

**JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
JANUARY 15, 2026**

The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board met in Regular session at 203 E. Plaquemine Street, Jennings, LA 70546, on Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. , with the following School Board members present: Members, President, Greg Patterson, Vice-President, Paula LeJeune, Charles Bruchhaus, Malon Dobson, David Doise, Blake Frey, Janet Jones, Summer LeJeune, Blake Petry, Paul Trahan and Russell Walker.

Absent: Phillip Arceneaux and Greg Bordelon (both virtual)

Legal Counsel: Lauren Heinen

The meeting was called to order by President Patterson.

Roll call was done by Mrs. Leona Vanicor. Mrs. Vanicor confirmed that there were no requests for public comment or requests to speak on any agenda items.

An invocation was led by Mrs. Paula LeJune, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag by Mr. Paul Trahan.

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS:

Sheriff Kyle Miers

Motion by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Bruchhaus and unanimously carried to approve the School Board minutes of the Regular meeting on December 18, 2025.

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

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:

1. Bubba Oustalet \$1,000.00. Funds to be used for JHS boys basketball supplies.
2. Welsh Lil Dribblers \$2,000.00. Funds to be used evenly between WHS High school boys and girls basketball teams cost and expenses.

Motion seconded by Mr. Trahan and unanimously carried.

Consideration of approving the updated 2025-2026 salary schedule. The update is a change from what was called the Effectiveness Stipend in prior years to now the Retention Stipend due to the state no longer using the Compass evaluation system and now using Legacy/Leads. Motion seconded by Mr. Dobson and unanimously carried.

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Consideration of approving the recommendation of the Finance Director, Mrs. LeGros, to issue the following stipends:

1. One-time, \$500 Retention Stipend. Eligibility requirements are as follows:
All school level teachers, counselors, librarians and administrators that received a successful final evaluation under the LEGACY/LEADS Evaluation Rubric, were employed with JDPSB the previous school year, returned for the current school year, and employed as of January 5, 2026 will receive the retention stipend. The approximate cost for this stipend is \$230,000 and will be paid by the General Fund.
2. State mandated, differentiated compensated stipend. Eligibility requirements are as follows: Teachers working in state labeled critical shortage areas listed as K-12 Sped, 6-12 Math and 6-12 Science; 3+ years HE VAM; Teacher Leaders. If the specific criteria is met stipend values determined by Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Oustalet are based off of yearly allocation amount and number of eligible employees. The total cost of these stipends will be \$97,500 paid through the General Fund but allocated by the state.

Motion seconded by Mrs. S. LeJeune and unanimously carried.

The following committees had no reports to present:

Insurance - Blake Petry, Chairman

Building & Grounds - David Doise Chairman

Policy - Russell Walker, 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. Christin LeGros, Finance Director.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Mr. Petry seconded by Mr. Trahan and unanimously carried to approve the following areas of critical shortage for the 2025-26 school year:

All grades-Special Education, Speech Therapist/Pathologist, 6-12 Mathematic, 6-12 Science, 6-12 Spanish 6-12 English, 6-12 French, 6-12 Social Studies, FACS, 6-12 Business Education, Bus Operator, Counselor, Administration, Pre-K - 5 All Subjects and Librarians.

Motion by Mr. Doise seconded by Mrs. P. LeJeune 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

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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 15, 2026, that the Board does hereby adopt an official resolution establishing the regular meeting schedule for the year 2026 to be on the third Thursday of each consecutive month, the meeting place to be at the School Board Central Office, 203 East Plaquemine Street, Jennings, Louisiana, and the time to be 6:00 p.m. throughout the year. EXCEPTIONS: in February, 2026, the Board will meet on the Second Thursday, February 12, 2026 (due to Mardi Gras) In December the meeting shall be held on Thursday, December 17, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at Lake Arthur High School, 4374 Tiger Lane, Lake Arthur, Louisiana 70549 (due to Holiday schedule). 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/ _____

Greg Patterson, President

/s/ _____

John Hall, Superintendent

Motion by Mr. Trahan seconded by Mr. Frey and unanimously carried to Consideration of approving the following as non-faculty coach for 2025-2026 upon completion of LHSAA coaching course certification and Board policy requirements:

1. Carey Keys, WHS Softball

INFORMATION:

1. Announcement of Public Meeting (Must be read out loud)

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board, 203 E. Plaquemine Street, Jennings, Louisiana, the Parish School Board of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, for school purposes, to authorize the renewal of a sales and use tax therein.

2. Condolences are extended to the families of:

- A. Letha Abshire, Lake Arthur school's Bus Operator, who retired in 1997 with 18 years of service.
- B. Joetter Istre, LAHS French Teacher, who retired in 2005 with 16 years of service.

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3. School Board President Patterson has named the following 2026 School Board committees:

FINANCE COMMITTEE - PAULA LEJEUNE, CHAIRMAN

Phil Arceneaux, David Doise, Charles Bruchhaus, Blake Petry, Paul Trahan and Russell Walker.

POLICY COMMITTEE - RUSSELL WALKER, CHAIRMAN

Phillip Arceneaux, Summer LeJeune, David Doise and Paul Trahan

INSURANCE - BLAKE PETRY, CHAIRMAN

Malon Dobson, Janet Jones, David Doise and Charles Bruchhaus.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - DAVID DOISE, CHAIRMAN

Greg Bordelon, Paul Trahan, Blake Frey and Russell Walker.

TRANSPORTATION - GREG BORDELON, CHAIRMAN

Malon Dobson, Summer LeJeune, Janet Jones, Blake Frey.

16TH SECTION - CHARLES BRUCHHAUS, CHAIRMAN

Malon Dobson, Phillip Arceneaux, Paula LeJeune and Russell Waker.

WARD II AD HOC (JENNINGS BOARD MEMBERS) - PHIL ARCENEUX, CHAIRMAN

Paula LeJeune, Summer LeJeune, Janet Jones and Greg Patterson.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON - GREG BORDELON

LONG RANGE PLANNING - PAUL TRAHAN,

Malon Dobson, Paula LeJeune, Blake Petry, and Blake Frey.

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE - SUMMER LEJEUNE, CHAIRMAN

Greg Bordelon, Charles Bruchhaus, Blake Petry and Blake Frey.

Mrs. Janet Jones shared upcoming MLK events.

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 Mrs S. LeJeune, seconded by Mr. Petry 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.