

**JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
MARCH 18, 2021**

The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board met in Regular session at 203 E. Plaquemine Street, Jennings, LA 70546, on Thursday, March 18, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., with the following School Board members present: President, Jody Singletary, Vice-President, James Segura, Members, Phillip Arceneaux, Greg Bordelon, Charles Bruchhaus, Donald Dees, Malon Dobson, Doise Doise, Denise Perry and Paul Trahan. Absent: Jason Bouley, David Capdeville and Terry Leger. Mr. Leger was present virtually.

**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](mailto: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](http://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 there were no requests for public viewing to be sent links to the meeting.

An invocation by Mr. Kaleb Lemoine, EHS Senior, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag led by Mr. Bruchhaus.

Motion by Mr. Dees, seconded by Mr. Bruchhaus and unanimously carried to approve the School Board minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 25, 2021.

Motion by Mr. Arceneaux, seconded by Mr. Trahan 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.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Presentation of the 2019-2020 Audited Financial Statements and Audit Opinion by Mike Gillespie, CPA, External Auditor of the School Board.

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

Accept the recommendation by the Director of Finance and Superintendent to accept the report Mike Gillespie, CPA, External Auditor of the School Board. Motion seconded by Mr. Doise and unanimously approved.

Grant permission to WHS to accept the following donations:

Basketball program to be used for play-off game, team and Meals.

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| A. | Henderson Implement               | \$200.00 |
| B. | Leona Vanicor                     | \$100.00 |
| C. | Sam Fontenot State Farm of Welsh  | \$100.00 |
| D. | Susan Mayes                       | \$100.00 |
| E. | Troy Romero, State Representative | \$100.00 |
| F. | 90 One Stop                       | \$ 50.00 |
| G. | Greyhound Backers                 | \$500.00 |
| H. | Karl Arceneaux Rentals            | \$ 50.00 |

Motion seconded by Mr. Trahan and unanimously approved.

Grant permission to FES to accept the following donations:

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| A. | Dr. Joe Stark | \$500.00 |
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To be used for school supply kits for students. Motion seconded by Mr. Arceneaux and unanimously approved.

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Request approval to advertise Elton Elementary School Bid Package, related to the construction of a new wing, in the month of April with a current target date of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and target date of receiving bids on April 29<sup>th</sup> 2021. Motion seconded by Mr. Bruchhaus and unanimously approved.

Grant permission to LHS to purchase a commercial Electric Water Heater from Southern Pipe at a cost of \$6,186.81. Other quotes received from Zoro (\$5,246.02) and Home Depot (\$5,302.89). Higher bid was chosen because it was in stock and will be able to replace existing without any new connection Revisions. To be paid from Maintenance #8. Motion seconded by Mr. Bordelon and unanimously approved.

The following committees had no reports to present:

**Insurance - David Doise, Chairman**

**Building & Ground -Terry Leger, Chairman**

**Policy - Phillip Arceneaux, Chairman**

**Transportation - Greg Bordelon, Chairman**

**16th Section - Charles Bruchhaus, Chairman**

**Ward II (Ad Hoc) - Donald Dees, Chairman**

**Legislative Liaison - 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 Mrs. Perry, seconded by Mr. Trahan and unanimously approved to authorize AIFS, ISEUSA, ICES and Education Foundation Exchange as acceptable foreign student placement services for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion by Mrs. Perry, seconded by Mr. Arceneaux and unanimously approved to approve the following non-faculty coaches for the 2020-21 school year upon completion of LHSAA coaching course certification and Board policy requirements.

- A. Gracie Broussard, JHS Jazer team.

Motion by Mr. Dobson, seconded by Mr. Bruchhaus and unanimously approved to grant permission to enter into a contract with Geographic Planning & Demographic Services, Mike Hefner, Demographer, to prepare the re-districting plan for Jefferson Davis Parish at a cost not to exceed \$28,500.00, if voter reapportionment is required based on data from the 2020 Census.

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**INFORMATION**

1. Condolences are extended to the families of:
  - A. Bessie Butler, JWES and JES Teacher who retired in 1997 with 30 years of Service.
2. The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board Members 2021 Spring Strategic Planning Meeting was held on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Abshire Camp.

**1. PERSONNEL CHANGES**

**A. Personnel appointments as determined by the Superintendent:**

1. Name **RORY MYERS**, Curriculum Supervisor, Warehouse/Tech Center, effective 03/12/21.

**B. Personnel changes:**

**APPOINTMENTS**

1. Debra Duplechin, Parent Liaison, Educational Media Center, 02/25/21, re: Royce Levy resignation.
2. John Harden, Jennings Schools Bus Driver, 02/25/21, re: Waylon Gotte resignation.
3. Jennifer Shallow, EHS Custodian, 02/25/21, re: Mark Lacombe passing.

**LEAVES**

1. G. LeJeune, LAES Teacher, 02/24/21 to 03/29/21.
2. S. LEMONIA, FES Custodian, 02/01/21 to 03/23/21.
3. B. Miller, JHS Paraprofessional, 10/01/20 to 12/24/20 and 03/01/21 to 05/31/21.
4. V. Bertrand, HHS Teacher, 02/25/21 to 03/01/21 and 03/05/21.
5. B. Perrin, JWES Speech Pathologist, 01/11/21 to 01/12/21 and 02/8/21 to 03/05/21.
6. L. LeBlanc, JES Teacher, 02/02/21 to 04/19/21.
7. A. Valdez, EHS/EES Clerical Aide, 02/22/21 to 04/01/21.
8. M. Reinsch, HHS Teacher, 03/07/21 to 04/11/21.

**MATERNITY LEAVE**

1. M. Spell, EES Teacher, 09/15/21 to 10/27/21.

**LEAVE WITHOUT PAY**

1. T. Hensgens, WES Teacher, 03/08/21 to 05/26/21.

**RETIREMENTS**

1. John Gay, EHS Principal, 07/01/21, with 26 years of service.
2. Peggy A. Langley, JES SPED Para, 03/15/21, with 17.3 years of service.
3. Johnette Rogers, LAE Teacher, 05/26/21, with 33 years of service.

**RESIGNATION**

1. Garrett C. Mehal, HHS Teacher, 05/26/21.

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**SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

1. Centralized taxes.
2. Ward II Site Visit.
3. EES bid.

**ADJOURN**

There being no other business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Doise, seconded by Mr. Segura and unanimously carried, to adjourn.

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/s/ Jody Singletary, President

ATTEST:

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/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.