



# Board Briefs

A report of the Beauregard Parish School Board meeting

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The Beauregard Parish School Board met Thursday, February 13, 2020, with David Vidrine, president, District 3C, Darrin Manuel, vice president, District 4A, Martha Jackson, District 1, Casey Jones, District 2, Garrett Greene, District 3B, Cassie Henry, District 3D, Wesley Taylor, District 3E, Ray Bowman, District 4B, and Nikki Weldon, District 5 present.

**Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Timothy Cooley recognized Kathleen Storer sixth grade student at Merryville High School, who won first place in the Louisiana Association of Fairs Poster Contest. He also announced that the Discipline Policy Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, March 3, at 1 p.m. at the Title I Center. Student Representative Alternate Rachel Morvant of EBHS presented the Student Representative report. She announced that elementary students are participating in 4-H, the regional science fair, and Mardi Gras activities at their schools as well as Family Math and Science nights and spelling bees. Secondary students are attending the FBLA district conference, participating in blood drives, the state fishing tournament, and literary rallies, as well as sending care packages to troops overseas, donating glasses to the Lions Club, and visiting local nursing homes for Valentine's Day.

Cooley announced that Jennifer Stark has been named Assistant Principal at DJHS, and Brad Parmley as the Administrative Assistant at DHS. Two-year standard contract renewals have been extended to Sonya Greene, Assistant Principal at EBHS, Pam March, Principal at CE, P.J. Crowe, Assistant Principal at CE, and Shawn Baggett, Principal at MHS.

Assistant Superintendent Marlin Ramsey presented a technology overview for the board. Computer Instructional Specialist Dana Daughety walked the board through a Google classroom experience, explaining how Beauregard students in third through twelfth grades are now fully incorporated into the program, accessing their assignments from any device with Google Chrome for school work and home work. Students in grades 6-12 have also been assigned G-Mail accounts through the school.

COO of Server@Work, Micheal Goodwin, gave the board an overview of technology activities over the past year. He emphasized that Beauregard Parish complied completely with state officials during the statewide Cyber Security Ransomware attacks just before school started in August. He pointed out that Beauregard's protection system had already been upgraded and met the state standards, allowing no downtime associated with this incident. He said that the state of Louisiana is ahead of the national curve with a Cyber Security Task Force operating around the clock. He pointed out that 28 servers at end-of-life were replaced over the summer and that fiber wiring issues were evaluated and repaired at all sites. He said that there were 1,000 Windows 7 computers at end-of-life needing to be replaced. Approximately 70% were upgraded leaving 30% needing to be replaced, which they are working on. He also announced that Beauregard Parish has close to a 1:1 ratio of devices to students in third through twelfth grade with 1,500 total Chromebooks and another 3,000 Chrome accessible devices in the schools.

**Committee Assignments:** School Board Committee assignments for 2020 include:

Finance Committee – All members with Darrin Manuel as chairperson

Building and Grounds Committee – Wesley Taylor, chairperson, Ray Bowman, Cassie Henry, Darrin Manuel, and Nikki Weldon

Policy Committee – Cassie Henry, chairperson, Kathy Bruner, Garrett Greene, Martha Jackson, Casey Jones

Calendar Committee – Casey Jones, four-day schools, and Garrett Greene, five-day schools

Discipline Policy Review Committee – Nikki Weldon

**RFP for E-Rate funds:** The board approved a motion to award Request for Proposal (RFP) for Category 2 E-Rate funds to Presidio Networked Solutions, LLC, for a 1-year contract with 4 years voluntary extensions beginning July 1, 2020, in the approximate amount of \$1,169,927.00 Category 2 items include switches, cabling, racks, routers, UPS, wireless controllers, software, and installation. BPSB would be responsible for 20% portion, at approximately \$233,985.40.

**Finance Committee Recommendation:** The board approved a motion to accept the audit reports FYE 19.

**Building and Grounds Committee Recommendation:** The board approved a motion to proceed with the DOTD permitting process and purchase of flashing school zone lights at South Beauregard and East Beauregard.

**Policy Committee Recommendation:** The board approved a motion to continue policy File: JS Student Fees, Fines and Charges, without modifications for the 2020-2021 school year.