

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA 203 E. PLAQUEMINE STREET JENNINGS, LOUISIANA (337) 824-1834 AGENDA MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024 at 5:45 p.m.

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. INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

III. ROLL CALL FOR DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM.

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IV. VOTE TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF TOPICS TO BE ADDRESSED AND TO ADD NEW ITEMS NOT ON THE ORIGINAL AGENDA.

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V. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve the following resolution opposing state legislation establishing Education Savings Accounts (ESAs):

RESOLUTION

A Resolution expressing opposition to state legislation establishing Education Savings Accounts (ESAs), including House Bill 745 which creates the LA GATOR Scholarship Program, that provide public dollars for private school tuition and educational expenses and to urge the Jefferson Davis Parish legislative delegation to vote **NO** on any bill proposing an Education Savings Account, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, there is a renewed and concerted effort at the legislature to pass bills that will give public funds directly to parents to be used for private school tuition and other educational expenses with little to no oversight; and

WHEREAS, for the past 20 years, the state has failed to adequately fund K-12 public education; and

WHEREAS, during that same period the state has continuously placed new accountability demands on both our students and our schools; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Davis School Board provides free public K-12 education to any student who resides in our school district within the guidelines set by both the state and federal government; and

WHEREAS, diverting public dollars to private schools and other programs through Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) without fully funding public schools disadvantages our students and schools; and

WHEREAS, providing public dollars to ESAs without requiring the same state accountability testing imposed on public school students is irresponsible public policy.

THEREFORE, the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board does hereby express its OPPOSITION to legislation creating and/or funding Education Savings Accounts.

FURTHER, the Jefferson Davis School Board directs the superintendent of the Jefferson Davis Parish School System to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to each member of the legislative delegation of Jefferson Davis Parish.

Passed and adopted at Jennings, Louisiana on this 27th day of March, 2024.

Paul Trahan	n, President			
ATTEST:				
John Hall, S	Secretary			
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VI. INFORMATION

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Motion to enter into Executive session.

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B. Motion to resume in regular session.								
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IX. ADJOURN

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