

**JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
DECEMBER 30, 2020**

The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board met in Special session at 203 E. Plaquemine Street, Jennings, LA 70546, on Wednesday, December 30, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., with the following School Board members present: President, Jody Singletary, Vice-President, James Segura, Members, Phillip Arceneaux, Greg Bordelon, Jason Bouley, Charles Bruchhaus, Donald Dees, Malon Dobson, Doise Doise, Denise Perry and Paul Trahan. Absent: David Capdeville and Terry Leger.

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) 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. Dobson.

Motion by Mr. Dees, seconded by Mr. Bouley 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.

DISCUSSION:

1. Review COVID19 data and LDH Region 5 Health Department information, etc, and discuss the Boards prior plan to return all high school students to face to face instruction 5 days per week on January 4, 2021.

Motion by Mr. Dobson, seconded by Mr. Bouley to delay start of school until January 11, 2021.

After discussion, Mr. Dobson amended his motion to postpone re-opening of 5 day a week for high school schools until re-visting at the January 21, 2021 regular meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Arceneaux.

After further discussion, President Singletary called for a roll call vote and advised that a vote in favor would postpone re-opening of 5 day a week for high school schools until re-visting at the January 21, 2021 regular meeting. A vote against would uphold the Boards previous decision to return all High School students to a 5 day week on January 4, 2021.

The following roll call vote was held:

Yeas: Arceneaux, Dees, Dobson and Segura

Nays: Bordelon, Bouley, Bruchhaus, Doise, Singletary, Perry and Trahan

Abstained: None

Absent: Capdeville and Leger

After the roll call vote, motion failed. All high school students will return to a 5 day week on January 4, 2021.

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ADJOURN

There being no other business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Doise, seconded by Mr. Dees 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.