



JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA

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JENNINGS, LOUISIANA

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AGENDA MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

LIVE REMOTE ACCESS (COVID19 PANDEMIC)

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) 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 recorded. The live-stream link will be available after the meeting on the district website at www.jeffersondavis.org.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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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II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

III. ROLL CALL FOR DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM.

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IV. APPROVAL OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 10, 2020, AND THE REGULAR MEETINGS ON NOVEMBER 19, 2020.

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V. VOTE TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF TOPICS TO BE ADDRESSED AND TO ADD NEW ITEMS NOT ON THE ORIGINAL AGENDA.

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VI. ELECTION OF 2021 SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.

- A. Superintendent Credeur, School Board Secretary, calls for nominations for office of School Board President.
- B. School Board President, calls for nominations for office of School Board Vice-President.

VI. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE - REQUESTS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, JAMES SEGURA, CHAIRMAN, THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD:

- 1. Grant permission to contribute \$7,500.00 to the Jeff Davis Arts Council "Arts in Education" program. To be paid from General Fund.

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- 2. Grant permission to Danielle Simien, CTE Supervisor to pay the Fall tuition for dual enrollment students to SOWELA Technical Community College in the amount of \$11,915.00. This fee will be covered with SCA (Supplemental Course Academy/Course Choice) funds.

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- 3. Grant permission to WHS Student Council, to accept a \$2,170.00 donation from 2020 Homecoming Dance Committee. Funds to be used towards the purchase of supplies for school improvements and convention expenses.

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- 4. Grant permission to WHS Volleyball Program, to accept a \$180.00 donation from the Volleyball Parents Committee. Funds to be used towards the purchase of supplies for the volleyball program.

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- 5. Grant permission to WHS Football Program, to accept a \$500.00 donation from Jerry Warden. Funds to be used towards the purchase of supplies and equipment for the football program.

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- 6. At the March 19, 2020 Board Meeting, the board passed the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board Declaration of Public Emergency that declares "in accordance with the Governor's declaration, any bidding requirements of the Louisiana Public Bid Law (La. R.S. 38:2212 et seq) applicable to any purchases related to the School Board's response to the coronavirus outbreak being suspended." The Child Nutrition Program would like permission to accept the quote from Chalmette Container Sales Rentals, LLC for a 40' refrigerated cargo

unit at the price of \$36,950 (original quote was \$39,450). This price includes delivery and offloading to the Food Service Warehouse. Two other requests for quotes were obtained from Advanced Container (none available), and Aztec Container (\$28,987, under the condition that we will offload. Awaiting quotes for Offloading. To be paid out of the School Lunch Fund with funds provided by the Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry Campaign grant.

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- Grant permission to HHS to purchase four 75" TruTouch NewLine boards from Troxell Communications on state contract at a cost of \$12,180.00. To be paid from Maintenance #3.

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- Grant permission to Wilbert Gilbeaux, Transportation Supervisor, to have 6 Fuel Injectors replaced on Bus 292, a 2015 Blue Bird Vision, at a cost of \$7,759.17. To be paid from General Fund.

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- Grant permission to WHS Football program to accept a \$4,255.00 donation from Point to Point Directional Drilling. Funds to be used towards the purchase of an industrial washing machine for the WHS Athletic Program.

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- Grant permission to WHS Football program to accept a \$810.00 donation from St. Louis Catholic High School. Funds to be used towards the purchase of an industrial washing machine for the WHS Athletic Program.

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- Grant permission to WHS Boys Basketball Team to accept a \$470.00 donation from Dayna Hall. Funds to be used towards the purchase of supplies and equipment for the WHS Boys Basketball Program.

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- Grant permission to LAHS Varsity Cheer Program to accept a \$1,470.00 donation from the Lake Arthur HOCO Committee. Funds to be used for the LAHS Varsity Cheer Program to help offset expenses.

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- Grant permission to LAHS Boys Basketball Program to accept a \$1,500.00 donation from LJS Services. Funds to be used for the LAHS Boys Basketball Program to help offset expenses.

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14. Grant permission to LAES to accept the quote of Trox Igniting Curiosity in the amount of \$3,240.00 (\$540.00 each). Other quotes received from Detel Computer Solutions \$4,050.00 (675.00 each) and CDWG \$4,200.00 (\$700 per cart). To be paid from Maintenance #1.

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15. Grant permission to HHS to accept a \$2,388.76 donation from Hathaway Lil Dribblers to purchase boys basketball shoes and \$5,813.82 to purchase girls basketball uniforms.

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16. Grant permission to JHS to accept the following donations:
1. Football team \$600.00 from Jennings Alumni to pay for costs of painting the football field.
 2. Various sports \$11,000.00 to help defray program costs.
 3. Varsity Cheerleaders and Jazzers \$2,410.00 from several anonymous donors to pay for a charter bus for the to attend the Lutcher football game.

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- B. Insurance - David Doise, Chairman
 C. Building & Grounds - Terry Leger, Chairman
 D. **POLICY COMMITTEE - REQUESTS FROM THE PHILLIP ARCENEUX, POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, JAMES SEGURA, CHAIRMAN, THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD ADOPT THE FOLLOWING POLICIES OR REVISIONS:**

STAFF: Ben Oustalet, Staff Liaison/Curriculum Supervisor

- A. Approve the following policies brought to you by Forethought Consulting:

1. **School Board Policy File: BD** Effective November 2020
 La. Rev. Stat. 17:416.8 requires the establishment of a *Discipline Policy Review Committee*. The policy *School Board Policy* has been revised to clarify that the School Board does not appoint the committee, but establishes it in accordance with statutory guidelines.
2. **Discipline File: JD** Effective Upon Approval
 Act 48 revised La. Rev. Stat. Ann. 17:416 to require that a School Board's discipline policy "clearly define the rules of conduct and expectations of students engaged in virtual instruction." *Virtual instruction* is defined by statute as "instruction provided to a student through an electronic delivery medium, including, but not limited to, electronic learning platforms that connect to a student in a remote location to classroom instruction." The *Discipline* policy has been revised to include a new section *Discipline of Students Engaged In Virtual Instruction*; and the definition of *virtual instruction* added to the end of the *Definitions* section.
3. **Suspension File: JDD** Effective November 2020
Expulsion File: JDE

Another change made by Act 48 to La. Rev. Stat. 17:416 provides the parent or tutor of a student who is recommended for expulsion the right of review by the School Board within five (5) days even if the recommendation for expulsion is reduced to a suspension. Parents/tutors of a student who receives an adverse ruling of the School Board may then appeal the matter to the district court within ten (10) days, even if the recommendation for expulsion is reduced to a suspension.

Language has been added to both the *Suspension* and *Expulsion* policies to reflect this statutory change.

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- E. Transportation Committee - Greg Bordelon, Chairman
- F. 16th Section-Charles Bruchhaus, Chairman
- G. Ward II (Ad Hoc) - Donald Dees, Chairman
- H. Legislative Liaison - Donald Dees, Chairman
- I. Food Service Committee - Malon Dobson, Chairman

VII. SALES TAX REPORT - by Amber Hymel, Tax Collector.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Adopt the following Resolution of Recognition for outgoing District Attorney, Michael Cassidy, who has served as legal counsel for the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board for thirty years:

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, MICHAEL CASSIDY has served as legal counsel for the Jefferson Davis Parish School System for thirty years.

WHEREAS, his loyalty, leadership, and dedication to the Jefferson Davis Parish School System in fulfilling his duties and legal knowledge have brought credit to the system, and served as an example and inspiration to his colleagues.

WHEREAS, his spirit of Public Service has been in the finest tradition of democratic government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board in regular session on the 17th day of December, 2020, that said Board recognizes and commends MICHAEL CASSIDY for his faithful legal service in representing the Board. 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 on this 17th day of December, 2020.

/s/ JODY SINGLETARY
President

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2. Name newly-elected District Attorney Kevin Millican as the legal counsel for the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board, effective upon his oath of office in January, 2021.

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3. Approve the following non-faculty coach for the 2020-21 school year upon completion of LHSAA coaching course certification and Board policy requirements.
 - A. Devaughn Davis, EHS basketball.

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4. Declare the following HHS items as surplus and send to the next available auction:

1. 8 (g) HHS Detel 30 unit laptop cart.

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***** ADDENDUM TO NEW BUSINESS**

1. Approve the following non-faculty coach for the 2020-21 school year upon completion of LHSAA coaching course certification and Board policy requirements.

- A. Jada Bradley, WHS girls basketball.

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IX. INFORMATION

1. Condolences are extended to the families of:
 - A. Peggy Seilhan, EHS Cafeteria Manager, who retired in 2016 with 9 years of Service.
 - B. Hubert "Sonny Boy" Thomas, EHS Custodian who retired in 2003, with 25 years of service.
2. From OGB: The ever changing costs of healthcare requires OGB to occasionally make changes to our health plans in order to continue to provide our members with the coverage they are accustomed to. Therefore, effective January 1, 2021, premium rates for the Pelican and Magnolia plans will increase by 5.5 percent. Vantage Health Plan also will raise their rates by 6 percent.
 -----The insurance department has been working diligently to make sure all employees and retirees are aware of the increase. Mrs. Kershaw has mailed letters to retirees giving them notice of an increase and she plans to mail out letters with the amount to be withheld from their retirement check by the end of the month.

X. PERSONNEL CHANGES

A. Personnel changes:

APPOINTMENTS

1. Cindy Wilks Morse, EHS Teacher, effective 01/04/21, re: Debra Bruchhaus resignation.
2. Skakeena Celestine, JHS Cafeteria Tech, effective 12/01/20, re: Geri Daniels retirement.
3. Kyle LeBlanc, HHS Custodian, effective 12/14/20, re: Eric Crochet resignation.
4. Joseph Trahan, HHS Custodian, effective 12/14/20, re: Aaron Sonnier lateral transfer.

TRANSFER

1. Ronald Carnahan, LHS extra sub Custodian to LHS Full-time Custodian, effective 01/04/21, re: Allen Duplantis resignation.
2. Aaron Sonnier, HHS Custodian to WAR Custodian, effective 12/17/20, re: Adam Anthony, IV resignation.

EXTENDED MEDICAL

1. N. Reed, Welsh Schools Cafeteria Tech, 11/10/20 to 11/30/20 and 12/01/20 to 12/06/20.

2. P. Maynard, HHS Cafeteria Tech, 12/01/20 to 04/14/21.
3. A. Prejean, JWES Clerical Aide, 11/18/20 to 12/18/20.
4. A. Foreman, LHS Paraprofessional 11/20/20 and 11/30 to 12/04/20 and 12/7/20 to 12/18/20.
5. A. Smith, JWES Cafeteria Tech, 11/20/20 to 04/29/21.
6. P. Thibodeaux, LAHS Bus Driver, 11/02/20 to 03/15/21.

RESIGNATION

1. Debra Bruchhaus, EHS Teacher, 12/18/20.
2. Craig Castille, JHS Teacher/Coach, 02/26/21.
3. Adam Anthony, IV, WAR Custodian, 11/12/20.
4. Eric Crochet, HHS Custodian, 11/21/20.
5. Allen J. Duplantis, LHS Custodian, 01/01/21.
6. Neal Pruchomme, Child Nutrition Warehouse Driver Helper, 12/1/202.

DISABILITY RETIREMENT

1. Jacqueline Slate, EHS Cafeteria Tech, with 13 years of service.

XI. SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Motion to enter into Executive session.

1. To discuss status and strategy relative to the following litigation:
Roma Lynn Bergeron vs. Jefferson Davis Parish School Board
Suit # C-051220 - Jefferson Davis Parish

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B. Motion to resume in regular session.

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XIII. ADJOURN

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW, A COPY OF THIS AGENDA ADDENDUM WAS POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE AT THE MEETING PLACE OF SAID BOARD WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020 BY 4:00 P.M.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT DEBBIE AT 337-824-1834 DESCRIBING THE ASSISTANCE THAT IS NECESSARY.