



Board Briefs

A report of the Beauregard Parish School Board meeting

The Beauregard Parish School Board met Thursday, September 12, 2019, with David Vidrine, president, District 3C, Martha Jackson, District 1, Casey Jones, District 2, Garrett Greene, District 3B, Cassie Henry, District 3D, Wesley Taylor, District 3E, and Nikki Weldon, District 5 present.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Timothy Cooley and Director of Curriculum Kim Hayes announced that three schools have been recognized by the Louisiana Department of Education as "Outstanding Schools" for showing Top Growth in the 2019 assessments. Pamela March, Principal of G.W. Carver Elementary, Debbie Dixon, Principal of Pine Wood Elementary, and Mark Weldon, Principal of East Beauregard Elementary along with representatives from their schools received a banner to display at their school in recognition of the accomplishment.

He announced that enrollment numbers are comparable to numbers from this time last year and that the district is on track to maintain an enrollment for MFP purposes similar to last school year.

He announced that contracts for Jason Thibodeaux, Assistant Principal at DeRidder High School, and Kace Marcantel, Assistant Principal at South Beauregard High School, were renewed, and that Jennifer Stark was selected as Acting Assistant Principal at DeRidder Junior High School.

Budget FYE 2020: The FYE 2020 budget was approved for final adoption after completing the requirements under LA R.S. 39:1307, including public notice, public inspection, public hearing, and general summary.

2019-2020 Beauregard Parish Teachers of the Year: Superintendent Cooley and the School Board recognized the 2019-2020 Beauregard Parish Teachers of the Year and presented each with a plaque. The Beauregard Parish Elementary Teacher of the Year, Susan Wilson of G.W. Carver Elementary, was introduced to the Board by her principal Pamela March. The Beauregard Parish Junior High Teacher of the Year, Laura Matlock of South Beauregard Upper Elementary, was introduced to the board by her principal Wesley Henry. The Beauregard Parish High School Teacher of the Year, Michelle Stark of Merryville High School, was introduced to the board by her principal Shawn Baggett. The Teacher of the Year program is sponsored annually by the Department of Education to honor the state's most exceptional educators.

2019-2020 Beauregard Parish Principals of the Year: Superintendent Cooley and the School Board recognized the 2019-2020 Beauregard Parish Principals of the Year and presented each with a plaque. Superintendent Cooley introduced each to the board. Chad Schulz, Principal of South Beauregard Elementary, is the Beauregard Parish Elementary Principal of the Year. He was also selected as a semi-finalist and as a finalist in the state Principal of the Year program, being recognized as one of the top three elementary principals in the state. Mr. Mike Greene, Principal of Beauregard Alternative Program, is the Beauregard Parish Junior High Principal of the Year. Mr. Harry Hooker, Principal of DeRidder High School, is the Beauregard Parish High School Principal of the Year. The Principal of the Year program is sponsored annually by the Department of Education to recognize the state's top administrators who are committed to student success, demonstrate innovative leadership, and support teachers with the goal of student progress.

Policy Revision: The board approved the new Policy File: IDDDFA, Special Education Advisory Council, with final adoption in October 2019. Prior to January 1, 2020, the Superintendent will create the Special Education Advisory Council to provide advice and recommendations regarding special education policies, procedures, and resources. The committee shall be made up of 50% parents or legal guardians of students with exceptionalities enrolled in a school in the district, 25% teachers, principals, and paraprofessionals, and 25% other special education stakeholders. The Superintendent will name a chairperson who will convene the committee at least three times during the school year subject to the same policies and statutory provisions governing School Board meetings. A written report will be prepared by the Council and given to the Superintendent in May of each year regarding its activities.

The board approved recoding of Policy File: IDDFB (formerly IDDDFA), Service Animals in Schools, with final adoption in October 2019. No changes were made to the policy.