

**JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
NOVEMBER 17, 2022**

The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board met in Regular session at 203 E. Plaquemine Street, Jennings, LA 70546, on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., with the following School Board members present: President, James Segura, Members, Vice-President, Paul Trahan, Phillip Arceneaux, Greg Bordelon, Charles Bruchhaus, Donald Dees, Terry Leger and Denise Perry

Absent: Jason Bouley, David Capdeville, Malon Dobson and Jody Singletary and Superintendent Hall.

Virtual: David Doise

Legal Counsel Virtually Present: Lauren Heinen.

The meeting was called to order by President Segura.

An invocation by Cayl Doise, Sr. at Elton High School, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag led by FFA students from Elton and Jennings High Schools.

Roll call was done by Mrs. Debbie Abshire. Mrs. Abshire verified that there was one request for the virtual link and no requests for public comment.

Motion by Mr. Dees, seconded by Mr. Leger and unanimously carried to approve the School Board minutes of the Regular meeting on October 20, 2022.

Motion by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Bruchhaus 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.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

1. Sydney Bruchhaus, Sr. at EHS and the Louisiana FFA State Secretary introduced the following:
  - A. Jennings FFA members performed very well at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis last month.  
3rd Place, National Agronomy  
Tyler Demary--2nd overall individual  
Brennon Gary--8th overall individual  
Michael O'Brien--11th overall individual  
Ardyn Jardell--16th overall individual  
All four members are gold emblem. Tyler, Brennon, and Michael all earned scholarships for their placing.

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Additionally, Tyler, Brennon, and Ardyn all scored high enough on the Certified Crop Advisors Exam to earn credits toward becoming a crop consultant. They will be provided with internship opportunities during the summer to earn hours toward their certification.

12th Place/Gold Emblem, National Nursery/Landscaping  
Haiden Hearod  
Nicholas Rasberry  
Jacque Person  
Owen Oliver

Haiden Hearod earned a gold emblem in individual as well.

Silver Emblem in Floriculture  
Thomas Knight  
Ava Clark  
Abby Ortego  
Jackson Hendrix

Thomas Knight earned a gold emblem for his performance.

Isaac Lejeune and Jillian Lantz were bronze emblem in Creed Speaking and Prepared Public Speaking, respectively.

Tyler Demary and Thomas Knight join a very select list of Louisiana FFA members to ever earn a gold emblem in two National FFA Contests. To my knowledge, only 8 students from Louisiana have ever accomplished this feat!

Also, Tyler Demary is the only student from Louisiana to finish in the top 10 of two national contests as an individual. He was 10th place at the National FFA Land Judging competition last May and the National Runner-Up in Agronomy this fall.

- B. Elton FFA had the following winners at the National FFA Convention in October:
- Farm Business Management- Gold Emblem Individuals- Tanner LaComb and Cayl Doise; Silver Emblem Individuals- Christian Moreno and Josh Woods. This team ranked Silver Emblem as a team.

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Conduct of Chapter Meetings- Silver Emblem Team- Kenzly Shuff, Maverick Manuel, Maci LaFosse, Angelica Rivera, Avery Deshotel, Caroline Robinson, and Kharrington Thomas

Kaleb LeMoine made it to the final round in the National FFA Officer Selection Process!

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

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

Grant permission to EHS to accept the following donation:

- A. Home Bank - \$500.00 - to EHS School Athletics - for weight room improvements.
- B. Home Bank - \$500.00 - to EHS Jr. Beta - for National Convention.

Motion seconded by Mr. Bruchhaus and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to HHS to accept the following donation:

- A. Various HHS girls basketball parents - \$1,809.00 - to be used for travel expenses, gameday expenses and other expenses \ that arise for the girls basketball team.

Motion seconded by Mr. Bruchhaus and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to JHS to accept the following donations from:

- A. JHS Alumni Tournament to JHS Athletic Department- \$15,000.00 - to be used for expenses in the following Athletic Programs:

1. Softball	\$2,500.00
2. Boys/Girls Track Program	\$2,000.00
3. Swim Program	\$ 800.00
4. Tennis Program	\$1,200.00
5. Golf Program	\$1,000.00
6. JHS Athletic Weight Room	\$7,500.00
- B. Kara Monvoisin in memory of Ernest & Cheryl Maggiore - \$1,345.00 - to purchase tennis travel bags.
- C. Fred B. & Ruth B. Zigler Foundation - \$1,000.00 - to Roscoe's Room Food Pantry to purchase supplies.
- D. JHS Band Boosters to JHS Band- \$2,330.00 - to be used the help defray yearly expenses.

Motion seconded by Mr. Arceneaux and unanimously carried, with Mr. Segura recused from voting.

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Grant permission to LHS to accept the following donations:

- A. Saltzman Family to FFA - \$5,000.00 - to be used for expenses

Motion seconded by Mr. Leger and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to WHS to accept the following donations:

- A. Anonymous to Colorguard- \$90.00 - to be used for yearly expenses.

Motion seconded by Mr. Leger and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to the Department of Special Services to purchase resources and materials from School Specialty (i.e. Sound Sensible & SPIRE) to address the academic needs of our students with disabilities (K-12th grade students with disabilities that display dyslexic characteristics and have reading foundational skill deficits). (Sole Source Letter Provided) Fund Source: ACHIEVE 611 ARP - 300/IPRE - \$4,500.00 - 600/ITUT - \$80,028.58 - Total \$84,478.58. Motion seconded by Mr. Bordelon and unanimously carried.

JDP Students with Disabilities (6th-12th grade) will be attending the Special Olympics ~ Bowling Event on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at Petro Bowl in Lake Charles, LA. Grant permission to use funds that The Department of Special Services received as a donation from the 2022 Ivy Woods Golf Tournament. Cost to be approximately \$1,500.00. Motion seconded by Mrs. Perry and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to the Department of Special Services to order Verkada indoor cameras (video and audio). Each camera includes a 10 year license and a 10 year warranty. The cameras were ordered from Howard Technologies to address Act 588 - Cameras in Special Education Classrooms Policy and Procedures. Act 167 - Fund for SPED Cameras was awarded through EGMS to our district to purchase the referenced cameras for our SPED classrooms that meet the criteria. Total - \$22,388.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Leger and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to JHS to purchase a new school marquee for the front of the school from Acme signs at a cost of \$39,421.71. Other quotes received from Golden Rule (\$66,939.10) and Stewart Signs (\$57,503.00). This will replace the current sign that no longer works. To be paid from Ward II Maintenance. Motion seconded by Mrs. Perry and unanimously carried.

**POLICY COMMITTEE:**

The following recommendation was made by Mr. Phillip Arceneaux, Policy Committee Member, that the School Board adopt the following policy changes recommended by forethought consulting:

- 1. CAMERAS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSROOMS: File IDDFC – NEW POLICY (Effective: upon approval)**

In 2021 legislation was passed creating La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §17:1948, relative to parental requests for cameras to be placed in certain

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classrooms. The legislation was contingent on such request and also required available funding. Act 588, revised the statute making it mandatory for each School Board to adopt policies relative to the installation and operation of cameras that record both video and audio in a classroom no later than December 31, 2022, and submit the policies to the state Department of Education no later than January 15, 2023. The policy Cameras in Special Education Classrooms includes references to the required procedures, including how parents can request the installation and operation of cameras, a procedure for approval or denial of a request, and procedures for parents who request to review a recording.

Motion seconded by Mr. Dees and unanimously carried.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:**

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

Grant permission to purchase on State Contract from Ross Bus Sales (2) new 2024 71 passenger Bluebird Vision diesel buses at a cost of \$112,846.30 each. The total cost for the 2 buses is \$225,692.60. To be paid from ESSR funds. Motion seconded by Mr. Leger and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to purchase on State Contract from Ross Bus Sales (1) new 2023 54 passenger Bluebird Vision diesel lift buses at a cost of \$137,330.38. To be paid from ESSR funds and Grant permission to purchase on State Contract from Ross Bus Sales (1) new 2024 54 passenger Bluebird Vision diesel lift buses at a cost of \$145,568.38. This bus will be paid from ESSR funds. The total cost is \$282,898.76. Motion seconded by Mrs. Perry and unanimously carried.

The following committees had no reports to present:

**Insurance - Malon Dobson, Chairman**

**Building & Grounds - David Doise, Chairman**

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

**Ward II - Phillip Arceneaux, Chairman**

**Long Range Planning - Donald Dees, Chairman**

**Legislative Liaison - Donald Dees, Chairman**

**Food Service - Terry Leger, Chairman**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Mr. Leger, seconded by Mr. Trahan and unanimously carried to consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution authorizing the advertising for electronic bids for the purchase of One Million Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,475,000) of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2023, of School

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District No. 5 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Motion by Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Trahan and unanimously carried to consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution authorizing the incurring of debt and issuance of One Million Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,475,000) of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2023, of School District No. 5 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Bonds; designating the date, denomination and place of payment of said Bonds; providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

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

1. Joseph Lett - WHS Baseball
2. Summer Ceaser - EHS Basketball

Motion by Mr. Leger, seconded by Mr. Dees and unanimously carried to grant permission to Mrs. Christin Legros, Finance Director, to begin the procedure to seek an Architect of Record for the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board and schedule interviews before the Building & Grounds Committee in January.

**INFORMATION**

**1. Congratulations to the 2022-2023 Teachers of the Year:**

**Elementary**

Elton Elementary	Tyler Chachere
Hathaway High	Kim Sonnier
Jennings Elementary	Kristen Meaux
Lacassine High	Erica LeBlanc
Lake Arthur Elementary	Mechelle Paquette
Welsh Elementary	Erica Hoag

**Middle**

Elton High	Nicholas Benoit
Fenton Elementary	Aerial Storer
Hathaway High	Renee Fruge
Jennings High	Erin Dugas
Lacassine High	Marie Willis
Lake Arthur High	Elizabeth Vallo
Welsh Roanoke	Justin Welch

**High**

Elton High	Kalita Watson
Hathaway High	Jodi Deshotel
Jennings High	Carrie Klein

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Lacassine High  
Lake Arthur High  
Welsh High

Christine Richard  
Ashley Lutyhe  
Tarra Kull

**2. Congratulations to the 2022-2023 Support Employees of the Year:**

**Elementary**

Elton Elementary  
Fenton Elementary  
Hathaway High  
Jennings Elementary  
Lacassine High  
Lake Arthur Elementary  
Welsh Elementary

Ashley Hebert  
Meghann Williams  
Wallace "Wally" Moss  
Alicia Prejean  
Erica Leckelt  
Sushanna Onellion  
Danielle Broussard

**Middle**

Elton High  
Hathaway High  
Jennings High  
Lacassine High  
Lake Arthur High  
Welsh Roanoke

Brittany Thomas  
Devon Richard  
Patricia Seymour  
Laura Istre  
Roderick Williams  
Camille Landry

**High**

Hathaway High  
Jennings High  
Lacassine High  
Lake Arthur High  
Welsh High

Christy Jardell (Hine)  
Christian Blair  
Joella Chadwick  
Sabrina Zaunbrecher  
Haley Pole

3. Condolences are extended to the family of Mrs. Marlene Royer, Calcasieu Route Bus Aide who retired in October, 2010 with 25 years of service.
4. Condolences are extended to the family of Mrs. Linda Guillory, Welsh School Bus Aide who retired in December, 2016 with 31 years of service.
5. The December meeting of the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board will be held at Jennings Elementary at 1603 S. Lake Arthur Avenue, Jennings, LA 70546 on December 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

**PERSONNEL CHANGES**

**A. Personnel changes:**

**APPOINTMENTS**

1. Carolyn Rubin, Welsh Schools Cafeteria Tech, 10/10/22, re: Sheila Benoit transfer.
2. Willie D. Berry, LHS Bus Operator, 10/14/22, re: Inez Goodley resignation.
3. Esther Derise, JES Cafeteria Tech, 10/21/22, re: Cassandra Rubin retirement.
4. Donna Dauphine, JES Cafeteria Tech, 10/21/22, re: Kim Lopez resignation.

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**TRANSFERS**

1. Michael Trahan, EHS SPED Teacher to EES Homebound SPED Teacher, 12/12/2022.
2. Morgan Woods, LAES PE Teacher to LAES Teacher, 11/28/22, re: Doreen Harrington Fontenot retirement.

**LEAVES**

1. T. Trahan, HHS Teacher, 09/29/22 to 12/28/22.
2. L. Pitre, WHS Cafeteria Tech, 11/15/22 to 01/02/23.
3. M. Breaux, Welsh-Roanoke Teacher, 10/10/22 to 10/31/22.
4. V. Sandiferd, HHS Bus Operator, 11/11/22 to 02/28/22.
5. V. Bertrand Turner, HHS Teacher, 11/11/22.

**SABBATICAL LEAVE**

5. V. Bertrand Turner, HHS Teacher, 01/02/23 to 05/26/23.

**RESIGNATION**

1. Kiara Johnson, JHS Teacher, 10/24/22.
2. Jackie Abshire, HHS Custodian, 10/27/22.
3. Danielle Simon, JES Paraprofessional, 11/02/22.
4. Caesar R. Nunez. JES Teacher, 11/19/22.
5. Jazzmin Evans, Instructional Coach, 10/14/22.
6. Carmen Blackwell, JHS Cafeteria Tech, 11/02/22.
7. Kimberly Lopez, JES Cafeteria Tech, 10/26/2022

**RETIREMENTS**

1. Peter Jules Theunissen, LHS Teacher, 03/21/23, with 43 years of service.

**CURRICULUM UPDATE BY SUPERVISOR BY MRS. RORY MYERS**

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

1. Supplemental Checks
2. Teacher of Year and Support Person of Year
3. Congrats to the Principals of the Year
  1. Maura Guillory - Elementary
  2. Michael Fontenot - Middle School
  3. Brant Smith - High School
4. Thankful for the JDPSB organization

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Bordelon, and seconded by Mr. Trahan and unanimously carried to enter into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. Mr. Oustalet asked that all Board Members, himself, Ms. Heinen, Mrs. Legros and Mrs. Abshire remain for Executive Session.



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Motion by Mr. Leger, seconded by Mr. Dees and unanimously carried to resume in regular session.

**ADJOURN**

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

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/s/ James Segura, President

ATTEST:

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/s/John Hall, 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.