on the baseball field that was required to extend the 10 foot wall towards the new scoreboard. To be paid from Ward II Contingency. Motion seconded by Mrs. S. LeJeune and unanimously carried.

Consideration for JES to enter into a service contract with Schindler Elevator Corporation Company for service and maintenance on the two elevators for an annual cost of \$13,261.14 Annual contract from February 1, 2026 to January 31, 2027. To be paid from Ward II Maintenance. Motion seconded by Mr. Arceneaux and unanimously carried.

POLICY COMMITTEE:

The following recommendations were made by Mr. Russell Walker, Policy Committee Chairman, that the School Board adopt the following new or revised policies recommended by Forethought Consulting and JDP:

A. SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES: File DFM

Effective: upon approval

Act 161 amends La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §17:87.6 allowing for the ability to trade or participate in a buyback program of student-used computing devices.

B. PURCHASING: File DJE

Effective: upon approval

This update clarifies that School Boards are prohibited from contracting with or awarding bids to any person or company using federal assistance funds if they are debarred or suspended, as verified through the System for Award Management (SAM.gov).

C. EMERGENCY/CRISIS MANAGEMENT: File EBBC

Effective: upon approval

Act 425 amends and reenacts La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§44:4.1(B)(9), and enacts R.S. 17:416.16.1, and 17:3996(B)(89) which requires that BESE and the state Department of Education coordinate with the Louisiana Center for Safe Schools to provide school mapping data for each facility to local law enforcement, public safety agencies, and the Louisiana Center for Safe Schools, ensuring law enforcement has the necessary tools for school safety.

D. RECRUITMENT: File GBC

DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES: File GBN

EMPLOYEE CONDUCT: File GBRA

Effective: upon approval

Act 409 amends and enacts multiple provisions of Titles 14, 15, 17 and the Louisiana Children's Code to prohibit any individual convicted of certain offenses (as listed in La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §15:587.1(C)) or recorded on the Department of Children and Family Services state central registry on or after August 1, 2018,

from employment in any capacity by public schools. The Act also establishes that an administrator, teacher, or other school employee whose name is recorded on the Department of Children and Family Services' state central registry on or after August 1, 2025 shall report the recordation to his employer and to the department within two business days.

Consideration of approving the following policy changes recommended by JDP:

E. GIFTS AND DONATIONS: File DFK

Effective: upon approval

Removing the wording that donations have to be approved by the School Board.

Motion seconded by Mr. Bordelon 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 seconded by Mrs. P. Lejeune and unanimously carried to approve the following Annual 2026-2027 Child Nutrition Program Procurement Calendar:

Annual 2026-2027 Child Nutrition Program Procurement Calendar

The following calendar identifies the general items to be bid, the date, and the time of the bid openings for the 2026-2027 School Year for the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board Child Nutrition Program. All bids will be opened for reading only at the Food Service Warehouse located at 1627 Wilbert D. Rochelle Avenue in Jennings, LA at 10:00 am on the specified bid opening day. The public is invited to attend all bid openings. Invitations to bid, instructions, and specifications for any bids listed below may be obtained from the Child Nutrition Program located at the above address or by contacting the office at (337) 824-1969.

| <u>ITEMS TO BE PROCURED</u> <u>BID AWARD</u> | <u>BIDS TO VENDORS</u> | <u>PURCHASING PERIOD</u> | <u>BID OPENING</u> |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Fluid Milk & Milk Products May 7, 2026 | March 5, 2026 | School Year | April 14, 2026 |
| Bread & Bread Products May 7, 2026 | March 5, 2026 | School Year | April 14, 2026 |
| Paper and Cleaning Items May 7, 2026 | March 5, 2026 | School Year | April 14, 2026 |
| Chilled/Frozen Fruit Juices, Bakery Items, May 7, 2026 Vegetables | March 5, 2026 | School Year | April 14, 2026 |
| Chilled/Frozen Meat Items May 7, 2026 | March 12, 2026 | School Year | April 21, 2026 |
| Canned Goods, Cereal, Grain Products, May 7, 2026 Other Shelf Stable Goods | March 12, 2026 | School Year | April 21, 2026 |

The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board Child Nutrition Program is funded 51% with federal funds for a total of approximately \$3 million per year. Publication Dates: February 18, February 20, and February 22, 2026. This was adopted by the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board at the February 12, 2026 meeting.

Non Discrimination Statement: This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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| MOTION BY: | SECONDED BY: | PUBLIC COMMENT | DISCUSSION | VOTE |
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Motion by Mrs. P. Lejeune seconded by Mrs. S. Lejeune and unanimously carried to approve the 2026-2027 Jefferson Davis Parish School Board School Calendar.

**Jefferson Davis Public School System
2025-2027 Calendar**

| July 2026 | | | | | August 2026 | | | | | September 2026 | | | | | October 2026 | | | | | November 2026 | | | | | December 2026 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| January 2027 | | | | | February 2027 | | | | | March 2027 | | | | | April 2027 | | | | | May 2027 | | | | | June 2027 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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July: 3 Independence Holiday
August: 13-14 LOCAL SED
September: 7 Labor Day
October: 1-2 LOCAL SED
November: 19-20 21-22 23-24 25-26 27-28 29-30 31
December: 25-26 27-28 29-30 31
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Motion by Mr. Bordelon seconded by Mr. Arceneaux and unanimously carried to approve the following out-of-state travel request:

- LHS 11th grade students and sponsor to travel to Houston, TX on 01/30/26 to visit the Houston Science Museum. At no expense to the Board.
- Rory Myers, Curriculum Supervisor, District Test Coordinator, LAES Principal, Dr. Cassidy Juneau and Assistant Principal, Andrea Zaunbrecher, JES Assistant Principal, Dr. Lisa Juneau and WAR Assistant Principal, Tanya Bujol travel to Orlando, FL from 06/27/26 to 07/01/26 for the Model School Conference. To be paid with District Title II funds.
- LHS Senior Beta students and sponsor to travel to Houston, TX on 03/03/26 to visit NASA. At no expense to the Board.
- EHS FFA students and sponsor to travel to Houston, TX on March 7, 2026 to attend the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. At no expense to the Board.

Motion by Mr. Arceneaux seconded by Mr. Walker and unanimously carried to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a sales and use tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Motion by Mrs. S. Lejeune. seconded by Mr. Walker and unanimously carried to approve the following as non-faculty coaches for 2025-2026 upon completion of LHSAA coaching course certification and Board policy requirements:

- Kelsey Gaspard - JHS - Softball
- McKenzie Miller - LAHS - Powerlifting

INFORMATION:

1. Condolences are extended to the families of:
 - A. Miriam Dougherty Kahl, Central Elementary Teacher who retired in 1996, with 16 years of service.
 - B. Russell “Rusty” Phelps, JHS Teacher/Coach, who retired in 2023, with 34 years of service.
 - C. Gerald Hartwell, LAHS Teacher/Coach, who retired in 2017, with 17 years of service.
2. The LSBA 2026 annual convention will be held in Baton Rouge on March 29-31, 2026.
3. 5th Annual – 2026 JDP Special Olympics Spring Track & Field event will be held on March 19, 2026, at LAHS.

SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

ADJOURN

There being no other business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Doise seconded by Mr. Bruchhaus and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 6:43 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.