



Board Briefs

A report of the Beauregard Parish School Board meeting

The Beauregard Parish School Board met Thursday, February 11, with Darrin Manuel, Vice President, District 4A, Martha Jackson, District 1, Casey Jones, District 2, Garrett Greene, District 3B, Wesley Taylor, District 3E, Ray Bowman, District 4B, Nikki Weldon, District 5, and Kynlee Farris, Student Representative present.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Timothy Cooley congratulated DHS Principal Harry Hooker for being named the 2021 Louisiana Music Educators Outstanding Administrator of the Year and Daphne Richardson, DJHS Band Director, for being named the 2021 District V Band Director of the Year. He announced that the Discipline Policy Review Committee will meet at the Title I gym on February 23, 2021, at 1:00 PM. He announced the renewal of two-year contracts for: David Wentzel, DJHS Principal, Teresa Parmley, KRH Principal, Scott Cornes, MHS Assistant Principal, Rebecca Hollie, SBUE Assistant Principal, Anthea Fontenot, SBE Assistant Principal, Ashley McBride, DJHS Assistant Principal, and Sallie Ford, KRH Assistant Principal.

Margie Hieronymus, Title I Director, announced that Beauregard Parish will conduct Pre-Kindergarten registration through an online enrollment application for the district from March 15-26, 2021. Parents can enroll their students and upload documents from any device connected to the internet. The application will be available on the BPSB website. In addition, each school in the district with pre-kindergarten programs and the Title I office will host Application Events during that week for parents who would like help with the application process. Detailed information will be shared through print media and social media leading up to the enrollment week.

Hieronymus updated the board on the Head Start Grant Application, stating that the district has been informed that the grant was received. The district has also been assigned a tracking number so that Hieronymus can follow the process of the grant application as it continues through the selection process. She also announced that Head Start applications would still be routed through the BPSB centralized enrollment process because the district is considered the lead agency for pre-school registration whether or not the BPSB Head Start grant application is accepted. Pre-school registration will begin enrollment in the spring following the same procedures as in the past.

Bid for Construction: The board awarded a bid on the Merryville High School Administration and Cafeteria construction project. Three bids were opened, and the board awarded the bid to Pat Williams Construction for the base bid plus Alternate 1 and Alternate 2 totaling \$5,774,000. Construction will begin as soon as weather permits. This project is part of Phase I of the 2019 Capital Improvement Plan approved by the voters of the parish.

E-Rate Services: The board accepted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Category 2 E-Rate services. Three proposals were opened, and the board chose the proposal from Detel for a one-year contract beginning July 1, 2021. Category 2 includes switches, cabling, racks, routers, wireless controllers, software, and installation. BPSB would be responsible for a 20% portion under the E-Rate.

Finance Committee Recommendations: The board approved a motion to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for demographer services for redistricting purposes.

Policy Committee Recommendations: The board approved revisions to File: GBRIB, Sick Leave and waived the waiting period. The revision allows for a physician assistant or nurse practitioner providing health care services in accordance with Louisiana law to issue certification of an employee's sick leave in instances where such certification is required.