



**JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA**  
**203 E. PLAQUEMINE STREET**  
**JENNINGS, LOUISIANA**  
**(337) 824-1834**  
**AGENDA MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**LIVE REMOTE ACCESS (COVID19 PANDEMIC)**

The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board welcomes public input as to all agenda items which it considers and understands the inconvenience which COVID-19 guidelines impose. In an effort to meet within the CDC recommendations and to comply with the Governor’s orders (Phase III), while at the same time providing the opportunity for public comment, the Board will adhere to the following procedures at its meetings:

1. Capacity limitations of 30 persons (First preference to Board Members and necessary staff) will be followed in the Board Room at its normal meeting place in Jennings, LA;
2. Public participants wishing to become an active part of the meeting agenda must request written permission (via email to [debbie.abshire@jdpsbk12.org](mailto:debbie.abshire@jdpsbk12.org)) no later than one day prior to the meeting date. Individual speakers are granted three minutes to speak when public comment is acknowledged.
3. Once public participants have submitted a written request to speak, they will receive the active participant link via email.
4. This is a live remote-access meeting for public participation. Video and audio will be recorded throughout the entirety of this meeting and will be archived.
5. As this is a live remote-access meeting, all active speakers are to adhere to professional meeting etiquette. Please refrain from using any profane language or making derogatory remarks aimed at any individual or group.
6. This meeting will be moderated for all active participants. Any active participant not adhering to the guidelines set forth in this document will be muted or removed from the meeting (depending on extent of violation).
7. Active participants are asked to mute their microphones when not speaking. Unmuted participants (not actively speaking or asked to speak) will be muted by the moderator.
8. During the meeting, questions can be submitted using the “Chat” feature (comment bubble icon). All questions submitted in the “Chat” feature will be visible to all participants and should adhere to the same guidelines as outlined in number 2 on this page.
9. This meeting will be recorded. The live-stream link will be available after the meeting on the district website at [www.jeffersondavis.org](http://www.jeffersondavis.org).

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**A. President or presiding officer certifies the following:**

- A. Governor has declared a State of Emergency (Phase III)**
- B. Nature of Emergency could cause more than 30 persons present in the Boardroom to be detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the Public in order to adhere to social distancing guidelines;**
- C. This is a live remote-access meeting for public participation. Video and audio will be recorded throughout the entirety of this meeting and will be archived.**
- D. This meeting will be recorded. The live-stream link will be available after the meeting on the district website at [www.jeffersondavis.org](http://www.jeffersondavis.org).**

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**III. ROLL CALL FOR DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM.**

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**IV. APPROVAL OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON MARCH 18, 2021.**

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

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**VI. RECOGNITION OR PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Congrats to Lake Arthur High School Girls Basketball Team and Coaches, 2021 Class 2A State Basketball Champions.
2. Congrats to Hathaway High School Girls Basketball Team and Coaches, 2021 Class B State Runner up Basketball Champs.
3. Congratulations to JHS Principal, Selena Gomes, who has been named a State Principal of the Year semi-finalist.

**VII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Finance Committee - James Segura, Chairman
- B. Insurance - David Doise, Chairman
- C. Building & Grounds - Terry Leger, Chairman
- D. Policy- Phillip Arceneaux, Chairman
- E. Transportation Committee - Greg Bordelon, Chairman
- F. 16th Section-Charles Bruchhaus, Chairman
- G. Ward II (Ad Hoc) - Donald Dees, Chairman
- H. Legislative Liaison - Donald Dees, Chairman
- I. Food Service Committee - Malon Dobson, Chairman

**VIII. SALES TAX REPORT - by Amber Hymel, Tax Collector.**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Grant permission to the Child Nutrition Program to surplus the following items and send to next available auction:
  1. EES washer/dryer unit Whirlpool Model number WET3300XQ1 Serial Number M42320307.
  2. LAE dryer Estate Model number EED4300TQ0 Serial number MW0622508; miscellaneous broken and outdated items from various cafeterias.

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2. Approve the following areas of critical shortage for the 2020-2021 school session: Special Education, Speech Therapist/Pathologist, 6-12 Math, 6-12 Science, 6-12 English, 6-12 Social Studies, 6-12 Business Education, 6- 12 Spanish, 6-12 French, FACS, Bus Driver, Counselor and Administration. These

critical shortage areas will be referenced for purposes of tuition reimbursement and for compas salary schedule and for retire-rehire recommendations.

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3. The May, 2021 Board meeting was previously set for Monday, May 6, with the thought that it may interfere with graduation schedules. We are asking that the calendar be revised and the May, 2021 Board meeting be moved to May 13, 2021.

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4. Adopt the following resolution regarding Sales and Use Tax Collection

**RESOLUTION  
SALES AND USE TAX COLLECTION AND ADMINISTRATION**

WHEREAS, the Article VII, Section 3 of the Louisiana Constitution provides that local sales and use taxes are to be collected by a single collector in each parish;

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 3 also provides for the use of a parish commission or one of the local political subdivisions to serve as the single parish collector of local sales and use taxes;

WHEREAS, the authority to “collect” local sales and use taxes has been determined by the Courts to include the authority to administer the collection, including making decisions as to when to audit persons or businesses thought to be unlawfully evading taxation or, in some cases, collecting sales taxes on transactions and failing to fully remit them to the local collector;

WHEREAS, pre-filed in the 2021 Regular Session is HB 199, which proposes to amend the LA Constitution to allow the Legislature to repeal the authority of local governments to control the collection of local sales taxes and place that authority with the State, a concept often referred to as State Central Collection;

WHEREAS, State Central Collection would have the State taking possession of local tax revenues, withholding an administrative fee, then disbursing the balance down to the School Board or local tax authority;

WHEREAS, State Central Collection poses too great a risk that local education, local public works and local facility maintenance dollars will not be promptly disbursed or that the administrative fee withheld by the State may become a means of resolving State fiscal issues;

WHEREAS, repealing or diminishing the Constitutional authority for local collection of local sales and use taxes will impair the ability of those local collectors to perform the necessary function of auditing vendors to ensure compliance with the legal obligation to collect and remit local sales taxes;

WHEREAS, given the vital role that the proper, effective, and efficient collection of local sales and use taxes plays in the operation of school districts and the education of children, the operation of cities and towns and the operation of police, fire departments, and other public works and maintenance, the local governments has always fought any efforts to repeal, reduce or constrain the

authority of the local collector to collect local sales and use taxes, regardless of who has offered the proposal;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board, by action of its duly elected governing authority, does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Legislature, and in particular the Legislative Delegation of Jefferson Davis Parish to oppose HB 199 and any other Legislative effort to reject any proposal to repeal or impair local sales and use taxes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board, by action of its duly elected governing authority, does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Legislature, and in particular the Legislative Delegation of Jefferson Davis Parish to reject any proposal that repeals, reduces or constrains the authority of the local collector to collect local sales and use taxes;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be provided to each member of the Legislative Delegation of Jefferson Davis Parish, and the Governor of the State of Louisiana.

Passed and adopted at Jennings, Louisiana on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

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**Philip Arceneaux, President**

ATTEST:

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**Kirk Credeur, Secretary**

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**X. DISCUSSION**

1. Request by Richard Metcalf to address the Board to discuss starting a beekeeping program at Hathaway High School.

**XI. INFORMATION**

1. Jefferson Davis Parish Job Fair will be held on Thursday, May 27, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m at the Lacassine High School Gymnasium.

**XII. PERSONNEL CHANGES**

**XIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Motion to enter into Executive session.

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- B. Motion to resume in regular session.

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW, A COPY OF THIS AGENDA ADDENDUM WAS POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE AT THE MEETING PLACE OF SAID BOARD THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021 BY 4:00 P.M.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT DEBBIE AT 337-824-1834 DESCRIBING THE ASSISTANCE THAT IS NECESSARY.