

**JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
NOVEMBER 19, 2020**

The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board met in Regular session at 203 E. Plaquemine Street, Jennings, LA 70546, on Thursday, November 19, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., with the following School Board members present: President, Jody Singletary, Vice-President, James Segura, Members, Phillip Arceneaux, Greg Bordelon, Jason Bouley (late), Charles Bruchhaus, Donald Dees, Doise Doise, Terry Leger, Denise Perry and Paul Trahan. Absent:, David Capdeville and Malon Dobson.

**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 (Phase III), 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 (Phase III)
  - 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. Doise.

Motion by Mr. Leger, seconded by Mr. Dees and unanimously carried to approve the School Board minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 15, 2020 and the Special Meetings on October 19, 2020 and October 22, 2020.

Motion by Mr. Segura, 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.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

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

Grant permission to WHS Volleyball program to accept a \$1,475.00 donation from the volleyball parents committee. Funds to be used towards the purchase of equipment and supplies for the volleyball team. Motion seconded by Mr. Trahan and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to FES to accept a \$500 donation from Woodman Home of Jennings. Funds to be used for School Supplies Account to go towards student's school supply and uniform needs. Motion seconded by Mr. Arceneaux and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to WHS Football Program to accept an anonymous donation of \$1,000.00. Funds to be used towards the purchase of new bleachers. Motion seconded by Mr. Bouley and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to LAHS Football program to accept a \$2,500.00 donation from Team LA. Funds to be used to purchase a new sound system for the football field. Motion seconded by Mr. Bordelon and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to FES to purchase concrete cleaning supplies, primer, paint and epoxy to finish the concrete in the halls where the carpet was pulled up at an approximate cost of \$6,000.00. Supplies will be purchased from various vendors. To be paid from General Fund Hurricane Expense. Motion seconded by Mr. Segura and unanimously carried.

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Grant permission to LAHS Football Program to accept a \$970.29 donation from CAF Charities Aid Foundation of America. Funds to be used for the LAHS Football Program to purchase a new sound system for the football field. Motion seconded by Mr. Bordelon and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to WHS Athletics to accept a \$6,250.00 donation from St. Louis Catholic High School. Funds to be used towards the purchase of an industrial washing machine. Motion seconded by Mr. Trahan and unanimously carried.

Accept a request from Jefferson Davis Parish Tax Assessor, Donald Kratzer for an advance of funds in the amount of \$35,518.60. The Tax Assessor's Office was forced to upgrade all computers, including the server, had to absorb legal fees in a taxpayer dispute heard with Supreme Court, 2020 was a reassessment year and then parish suffered severe damages from hurricanes and is experiencing a tough fiscal year. This request is being submitted under R.S.47:1906 E(1) to either seek authority to get reimbursed for expenses by the Police Jury who then invoices each taxing entity their proportionate share of the expenses or to request an "advance" of funds from the Police Jury and School Board. (Total funds requested is \$55,000 (Police Jury \$19,481.40 and School Board \$35,518.60). Motion seconded by Mr. Bouley and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to EHS to accept a \$300.00 donation from Elton Woodman of the World Camp 1135. Funds to be used to help defray expenses for COVID19 sanitation supplies. Motion seconded by Mr. Bruchhaus and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to WHS Athletics to accept a \$170.00 donation from Golden Age of Welsh. Funds to be used towards the purchase of supplies for the WHS Athletic Program. Motion seconded by Mr. Bouley and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to WHS Band to accept a \$310.00 donation from Christopher and Leslie Giggar. Funds to be used towards the purchase of supplies for the WHS Band Program. Motion seconded by Mr. Trahan and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to LHS to accept the following donation from the Cardinal Backers:

1. \$25,000.00 to be used for all sports at LHS.
2. \$ 3,309.09 to be used to pay yearly bill of the The Therapy Center for athletic trainers.

Motion seconded by Mr. Leger and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to JES to purchase on state contract from TROX 14 Interactive Panel Boards (\$3,045.00 each) plus software (no cost) and fourteen mobile stands (\$5,040.00 each) for a total cost of \$47,670.00. To be paid from Maintenance #2. Motion seconded by Mr. Arceneaux and unanimously carried.

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Grant permission to WAR to accept a \$1,300.00 donation from the WAR PTO. Funds to be used towards offsetting the cost of WAR spirit shirts and jackets. Motion seconded by Mr. Bouley and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to Danielle Simien, Curriculum Coordinator to purchase 6 site renewal licenses for the renewal of the online ACT Workkeys Curriculum for EHS, WHS, LHS, LAHS HHS AND JHS (\$1,500.00 each) and for a total cost of \$9,000.00. This is for students to prepare for the Workkeys exam. Scoring at the silver level or above will afford students the opportunity to earn TOPS TECH award, count towards the school and district's accountability as well as assist students in satisfying graduation requirements necessary for their Jumpstart pathway. To be paid from General Fund. Motion seconded by Mr. Leger and unanimously carried.

The following committees had no reports to present:

**Insurance - David Doise, Chairman**

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

**Transportation - Greg Bordelon, Chairman**

**Policy - Phillip Arceneaux, 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 Mr. Doise, seconded by Mr. Dees and unanimously carried to consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in School District No. 3 (Hathaway) of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Motion by Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Dees and unanimously carried to approve the following non-faculty coach for the 2020-21 school year upon completion of LHSAA coaching course certification and Board policy requirements:

- A. Curtis Dickens, LAHS boys basketball.

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Motion by Mr. Bruchhaus, seconded by Mr. Segura and unanimously carried to approve the following non-faculty coach for the 2020-21 school year upon completion of LHSAA coaching course certification and Board policy requirements.

- A. Mike Guillory, EHS girls basketball and girls track.

Motion by Mr. Arceneaux, seconded by Mr. Leger and carried, with Mrs. Perry and Mr. Segura voting against, to grant permission to the Board to offer Optional Student Electronic Device Protection on the Strong Start provided Chromebooks that we will assign to all students for school and home usage as needed. The optional protection program allows parents to purchase an inhouse policy that would cover the repairs of the individual's Chromebook in case of normal usage accidents. Lost, stolen, water damaged or intentionally destroyed devices are not covered in the policy.

Motion by Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Mrs. Perry and unanimously carried grant permission to the The Child Nutrition Program to accept a grant from the Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry Campaign in the amount of \$92,000 to support our program for COVID related expenses. These funds will be used to offset the existing purchases of reach in refrigerators and freezers and for a new freezer at the Food Service Warehouse due to the extra storage space needed because of the Grab and Go meal distributions.

Motion by Mr. Doise, seconded by Mr. Leger and unanimously carried to grant permission to the Child Nutrition Program to solicit bids for a 40' refrigerated container for use at the Food Service Warehouse.

## **DISCUSSION**

- A. Due to the rise in COVID cases and CDC restrictions, should we not have the December 17, 2020 meeting at Lake Arthur High School as previously planned. Discussion on time if changed.

After discussion, motion by Mr. Segura, seconded by Mr. Bruchhaus to have the December 17, 2020 School Board Meeting at Central Office at 6:00 p.m.

- B. Update on plan to return all students to face to face instruction 5 days per week.

## **INFORMATION**

1. Condolences are extended to the families of:
  - A. Bernice Blair, Central Office Special Education Secretary, who retired in 2017, with 30.10 years of service.

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2. Congratulations to the 2020 Principals of the Year:  
Elementary - Amy Treme - Welsh Elementary  
Middle - Frances LeBlanc - Fenton Elementary School  
High - Selena Gomes - Jennings High School

3. Congratulations to the 2020 Teachers of the Year:

**ELEMENTARY**

Jennifer Howell - EES  
Sabrina Meche - FES  
Kim Sonnier - HHS  
Amanda Broussard, JWES  
Maria Miller - JES  
Ann Nunez - LHS  
Jill Ortego - LAE  
Jenny McNabb - WES

**MIDDLE**

Lisa Verret - EHS  
Michelle Sawyer - HHS  
Dianna Hopper - JHS  
Amie Matte-Cobb - LHS  
Heidi Duplantis - LAHS  
Leslie Giggar- WRJH

**HIGH**

Kim Espirit - EHS  
Virginia Bertrand Turner - HHS  
Aaron Raspberry - JHS  
Christy Oliver - LHS  
Macy Istre - LAHS  
Hubert Gautreaux - WHS

4. Congratulations to the 2020 Support Persons of the Year:

**ELEMENTARY**

Katina Crochet - EES  
Shirley Lemonia - FES  
Ginger Brown - HHS  
Jerome Dugas - JWES  
Donna West - JES  
Kimberly Richard - LHS  
Charlotta Benoit - LAE  
Alice Arceneaux - WES

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**MIDDLE**

Brandon Shallow - EHS  
Sheila Fruge - HHS  
Dianna Parsley - JHS  
Tara Bourgeois - LHS  
Adam Anthony, III - WRJH

**HIGH**

Tessa Deshotel - EHS  
Samantha Gary - HHS  
Michelle Abraham - JHS  
Roy Broussard - LHS  
Cecilia Jernigan - LAHS  
Lila Durio - WHS

A reception will be held in the Spring of 2021 to recognize all.

**PERSONNEL CHANGES**

**A. Personnel changes:**

**APPOINTMENTS**

1. Alice Duhon, LAE Cafeteria Tech, 10/12/20, re: R. Sauble termination.
2. Yvette Maple, LHS SPED Para, 11/2/20, re: new position.
3. Gabrielle Peltier, WHS Business Teacher, 10/30/20, re: Lorna Bertrand.

**EXTENDED MEDICAL**

1. A. Moore, WAR Teacher, 08/05/20 to 11/11/20.
2. A. Prejean, JWES Clerical Aide, 10/30/20 to 11/17/20.
3. C. Rubin, JWES Cafeteria Tech, 10/08/20 to 11/9/20 and 11/09/20 to 11/20/20.
4. P. Maynard, HHS Cafeteria Tech, 11/2/20 to 11/30/20.
5. N. Reed, WHS Cafeteria Tech, 09/28/20 to 11/09/20.
6. J. Agent, LAHS Teacher, 08/19/20 to 11/09/20.
7. C. Langley, EHS Teacher, 10/14/20 to 01/14/21.

**RESIGNATION**

1. Lorna Bradford, WHS Teacher, 10/30/20.
2. Trenton Baggett, JHS Teacher, 01/05/21.

**TERMINATION**

1. R. Sauble Vincent, LAES Cafeteria Tech, 10/06/20.

**RETIREMENT**

1. G. Daniel, JHS Cafeteria Tech, 11/20/20.

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

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**ADJOURN**

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