



JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA
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POLICY COMMITTEE AGENDA
MEETING TIME: Tuesday, May 9, 2023
after 5:00 p.m. Finance meeting

FILE: BCB - SCHOOL BOARD MEETING RULES OF PROCEDURE
An individual speaker who appears at a School Board meeting to speak on an agenda item must register prior to the meeting, and will be allotted three (3) minutes to speak on the agenda item prior to School Board discussion on the agenda item.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL FOR DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Chairman, Russell Walker, Phillip Arceneaux, David Doise, Summer LeJeune, and Greg Patterson.

Roll Call for Policy Committee Members for determination of a quorum:

Walker, Chair	Arceneaux	Doise	S. Lejeune	Patterson
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Roll Call for Other Members present:

Bord	Bruchhaus	Dobson	Frey	Jones	P. Lejeune	Petry	Trahan
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III. VOTE TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF TOPICS TO BE ADDRESSED AND TO ADD NEW ITEMS NOT ON THE ORIGINAL AGENDA.

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IV. Adopt the following revised policies:

1. These policy changes are recommended by Forethought Consulting:

1. **TELECONFERENCE/REMOTE PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS:**

File: BCAD

Effective: upon approval

The Teleconference/Remote Participation in School Board Meetings policy has been revised to reflect statutory language included in La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §42:17.2.1, which states that a member of a public body with a disability recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act shall be allowed to participate and vote in a meeting via electronic means, as defined in La. Rev. Stat. §42:17:2. As included in the policy: "Meeting via electronic means shall mean a meeting occurring via teleconference or video conference."

2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS:**

File: BCBI

Effective: upon approval

In revising La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §42:17.14, the legislature requires each public body with such capability, to allow a member of the public with a disability recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act or

his/her designated caretaker to participate in meetings via teleconference or video conference. The Public Participation in School Board Meetings policy has been revised to include basic information stating that a person who requests such participation must certify that they meet the definition of a person with a disability recognized under the Americans with Disabilities Act when they submit, prior to public meetings, their requests to participate.

3. **SCHOOL AND STUDENT SAFETY:**

File EBBB

Effective: upon approval

Act 164 changed the guiding statutes La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§17:409.2 et seq., known as the School and Student Safety Act. The School and Student Safety policy has been revised to include a new statutory definition for “risk is imminent” as well as to reflect changes to the reporting requirements.

4. **ATTENDANCE:**

File JB

Effective: upon approval

BESE requires that provisions for taking attendance for remote or hybrid instruction be included in the Attendance policy. The information added to the Attendance policy is based on Bulletin 741, Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators, Section 1104, Remote Instruction.

5. **STUDENT ABSENCES AND EXCUSES:**

File JBD

Effective: upon approval

Act 318 of the 2023 Louisiana Legislature added a new provision to La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §17:226 that allows three (3) days of excused absences related to students’ mental or behavioral health, if certification is provided in writing in accordance with the student handbook. The Act also revised other related statutes to require that each School Board post the National Suicide Prevention hotline number and a local suicide prevention number, if available, on its website, and on student identification cards (if they are issued).

6. **ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION:**

File JGCD

Effective: upon approval

Act 694 of 2018 revised La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §17:436.1 and gave the School Boards an option to include the use of naloxone in case of an opioid overdose emergency. Language has been added to

the Administration of Medication policy to allow such use by trained personnel in case of emergencies.

7. CARPOOL AND BUS LINE SAFETY:

New Policy EDCB

Effective: upon approval

Act 362 added language to La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §17:81 which requires that School Boards establish policies for carpool and bus line safety for any school that includes any of the grades Kindergarten-5.

8. CONTINUOUS LEARNING:

New Policy IDCJ

Effective: upon approval

The School and Student Safety policy has been revised to include a Continuous Learning Plan, which shall be posted to the School Board’s website.

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2. The following policy changes are recommended by Jefferson Davis Parish School Board.

CLASS RANKING AND HONOR GRADUATES:

File IHC

Effective: upon approval

Beginning with the incoming 2023-2024 Freshman cohort (2026-2027 Seniors): The calculation of the grade point average (GPA) will use a five - (5.0) point scale for grades earned in the BESE/Board of Regents approved courses for Advanced Placement (AP), Honors and Dual Enrollment and we will go from honoring valedictorian and salutatorian to honoring honor graduates.

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V. DISCUSSION:

1. Possible changes to the policy regarding authorized expenditures.
2. Possible changes to the policy regarding donations.

V. ADJOURN

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