

**JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
FEBRUARY 20, 2020**

The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board met in regular session at 203 E. Plaquemine Street, Jennings, LA 70546, on Thursday, February 20, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., with the following School Board members in attendance: President, Jody Singletary, Members, Phillip Arceneaux, Greg Bordelon, Jason Bouley, Charles Bruchhaus, Donald Dees, Malon Dobson, Terry Leger, James Segura and Denise Perry. Absent: David Capdeville, David Doise, and David Troutman.

The meeting was opened by President, Jody Singletary, with an invocation by Curriculum Supervisor, Dr. Kieran Coleman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag led by Mr. Bruchhaus.

Motion by Mr. Leger, seconded by Mr. Arceneaux and unanimously carried to approve the School Board minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 16, 2020.

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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The following recommendations were made by Mr. James Segura, Finance Committee Chairman, that the School Board:

Grant permission to JHS baseball team to accept a \$8,000.00 donation from the Bulldog Diamond Boosters Club. Funds to be used for field & equipment expenses. Motion seconded by Mr. Arceneaux and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to Laurie Duhon, Technology Coordinator to enter contract negotiations with Conterra Networks for E-Rate Category I Internet Services for a contract term of 36 months with two optional one-year extensions. Proposals were also submitted by Spectrum, AT&T and Information Technology Solutions. Motion seconded by Mr. Dees and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to HHS to accept a donation of a stationary bike from Kaley Castro. To be used by athletes for athletic training. Motion seconded by Mr. Bruchhaus and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to renew the contract of Forethought Consulting, Inc., for our Policy Updating Service, beginning March, 2020 and ending February, 2021, to cost \$4,200.00, with the highlighting option. (\$300.00 increase). Motion seconded by Mr. Bordelon and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to LAHS to accept a \$2,000.00 donation from the Moore Family. Funds to be used for the LAHS Girls and Boys Basketball Program to help offset expenses. Motion seconded by Mr. Dobson and unanimously carried.

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Grant permission to WHS volleyball program to accept a \$2,983.00 donation from an anonymous donor and a \$970.00 donation from an anonymous donor. These proceeds will be used towards purchasing equipment. Motion seconded by Mr. Bouley and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to WHS Boys Basketball program to accept a \$600.00 donation from the Welsh Backers. Funds will be used towards purchasing equipment. Motion seconded by Mr. Bouley and unanimously carried.

The City of Jennings will remove and replace all new curbs and sidewalk in front of the School Board Office at a cost to them of \$22,986.00, which includes installing new steps and rail at the roadside. Grant permission to accept the estimate portion of \$4,848.00 from Guillory Construction, Inc. to remove, dispose of old concrete on the School Board property side and install new concrete and wire expansions. Motion seconded by Mr. Dobson and unanimously carried.

Accept the best quote of \$6,517.33 from Glenn Vanicor Builders, LLC for labor and material to update the front main entrance of the School Board Office. Other quotes received from Dupuis Construction (\$6,770.00) and David Duplichan (\$7,300.00). Motion seconded by Mr. Leger and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to WHS to accept a \$4,000.00 donation from the Greyhound Backers Organization. Funds to benefit various sports in purchasing equipment. Motion seconded by Mr. Bouley and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to pay the invoice of Pelican Land Surveying, LLC in the amount of \$6,900.00 for Drainage/Boundary survey and Drainage easements at JHS. To be paid from JHS maintenance. Motion seconded by Mr. Arceneaux and unanimously carried.

INFORMATION TO FINANCE

The emergency water heater replacement costs at JHS was \$25,742.11.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

The following recommendations were made by Mr. Greg Bordelon, Transportation Committee Chairman, that the School Board:

Grant permission to Transportation Director, Wilbert Gilbeaux to begin the bid process to purchase a used bus to replace Bus #268. Over the last three years, the district has paid \$25,229.00 for repairs on Bus #268 (Bus running to Lake Charles every day for hearing impaired students) and currently needs a transmission with a cost estimate of approximately \$6,000.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Segura and unanimously carried.

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Legislative Liaison - Donald Dees, Chairman

Motion by Mr. Dees, seconded by Mr. Leger and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

INCREASE IN THE 2019-20 MFP

WHEREAS the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) establishes the state funding component of the K12 public education system in Louisiana and the Legislature is required to fully fund the formula;

WHEREAS, there was no increase in the base per pupil for the school years of 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, and 2013-14;

WHEREAS, in the 2014 Regular Session the MFP base per pupil increased from \$3,855 to \$3,961 for the 2014-15 school year;

WHEREAS, had the MFP base per pupil been increased each year by the anticipated 2.75%, the 2019-20 MFP would be \$5,056;

WHEREAS, BESE has unanimously recommended a 1.375% increase in the base per pupil of 2019-20, raising the base per pupil from \$3,961 to \$4,015;

WHEREAS, BESE's recommendation also includes additional funding in Level 3 of the MFP dedicated to an increase in compensation for teachers and support workers in the amount of \$1,000 and \$500, respectively; WHEREAS, the JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD has been absorbing ever-increasing operational costs, from health insurance, to technology, to security of students, to curriculum to align with new state standards, and increasing demands of the state accountability system, without increased state funding;

WHEREAS, BESE's unanimously recommended MFP will benefit local school districts in every parish, as well as every public charter school in the state;

WHEREAS, the JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD finds that BESE's recommended MFP, which divides the increased funding between a dedicated teacher and support worker pay raise and an increase in per pupil funding, will help meet the ever-increasing costs of providing a public education to each child that presents at the doors of our schools;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD, supports the unanimously approved MFP adopted by BESE to increase the MFP Level 1 per pupil by 1.375% and to provide funding for a dedicated teacher and support worker pay raise in Level 3 of the MFP;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD, urges the Legislature to approve SCR 3, authored by Sen. Dan Morrish and/or HCR 1 authored by Rep. Nancy Landry, adopting the MFP that was unanimously approved by BESE for the 2019-20 school year;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD directs the Superintendent to forward a copy of this Resolution to each member of the PARISH LEGISLATIVE delegation, to Sen. Dan Morrish, Rep. Nancy Landry, and to Governor John Bel Edwards.

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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/ _____
President

/s/ _____
Kirk Credeur, Superintendent

Motion by Mr. Dees, seconded by Mr. Leger and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION
SALES AND USE TAX COLLECTION AND ADMINISTRATION**

WHEREAS, the Article VII, Section 3 of the Louisiana Constitution provides that local sales and use taxes are to be collected by a single collector in each parish;

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 3 also provides for the use of a parish commission or one of the local political subdivisions to serve as the single parish collector of local sales and use taxes;

WHEREAS, the authority to “collect” local sales and use taxes has been determined by the Courts to include the authority to administer the collection, including making decisions as to when to audit persons or businesses thought to be unlawfully evading taxation or, in some cases, collecting salestaxes on transactions and failing to fully remit them to the local collector;

WHEREAS, School Boards serve as the single parish collector of local sales and use taxes in over thirty (30) parishes;

WHEREAS, pre-filed in the 2019 Regular Session is HB 57, which proposes to amend the LA Constitution to allow the Legislature to repeal the authority of local governments to control the collection of local sales taxes and place that authority with the State, a concept often referred to as State Central Collection;

WHEREAS, State Central Collection would have the State taking possession of local tax revenues, withholding an administrative fee, then disbursing the balance down to the School Board or other local taxing authority;

WHEREAS, State Central Collection poses too great a risk that local education tax dollars will not be promptly disbursed or that the administrative fee withheld by the State may become a means of resolving State fiscal issues;

WHEREAS, repealing or diminishing the Constitutional authority for local collection of local sales and use taxes will impair the ability of those local collectors to perform the necessary function of auditing vendors to ensure compliance with the legal obligation to collect and remit local sales taxes; WHEREAS, given the vital role that the proper, effective, and efficient collection of local sales and use taxes plays in the operation of school districts and the education of children, the Louisiana School Boards Association has always fought any efforts to repeal, reduce or constrain the authority of the local collector to collect local sales and use taxes, regardless of who has offered the proposal;

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the SCHOOL DISTRICT, by action of its duly elected governing authority, does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Legislature, and in particular the Legislative Delegation of PARISH Parish to oppose HB 57 and any other Legislative effort to reject any proposal to repeal or impair local sales and use taxes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SCHOOL DISTRICT, by action of its duly elected governing authority, does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Legislature, and in particular the Legislative Delegation of PARISH Parish to reject any proposal that repeals, reduces or constrains the authority of the local collector to collect local sales and use taxes;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be provided to each member of the Legislative Delegation of PARISH Parish, and the Governor of the State of Louisiana. 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/ _____
President

/s/ _____
Kirk Credeur, Superintendent

The following committees had no reports to present:

Insurance - David Doise, Chairman

Building & Grounds - Terry Leger, Chairman

Policy - Phillip Arceneaux, Chairman

16th Section-Charles Bruchhaus, Chairman

Ward II (Ad Hoc) - Donald Dees, Chairman

Food Service Committee - Malon Dobson, Chairman

The Sales Tax report was given by Mrs. Amber Hymel, Tax Collector.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Bouley and unanimously carried to approve the following non-faculty coaches upon completion of LHSAA coaching course certification and Board policy requirements:

1. WHS - Mark Hanks, Softball
2. WHS - Adam B. Jolie, Baseball
3. JHS - Kylie Hanks, Softball
4. HHS - Terry LeJeune, Boys Golf

Motion by Mr. Bruchhaus, seconded by Mr. Segura and unanimously carried to approve the following out-of-state travel request:

- A. LAHS Winterguard, students and faculty to travel to Gulfport, MS to attend Regional Competition on February 29, 2020. At no expense to the Board.

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- B. EHS FFA students and faculty to travel to Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in Houston, TX on March 21, 2020. At no expense to the Board.
- C. HHS FFA students and faculty to travel to Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in Houston, TX on March 15, 2020. At no expense to the Board.
- D. WHS Beta Club students and faculty to travel to Fort Worth, TX for the National Beta Convention from 06/15/20 to 06/18/20. At no expense to Board.

Motion by Mr. Arceneaux, seconded by Mr. Dees and unanimously carried to approve the Food Service Procurement Calendar for 2020-2021 fiscal year which provides for the purchase of fluid milk and milk products, paper and cleaning items, frozen chilled items, canned goods, cereal, grain products, and other shelf staple goods in the Parish Schools.

Motion by Mr. Bouley, seconded by Mrs. Perry and unanimously carried to grant permission to accept the procedural document titled "Jefferson Davis Parish Technology Continuity and Disaster Recovery Plan" at the request of Ms. Laurie Duhon, Technology Coordinator.

Motion by Mr. Dobson, seconded by Mr. Bouley and unanimously carried to approve the following out-of-state travel request:

- A. WHS FFA students and faculty to travel to Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in Houston, TX on March 12, 2020. At no expense to the Board.

Motion by Mr. Bruchhaus, seconded by Mr. Arceneaux and unanimously carried to adopt a resolution calling for the advertisement of sealed bids for the purchase of not exceeding Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000) of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2020, of School District No. 22 of the Parishes of Jefferson Davis and Allen, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Jody Singletary, Members, Phillip Arceneaux, Greg Bordelon, Jason Bouley, Charles Bruchhaus, Donald Dees, Malon Dobson, Terry Leger, James Segura and Denise Perry.

Nays: None

Absent: David Capdeville, David Doise, and David Troutman.

Abstained: None

Motion by Mr. Dobson, seconded by Mr. Leger and unanimously carried to approve a request from Laurie Duhon, Technology Coordinator, to begin contract negotiations with DETEL for E-Rate Category II funding for FY 2020-21, for a 36-month term with two optional one-year voluntary extensions. Other proposals were received from Cohesive Connections and Transformyx.

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INFORMATION:

1. 1. Condolences are extended to the families of:
 - A. Carol Briscoe, Elton Schools Bus Operator, who retired in 1987, with 8 years of service.
 - B. Olga Dolesjsiova, Jennings Schools French Teacher, who retired in 2013, with 22 years of service.
2. The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board Members 2020 Spring Strategic Planning Meeting will be on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Abshire Camp.
3. A Special Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. for Elton Bonds.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

A. Personnel changes:

APPOINTMENTS

1. Meghann Williams, FES 7 hr Cafeteria Tech, 01/21/20, re: B. Cormier retirement.
2. Angie Smith, JWES 7 hr Cafeteria Tech, 01/21/20, re: E. Istre.
3. Brian Parker, JHS, Long Term Sub Teacher, 01/21/20, re: P. Garbarino.
4. Chris Lougon, AC Tech Maintenance/Warehouse, 02/11/20, re: C. Houk resignation.
5. Craig Sams, LAES FT Custodian, 01/29/20, re: Elmer Landry retirement.
6. Meghan Campbell, Director of Finance-Central Office, 02/27/20, re: Bill Hebert retirement.
7. Mary Ross, JWES Financial Secretary, 02/05/20, re: N. Pousson transfer.

TRANSFERS

1. Analicia Harris, JES Financial Secretary, 12/17/2019, re: T. Bruchhaus retirement.
2. Natalie Pousson, JES 9.5 Clerical Aide, 02/05/20, re: A. Harris transfer.
3. Roya Oustalet, Accountant - Central Office, 02/10/20, re: K. Willis retirement.

LEAVES

1. D. Ortego, JES Teacher, 01/17/20 to 03/16/20.
2. A. Foreman, LHS Paraprofessional, 01/15/20 to 02/26/20.
3. L. Fuselier, School Nurse, 01/17/20 to 02/28/20.
4. K. Krielow, LAE/LAH Speech Therapist, 12/03/19 to 01/31/20.
5. J. Leblanc, WES Teacher, 01/28/20 to 01/30/20.
6. E. Thibodeaux, WES Asst. Principal, 01/27/20 to 01/28/20.
7. K. Newman, WES Teacher, 01/23/20 to 01/23/20 and 02/03/20 to 02/04/20 and 02/07/20 to 02/12/20.
8. V. Lopez, JWES Counselor, 01/27/20 to 02/03/20
9. P. Langley, JES Para, 02/07/20, lwop

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10. T. Gobert, Maintenance Wrhse Skilled Craftsman, 11/13/19 to 06/30/20, lwop

MATERNITY

1. H. Hetzel, HHS Teacher, 03/02/20 to 04/10/20.
2. A. Moore, WAR Teacher, 08/11/20 to 11/10/20.
3. C. Klein, JHS Teacher, 05/28/20 to 07/31/20.
4. S. Thibodeaux, WES Teacher, 02/26/20 to 04/06/20.

RESIGNATIONS

1. Chhayna Chan Sit, WEIC Para, 01/22/20.
2. Elmer Landry, LAE Custodian, 01/06/20.
3. Dara Esters, JHS 7hr Cafeteria Tech, 01/22/20.
4. Karen Quebodeaux, JES Custodian, 10/1/2019.

RETIREMENTS

1. Christine, Brewster, JWES SPED Teacher, 07/16/20, with 31 years of service.
2. Evadine Ardoin, LHS Teacher, 05/23/20, with 43.6 years of service.
3. Margaret Guillory, Supervisor of Federal Programs-EMC, 07/01/20, with 33 years of service.
4. Jacqueline B Moore, WES Teacher, 05/23/20, with 39.5 years of service.
5. Bernadette Sonnier, WAR SPED Teacher, 01/27/20, with 13.5 years of service. (disability)

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Ward II Steering Committee meeting met today with the Architect.

Met with EES for kick off meeting to get things started.

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