



Board Briefs

A report of the Beauregard Parish School Board meeting

The Beauregard Parish School Board met Monday, February 6, 2017, with David Vidrine, president, District 3C, Charles Hudson, vice-president, District 2, Martha Jackson, District 1, Kathy Bruner, District 3A, L.D. Spears, District 3B, Cassie Henry, District 3D, Wesley Taylor, District 3E, Darrin Manuel, District 4A, Ray Bowman, District 4B, Don Gray, District 5, and Student Representative alternate Danielle Broussard present.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Timothy J. Cooley announced that the 32nd annual Honor Bands concert was held Friday, February 3, with 205 students from across the parish participating. He thanked Instructional Supervisor Eddie Joslin for coordinating the event. He presented the 2015-2016 *Excellence in Education* annual report to the board. He announced that board members had met the requirement for a minimum of six hours annually of Continuing Learning Units (CLUs) as required by Act 705 of the 2010 Louisiana Legislature for a total of 112.5 hours combined for the ten members. He stated that the Discipline Policy Review Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, at 1 p.m. He announced the continuation of contracts for the standard two-year period for Lesia Casanovas, Finance Director, Central Office, Teresa Parmley, Principal of KRH, Sally Ford, Assistant Principal of KRH, Scott Cornes, Assistant Principal of MHS, Shawn Baggett, Assistant Principal of DHS, and Rebecca Hollie, Assistant Principal of SBUE.

Students of the Year: The 2016-2017 Beauregard Parish Students of the Year were presented to the board by their respective principals and given a plaque in commemoration of their achievement. Students are selected from fifth, eighth, and twelfth grades to represent their schools at the parish program. They must have a cumulative 3.5 grade point average and be involved in school and community activities. They participate in an writing and interview as part of the selection process. The three students chosen to represent the district are Baylie Menard of Pine Wood Elementary as the Beauregard Parish Elementary Student of the Year, Hannah Lewis of Merryville High School as the Beauregard Parish Junior High Student of the Year, and Kailey Bailey of East Beauregard High School as the Beauregard Parish High School Student of the Year.

2017 Committee Assignments: Board President David Vidrine appointed the standing committees for the 2017 year:

Finance Committee – all board members with Hudson as chairperson

Policy Committee – Henry as chairperson with Bowman, Jackson, Manuel and Spears with Vidrine serving as alternate

Building and Grounds – Taylor as chairperson with Bruner, Gray, Hudson and Manuel with Vidrine serving as alternate

Discipline Policy Committee – Bruner

Calendar Committee – Jackson and Manuel

EBHS Project: The board considered a motion to engage David Moss of Moss Architects of Lake Charles to develop plans for the weight room project at EBHS. The motion failed 6-4. The process was referred to the Building and Grounds committee.

Policy Revisions: The board approved two policy revisions with final adoption scheduled for March. Revisions are due to legislation. File: JBC, School Admission, added the section “Admission of Students with Special Needs” that addresses disclosure of medical information or special education needs concerning enrollment. File: JQF, Married, Expectant, or Parenting Students detailed issues of enrollment, attendance, and absences related to students who are married, expecting, or parenting stating provisions for students to have the opportunity to earn their education in a supportive environment that promotes high school graduation.