



JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA

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JENNINGS, LOUISIANA

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AGENDA MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 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 (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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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 REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 15, 2020, AND THE SPECIAL MEETINGS ON OCTOBER 19, 2020 AND OCTOBER 22, 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. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

1. 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.

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2. 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.

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3. 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.

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4. 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.

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5. 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.

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6. 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.

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7. 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.

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8. 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)

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9. 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.

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10. 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.

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11. 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.

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12. 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.

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13. 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.

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14. 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.

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15. 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.

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- B. Insurance - David Doise, Chairman
- C. Building & Grounds - Terry Leger, Chairman
- D. Policy- Phillip Arceneaux, Chairman
- 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. 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.

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2. 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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***** 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. Mike Guillory, EHS girls basketball and girls track.

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2. Permission is requested from 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.

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3. The Child Nutrition Program would like permission 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.

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4. Grant permission to the Child Nutrition Program to solicit bids for a 40' refrigerated container for use at the Food Service Warehouse.

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

X. 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.
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 Giggarr- 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

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.

XI. 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.

XII. SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Motion to enter into Executive session.

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B. Motion to resume in regular session.

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XIV. 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, NOVEMBER 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.