

**JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
DECEMBER 14, 2023**

The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board met in Regular session on Thursday, December 14, at 10:00 a.m. at Elton High School, 903 2nd Street, Elton, LA 70532, with the following School Board members present: President, Paul Trahan, Members, Vice-President, Phillip Arceneaux, Charles Bruchhaus, Malon Dobson, David Doise, Paula LeJeune, Summer LeJeune, Greg Patterson, Blake Petry and Russell Walker. Absent: Greg Bordelon, Blake Frey and Janet Jones  
Legal Counsel: Lauren Heinen

The meeting was called to order by President Trahan.

An invocation was given by EHS Senior and Louisiana FFA State Area III Vice President, Ryleigh Shuff, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag led by EHS FFA Sr. Officer, Kaleb Poullard.

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

Motion by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Doise and unanimously carried to approve the School Board minutes of November 16, 2023.

Motion by Mrs. P. Lejeune. seconded by Mr. Patterson 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.

**RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Welcome by Elton High School Principal, Mrs. Amy Gobert.
2. Student presentation by Shai Greymountain, Kason Pruitt, Lizzie Williams and Laylah Fontenot.

**ELECTION OF 2024 SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.**

President Trahan turned the meeting over to Superintendent Hall for election of President.

Motion by Mr. Arceneaux, seconded by Mr. Walker to nominate Mr. Paul Trahan for president.

Motion by Mr. Bruchhaus and seconded by Mr. Dobson and unanimously carried that nominations cease.

Mr. Paul Trahan unanimously elected as President for 2024.

Meeting was returned to President Trahan.

Motion by Mr. Doise, seconded by Mr. Bruchhaus to nominate Phillip Arceneaux as Vice-president.

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Motion by Mr. Dobson and seconded by Mr. Doise and unanimously carried that nominations cease.

Phillip Arceneaux was unanimously elected as Vice-President for 2024.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

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

Grant permission to EHS to accept the following donation:

1. Elton Athletic Association - \$1,134.06. Funds to be used by boys basketball to defray the cost of expenses.

Motion seconded by Mr. Bruchhaus and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to JHS to accept the following donation:

1. Anonymous donor - \$19.00 - to JHS Roscoe's Food pantry.

Motion seconded by Mr. Patterson and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to LAHS to accept the following donations:

1. Faster Cajun Network - \$500.00. Funds to be used for football program to help defray expenses.
2. Lake Arthur High School Varsity Club - \$500.00. Funds to be used for football program to help defray expenses.
3. Lake Arthur High PTO - \$1,700.00. Funds to be used for Student Council Club to help defray expenses.

Motion seconded by Mr. Dobson and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to LAHS to accept the quote from Hahn Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$19,439.00 (all materials and labor) for repairs/replacement of bleacher seats in main gym. Other quotes received from Kyle Recreation \$25,455.00 and Dyna-Play (\$22,207.00). To be paid from Maintenance #1. Motion seconded by Mr. Dobson and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to WES to accept the State Contract quote of \$29,100.00 from Insight Incorporated to install new bleachers for the gym. To be paid from CSD Contingency Funds. Motion seconded by Mrs. S. LeJeune and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to WHS to accept the following donations

- A. Funds for Dazzlers to attend Nationals in Orlando, FL:
  1. Charles Abell - \$1,000.00
  2. Billy Navarre - \$100.00
  3. Charles Navarre - \$100.00
  4. Supreme Rice - \$100.00

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5. Unsigno - \$50.00
  6. Sam Fontenot - \$150.00
  7. Anonymous - \$85.00
  8. RW Petree - \$135.00
  9. The Bank - \$400.00
  10. Welsh Donuts - \$150.00
  11. Jason Kibodeaux - \$150.00
  12. Provincial Homebuilders - \$200.00
  13. Grandma's Garden - \$200.00
  14. Jordan Bebee- \$200.00
  15. Melissa Calloway - \$200.00
  16. Mark Dodge - \$250.00
  17. Jill VanNess - \$100.00
  18. Paul Cline - \$100.00
  19. Stephen Guillotte - \$500.00
  20. Cash Donations - \$1,000.00
  21. Tracey Guidry - \$100.00
  22. Amy Scalisi - \$100.00
  23. Cash donations - \$1,000.00
  24. Davidson Lawn - \$100.00
  25. Morgan Watkins - \$500.00
  26. Darrel Faulk Trucking - \$100.00
  27. Rachel Daigle - \$200.00
  28. Anonymous - \$300.00
- B. Funds to be used for Tennis teams
1. John & Dayna Hall - \$980.00
  2. Kyle Farms - \$20.00

Motion seconded by Mr. Walker and unanimously carried.

Grant permission to JDP Department of Special Services to accept a \$2,250.00 donation from the Knights of Columbus - Jennings Council 2012. Funds to be used for Special Olympics expenses. Motion seconded by Mr. Petry and unanimously carried.

Accept the lowest bid from K&J Development in the amount of \$2,578,000.00 for the renovations at Elton Elementary School. Other bids received were from E. L. Habetz @ \$3,630,000.00, Pat Williams Construction @ \$2,585,000.00, Clause Construction Co. @ \$2,990,000.00, Trahan Construction @ \$2,739,000.00 and Russell J Stutes @ \$2,752,000.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Bruchhaus and unanimously carried.

Accept the lowest bid from Hornsby Sports Turf in the amount of \$ 598,530 for renovations to Jerry Simmons Stadium field. Bids were opened on December 12, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Other bids received from Athletic Turf Solutions @ \$624,000, Bayou Irrigation @ \$710,000, and Next Generation Sports Surfaces @ \$745,983. To be paid from Ward II Construction and Sinking Fund. Motion seconded by Mrs. S. Lejeune and unanimously carried.

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Grant permission to JHS to purchase a John Deere Reel Mower at a cost of \$44,208.06 on state contract (#4400025219) from LA LawnCare, Golf, Turf Equipment. To be paid from Ward II Contingency Fund. Motion seconded by Mrs. P. 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. Christian Legros, Finance Director.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Mr. Bruchhaus, seconded by Mr. Doise and unanimously carried to approve the following resolution for Superintendent Hall to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for funds allocated from the State to Elton High School.

**Resolution**

**RESOLUTION OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD AND ELTON HIGH SCHOOL**

**RESOLVED** that the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board hereby authorizes John Hall, Superintendent of Jefferson Davis Schools, to execute the State of Louisiana Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Act 397 for and on behalf of Elton High School and also be authorized to sign, initial, accept or execute all documents in connection with the transaction.

**CERTIFICATE**

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, President of the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a correct copy of the of the Resolution of the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board and Elton High School, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

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Paul Trahan, PRESIDENT

Motion by Mr. Petry, seconded by Mr. Walker and unanimously carried to approve the following resolution for Superintendent Hall to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for funds allocated from the State to Lacassine High School.

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**Resolution**

**RESOLUTION OF JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD AND LACASSINE HIGH SCHOOL**

**RESOLVED** that the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board hereby authorizes John Hall, Superintendent of Jefferson Davis Schools, to execute the State of Louisiana Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Act 397 for and on behalf of Lacassine High School and also be authorized to sign, initial, accept or execute all documents in connection with the transaction.

**CERTIFICATE**

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, President of the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a correct copy of the of the Resolution of the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board and Lacassine High School, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

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Paul Trahan, PRESIDENT

Motion by Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. Walker and unanimously carried to grant permission to Superintendent Hall and Engineer Byron Racca, with Meyer & Associates, to seek bids for the Lacassine High School Softball and Baseball field complex.

Motion by Mrs. P. Lejeune, seconded by Mr. Dobson and unanimously carried to approve the following non-faculty coaches for 2023-2024 upon completion of LHSA coaching course certification and Board policy requirements.

1. Collin Vanicor, WHS basketball
2. Kobi Turner, LAHS Jr. High Football and Track

Motion by Mr. Doise, seconded by Mr. Arceneaux and unanimously carried to approve the following Early Childhood Community Network funding requests for publicly-funded seats for the 2024–25 School year:

The Jefferson Davis Parish Early Childhood Community Network will submit the following coordinated Funding Request for publicly-funded seats for the 2024-25 School Year:

250 Jefferson Davis Parish School Board LA4 Cecil Picard Early at-risk Pre-K Seats

85 Birth through three year old seats for Type III Licensed Child Care Centers in Jefferson Davis Parish

0 NSECD Seats

0 Pre-K Expansion Grant Seats

Motion by Mr. Dobson, seconded by Mrs. P. Lejeune and unanimously carried to grant permission to the Child Nutrition Program to surplus a warmer from Lake Arthur High School (Metro, Model number C599-SDC-U).

Motion by Mr. Bruchhaus, seconded by Mr. Petry and unanimously carried to adopt a resolution ordering and calling special 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 Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds; making application to the State Bond Commission and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

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**INFORMATION**

Congratulations to the following 2024 Parish Support Employees of the Year:

Elementary - Mr. Corey Jolie - Welsh Elementary School

Middle - Mrs. Theresa Landry - Fenton Elementary School

High - Mrs. Deidre Reed- Jennings High School

Congratulations to the following 2024 Parish Teachers of the Year:

Elementary - Ms. Devin May - Elton Elementary

Middle - Ms. Maria Miller - Jennings High School

High - Ms. Macy Istre - Lake Arthur High School

Congratulations to the following 2024 Students of the Year:

**Elementary School Winners- Grade 5:**

**Cecilia Hollier- Lacassine High - Parish level winner**

Gaige Robinson- Elton Elem

Kobe Martin- Fenton Elem

Clare Guinn- Hathaway High

Henry Purcell- Jennings Elem

Deacon Hanks- Lake Arthur Elem

Wyatt McCown- Welsh Elem

**Middle School Winners- Grade 8:**

**Hyacinth Williamson- Welsh-Roanoke Jr. High - parish level winner**

Anna-Leigh Hebert- Elton High

Natalie Rhorer- Fenton Elem

Isabella Marquart- Hathaway High

Lillian Hebert- Jennings High

Madalynn Fruge- Lacassine High

Aubree Guin- Lake Arthur High

**High School Winners- Grade 12:**

**Dane Sonnier- Jennings High School - parish level winner**

Ashley Shallow - Elton High

Ellie LeBlanc - Hathaway High

Lainee Landry - Lacassine High

Vivian Sketoe - Lake Arthur High

Allyson Treme - Welsh High School

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.

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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 2022 Ivy Woods Golf Tournament. Approximately: \$1,315.00

**PERSONNEL CHANGES**

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

1. Name **LACEY AUSTIN**, HHS Assistant Principal, 11/27/23, re: Kerry Solari transfer.

**B. Personnel changes:**

**APPOINTMENTS**

1. Gabrielle Robinson, EHS FACS Teacher, 01/08/24, re: Natalie Montou/Monica Miller resignation.
2. Danielle Lyons, JWCE SPED Teacher, 12/11/23, re: Heidi Cox resignation.
3. Kim Precht, JES Teacher, 11/27/23, re: Pauline Bourne retirement.
4. Bernadine Hardy, LHS SPED Para, 11/27/23, re: Debra LeBlanc Retirement.
5. Donna Andrepont, Welsh Schools Cafeteria Tech, 12/11/23, re: Linda Pitre Resignation.
6. Kay Savant, JES Teacher, 12/12/23, re: Megan Boudreaux transfer.
7. Chaz Campbell, WAR Teacher, 01/08/24, re: Justin Welch promotion.

**TRANSFERS**

1. Lacey Austin, HHS Pre-K Teacher to HHS Assistant Principal, 11/27/23, re: Kerry Solari transfer.

**MEDICAL LEAVES**

1. D. Jardell, School Nurse, 11/13/23 and 12/06/23.
2. B. Miller, FES Para, 12/01/23 to 06/01/24.
3. M. Adams, JWCE Teacher, 11/02/23 to 12/04/23.
4. A. Hornsby, LHS Custodian, 11/13/23 to 02/01/24.
5. T. Linscombe, LAES Teacher, 12/11/23 to 12/12/23 and 11/29/23 to 11/30/23.

**EXTENDED MATERNITY LEAVES**

1. A. Monceaux, HHS School Counselor, 03/04/24 to 04/15/24.

**LEAVE WITHOUT PAY**

1. Katherine Krielow, LHS SLP, 12/13/23 and 01/09/24.

**RESIGNATION**

1. Kelly Pitre, Pupil Appraisal Speech Therapist, 01/08/24.
2. Carra Bellard, HHS Cafeteria Tech, 01/08/24.

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**RETIREMENT**

1. Julie Agent, LAHS Teacher, 01/09/24, with 21.5 years of service.
2. Wendell Wade Marcantel, Behavior Attendance Interventionist, 02/02/24, with 26 years of service.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURN**

There being no other business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Dobson, seconded by Mr. Petry and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 10:46 am.

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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.