



# Board Briefs

A report of the Beauregard Parish School Board meeting

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The Beauregard Parish School Board met Thursday, January 9, 2020, with David Vidrine, president, District 3C, Darrin Manuel, vice president, District 4A, Martha Jackson, District 1, Casey Jones, District 2, Kathy Bruner, District 3A, Garrett Greene, District 3B, Wesley Taylor, District 3E, Ray Bowman, District 4B, and Nikki Weldon, District 5 present

**Election of 2020 Officers:** The board re-elected David Vidrine to serve as President and Darrin Manuel to serve as Vice-President for the 2020 term.

**Student Representative to the Board:** The board seated the 2020 Student Representative to the School Board, Brylee Cooley of Merryville High School. Brylee will attend meetings throughout the year to represent the students of the parish as a non-voting member of the board. She will also report to the board on activities concerning the students of the parish schools. In her absence, alternate representative Rachel Morvant of East Beauregard High School will take her place. Supervisor Larry Hollie recognized outgoing Student Representative Courtney Smith for her service to the board in 2019 before seating Brylee for the new term.

**Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Timothy Cooley recognized four schools for outstanding achievement in the Louisiana LEAP2025 and Early Childhood Network assessments and presented each with a banner to display at their schools. South Beauregard High School was recognized for earning an "A" rating with a performance score of 93 for the 2018-2019 state assessments. K.R. Hanchey was recognized for earning an "Excellent" rating in the Early Childhood Network (ECN) assessments. Singer High School was recognized for earning an "Excellent" rating and receiving a "Top Gains" rating in the ECN assessments. Merryville High School was recognized for receiving a "Top Gains" rating in the ECN assessments.

After being introduced as the 2020 Student Representative, Brylee Cooley reported to the board the schools across the parish as gearing up for state assessments, basketball is in full swing, and Harvey Rabbit will be visiting elementary students in the near future.

Tiffany Koch, school liaison from Fort Polk, reported that guidelines for the DODEA grants have been released and she will be meeting with BPSB staff in the near future to see how the Beauregard school system can qualify for DODEA funding.

Superintendent Cooley reported that Andrew Duplechin has been named Assistant Principal at Singer High School, no longer in the "acting" position. He also announced renewed contracts for Mark Weldon, principal of East Beauregard Elementary, Harry Hooker, principal of DeRidder High School, Terrie Smith, SFS Director and CT Supervisor, Alanna Bradford, assistant principal of East Beauregard Elementary, and Stephanie Spikes, assistant principal of Pine Wood Elementary.

**Request for Proposal:** The board approved a motion to reward the Request for Proposal for E-Rate Wide Area Network (WAN) services to Detel Wireless for 10GB up to 20GB in increments as required to meet the needs of users for a contract service of three years with two years of voluntary extensions, effective July 1, 2020.