

**JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
NOVEMBER 16, 2023**

The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board met in Regular session on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at 203 E. Plaquemine Street, Jennings, LA 70546, with the following School Board members present: President, Paul Trahan, Members, Vice-President, Phillip Arceneaux, Greg Bordelon, Charles Bruchhaus, Malon Dobson, David Doise, Paula LeJeune, Summer LeJeune, Greg Patterson, Blake Petry and Russell Walker.

Absent: Blake Frey and Janet Jones (virtual)

Legal Counsel: Lauren Heinen (virtual)

The meeting was called to order by President Trahan.

An invocation was given by Board Member, Mrs. P. LeJeune, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag led by Board Member, Mr. Bruchhaus.

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

Motion by Mr. Bordelon, seconded by Mr. Patterson and unanimously carried to approve the School Board minutes of October 19, 2023.

Motion by Arceneaux, seconded by Mr. Dobson 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. Phillip Arceneaux, Finance Committee Chairman, that the School Board:

Grant permission to EES to accept the following donations:

1. First Guaranty Bank - \$100.00. To be used for SWPBIS Program.
2. Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana - \$8,000.00. To be used for school needs.

Motion seconded by Mr. Bruchhaus and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to EH to accept the following donations:

1. Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana - \$22,000.00. To be used for school needs.

Motion seconded by Mr. Bruchhaus and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to LAHS to accept the following donations:

1. Lake Arthur Tigerette Daneline Boosters - \$3,223.07. Funds to be used to offset expenses.

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2. Lake Arthur Tigerette Danceline Boosters - \$6,000.00. Funds to be used to offset expenses.
3. Lake Arthur Womens' Library Club - \$500.00. Funds to be used for library to help cover rewards for students and for purchase of new books.

Motion seconded by Mr. Dobson and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to WHS to accept the following donations:

1. Emmalee Mallett - \$50.00. Funds to be used towards softball travel expenses.
2. Welsh Basketball Club - \$8,935.00. Funds to be used for Basketball uniforms and travel gear.
3. Welsh Lil Dribblers - \$500.00. Funds to be used for Girls Basketball uniforms and travel gear.
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5. Kade Kelly - \$50.00. Funds will be used for SWPBIS hound coins for student incentives.
6. Sno B's Express- \$650.00. Funds will be used for Band music and instrument repairs.

Motion seconded by Mr. Petry and unanimously carried, with Mr. Arceneaux recused from vote.

Grant permission to WAR to replace fence and backstop behind the school and accept the quote received from Prince Fence, LLC in the amount of \$5,811.42). To be paid from CSD #1 Contingency. Motion seconded by Mr. Petry and unanimously carried.

Approve the recommendation of the Finance Director, Mrs. LeGros, and the Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Oustalet, to issue a one-time, state allocated differentiated compensation payment to all qualifying teachers employed as of close of business, December 1, 2023. The state has allocated \$186,815 to assist with addressing the unique market needs in the recruitment and retention of teachers for Jefferson Davis Parish. The payment amount will vary from \$350 to \$1,250 depending on qualifications of each recipient. The total cost for this distribution, including benefits, will be approximately \$186,500 at no cost to our General Fund. Checks will be distributed on Wednesday, December 20, 2023. Motion seconded by Mrs. S. LeJeune and unanimously carried.

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Grant permission to JWCE to accept the quote from Mercy Contracting, LLC of \$63,350.00 for installation of fencing around the location. Other quotes received from A-1 American Fence, Inc. (\$75,950.00) Prince Fence, LLC (\$92,914.97) and Roussel Painting, LLC (\$115,124.00). To be paid from School Connections Safety Grant. Motion seconded by Mr. Bordelon and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to FES to accept the following donation:

1. Gulf South - \$500 - Funds to be used for student supplies.

Motion seconded by Mr. Walker and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to the Finance Director, Christin LeGros, to pay an invoice to KevGroup in the amount of \$19,080.00. This covers the cost of the school activity funds software program for the 2024 year. To be paid from General Fund. Motion seconded by Mrs. S. LeJeune and unanimously carried.

The following committees had no reports to present:

**Insurance - Charles Bruchhaus, Chairman**

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

**Policy Committee - Russell Walker, Chairman**

**Transportation - Greg Bordelon, Chairman**

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

**Ward II Committee - Phillip Arceneaux, Chairman**

**Legislative Liaison - Greg Bordelon, Chairman**

**Long Range Planning - Malon Dobson, Chairman**

**Food Service - Greg Patterson, Chairman**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Mr. Arceneaux, seconded by Mrs. P. LeJeune and unanimously carried to grant permission to accept Change Order No. 1 on the JDPSB - Jennings Ward II Improvements Phase 2 Demo & Abatement

Change Order #1 for \$20,500.00 reduction and adding 0 days:

Bid Changes as follows:

The Original Contract Sum was	\$1,560,000.00
The net change by previously orders	\$ .00
The Contract Sum prior to this Change Order	\$1,560,000.00
The Contract Sum will be decreased by	\$ 20,500.00

**The new Contract Sum including  
this Change Order will be \$1,539,500.00**

The Contract Time will be increased by zero days (0) days

The new date of Substantial Completion will be **September 29,  
2023**

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Motion by Mrs. S. LeJeune, seconded by Mr. Dobson and unanimously carried to declare the following items as surplus and send to the next available public auction:

1. CNP Program - Whirlpool Washer Machine from JHS, model WTW4800XQ4; serial #C31540928
2. CNP Program - Amana dryer from JHS, model #NED4600YQ1, serial #M41928069

Motion by Mr. Doise, seconded by Mr. Bruchhaus and unanimously carried to approve the following out-of-state travel request:

1. LAHS Leadership Team to attend the Josten's Renaissance in Houston, TX from 11/28/23 to 11/29/23. Expenses to be paid by Title II.
2. Superintendent John Hall, Dr. Virginia Sherrill, Rory Myers, Amy Treme, Frances LeBlanc and Dr. Kieran Coleman to travel to Dallas, TX for the NIET (National Institute for Excellence in Teaching) National Conference from 02/28/24 to 03/01/24. To be paid from ESSER funds.
3. JHS Sr. Environmental Science class and teachers to travel to Houston, TX to the Houston Museum of Natural Science on 01/11/24. At no expense to the Board.
4. WHS Student Council and sponsors to travel to Almeta Crawford High School in Houston, TX to increase student achievement/ improve culture. At no expense to the Board.
5. WHS leadership team (Mark Deshotel, Kayla Deshotel and Kade Kelly) to travel to Houston, TX November 28 & 29, 2023 for the Josten's Renaissance Regional Conference. To be paid with WHS Title II funds.

Motion by Mr. Petry, seconded by Mr. Doise and unanimously carried to approve the following non-faculty coaches for 2023-2024 upon completion of LHSAA coaching course certification and Board policy requirements.

1. Cutter Tonn, LHS Baseball
2. Christine Landry, LHS Tennis & Track

Motion by Mr. Dobson, seconded by Mr. Walker and unanimously carried to grant permission to accept Change Order No. 2 on the JDPSB - Fenton

Elementary School Renovations

Change Order #1 for additional days required due to unexpected soil conditions encountered.

Bid Changes as follows:

The Original Contract Sum was	\$1,385,000.00
The net change by previous orders	\$ 29,733.00
The Contract Sum prior to this Change Order	\$1,414,733.00
<b>The new Contract Sum including this Changer Order</b>	<b>\$1,414,733.00</b>

The Contract Time will be increased by Thirty days (30) days

The new date of Substantial Completion will be **Friday, October 27, 2023**

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**INFORMATION**

1. Condolences are extended to the families of:
  - A. Connie Dartez, JHS Cafe Tech, who retired in 2015 with 17 years of Service.
  - B. Nina Devilbiss, West End Elementary Teacher, who retired in 1993, with 31 years of service.
2. Announcement of Public Meeting  
Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at Elton High School, 903 Second Street, Elton, Louisiana, the Parish School Board of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling elections to be held in (i) School District No. 1 of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana and (ii) Welsh-Roanoke Consolidated School District No. One (1) of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, State of Louisiana to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds.
3. The Department of Special Services will be hosting the 2nd Annual 2023 Special Olympics ~ Young Athletes on January 26, 2024 from 8:30am - 11:30am at Jennings High School - Gymnasium for SWDs grades Prek-2nd grade. We will be funding the event from funds that The Department of Special Services received as a donation from donated funds from the Ivy Woods Golf Tournament. Approximately: \$2,507.33.
4. The Department of Special Services will be hosting the 2nd Annual 2023 Transition Expo on December 7, 2023 from 5:30pm - 7:30pm at Jennings High School - Cafetorium. Any appropriate expenses that incur from the Transition Expo will be funded from funds that The Department of Special Services received as a donation from donated funds from the Ivy Woods Golf Tournament.
5. JDP Students with Disabilities will be attending the 2023 Special Olympics ~ Bowling Event at Petro Bowl in Lake Charles, LA. We will be using funds that The Department of Special Services received as a donation from the 2023 Ivy Woods Golf Tournament. Approximately: \$1,315.00
6. The December meeting of the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board will be held on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at Elton High School, 903 2nd Street, Elton, LA 70532.
7. Congratulations to the following 2024 Principals of the Year:  
Elementary Division: Mrs. Nikki Arabie- Welsh Elementary  
Middle School Division: Mrs. Emily Davis- Fenton Elementary  
High School Division: Mrs. Amanda Smith- Lake Arthur High School

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8. Congratulations to the following 2024 Teachers of the Year:

**Elementary**

Elton Elementary	Devin May
Fenton Elementary	Susan Wirtz
Hathaway High	Candice Hebert
Jennings Elementary	Bethany Delome
Lacassine High	Hannah Miller
Lake Arthur Elementary	Gabrielle LeJeune
Welsh Elementary	Meaghanne Viator

**Middle**

Elton High	Kayla McKay
Hathaway High	Renee Fruge
Jennings High	Maria Miller
Lacassine High	Lindsey Hollier
Lake Arthur High	Dina Bourgeois
Welsh Roanoke	Elanea Golmaryami

**High**

Elton High	James McKay
Hathaway High	Jesse Thibodeaux
Jennings High	Todd Miller
Lacassine High	Gabrielle Larson
Lake Arthur High	Macy Istre
Welsh High	Stephanie Gautreaux

9. Congratulations to the following 2024 Support Employees of the Year:

**Elementary**

Elton Elementary	Katina Crochet
Fenton Elementary	Theresa Landry
Hathaway High	Avery Monceaux
Jennings Elementary	Krystal Boudreaux
Lacassine High	Bonnie Waguespack

Lake Arthur Elementary	Ashlee Guin
Welsh Elementary	Corey Jolie

**Middle**

Fenton Elementary	Theresa Landry
Hathaway High	Christy Jardell
Jennings High	Jessica LeGros
Lacassine High	Britny Soileau
Welsh Roanoke	Jaydin Andrepont

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**High**

Elton High	Sheila Benoit
Hathaway High	Joby Richard
Jennings High	Deidra Reed
Lacassine High	Tara Bourgeois
Lake Arthur High	Shonita Brister
Welsh High	Brooke Bryant

**PERSONNEL CHANGES**

**A. Personnel appointments as determined by the Superintendent:**

1. Name **KERRY SOLARI**, JES Assistant Principal, 11/27/2023 re: Aaron Trahan resignation.

**B. Personnel changes:**

**APPOINTMENTS**

1. John Arceneaux, Jr. JHS Cafeteria Tech, 10/18/23, re: new position.
2. Yolanda Victorian, WHS Cafeteria Tech, 10/30/23, re: Jeannell Jones resignation.
3. Cheyenne D. Benoit, JES Cafeteria Tech, 10/23/23, re: Marla Fontenot transfer.
4. Lauren Smith, EHS Teacher, 11/15/23, re: Megan Fontenot resignation.

**TRANSFERS**

1. Marla Fontenot, JES Cafeteria Tech to EHS Cafeteria Tech, 10/19/23, re: Tracy LaRue leave.

**MEDICAL LEAVES**

1. L. Comeaux, WES Custodian, 10/03/23 to 10/23/23.
2. J. Agent, LAHS Teacher, 10/03/23 to 01/08/24.
3. P. Langley, WES Para, 10/23/23 to 01/23/24.
4. G. Larson, LHS Teacher, 01/08/24 to 03/04/24.
5. M. Adams, JWCE Teacher, 11/16/23 to 11/17/23.
6. A. Benoit, JES Cafeteria Tech, 11/01/23 to 01/02/24.
7. A. Bagwell, JWCE, 10/25/23 to 02/15/24.

**MATERNITY LEAVES**

1. G. Larson, LHS Teacher, 01/08/24 to 03/04/23.

**RESIGNATION**

1. Aaron Trahan, JES Assistant Principal, 12/01/23.
2. Lisa Bergeaux, JHS Cafeteria Tech, 10/31/23.
3. Victoria Pitre, FES Cafeteria Tech, 11/13/23.
4. Heidi Cox, JWCE Teacher, 11/13/23.

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**TERMINATION**

1. Tracy LaRue, EHS Cafeteria Tech, 11/13/23.

**LEAVE WITHOUT PAY**

1. Kayli Scogin, 10/26/23 to 10/27/23 and 11/09/23.
2. Paula Fruge, 10/19/23 (½ day pm), 10/20/23, 10/25/23, 10/26/23, 10/31/23 and 11/01/23 , 11/10/23 1/2pm ,11/14/23 (½ day am).
3. Katherine Krielow, LHS SLP, 11/02/23, 11/6/23, 11/08/23.
4. Shanice Hunter, 10/24/23, 10/25/23, 11/03/23.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURN**

There being no other business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Dobson, seconded by Mr. Bruchhaus and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 6:22 pm.

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/s/ Paul Trahan, 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.