



Board Briefs

A report of the Beauregard Parish School Board meeting

The Beauregard Parish School Board met Thursday, May 11, 2017, with David Vidrine, president, District 3C, Darrin Manuel, vice president, District 4A, Martha Jackson, District 1, Timothy Hudson, interim District 2, Kathy Bruner, District 3A, L.D. Spears, District 3B, Wesley Taylor, District 3E, Ray Bowman, District 4B, Don Gray, District 5, and student representative Tabitha Deer present.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Timothy Cooley reminded the board members that their financial disclosure forms were due by May 15. He thanked Supervisor Eddie Joslin and the vocal music teachers for a successful Honor Choir program. He gave board members copies of the *Beauregard Students' Write*, thanking Kari Ifland, Central Office staff, and ELA teachers for their work in publishing the book. He handed out a list of graduation events for all parish high schools. He congratulated the East Beauregard High School softball team and the DeRidder High School softball team for reaching the state semi-finals, and announced that the South Beauregard High School baseball team had won their quarter-final game and were playing in the semi-final game as he spoke. He announced that the Louisiana Teacher-Leader Summit for Central Office staff, school administrators and teachers will be held June 6-9 with many BPSB employees in attendance. Kim Hayes, Curriculum and Instruction Supervisor, reported to the board that DeRidder High School has been awarded the National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI) Grant due to its military population. The grant covers a three-year, college-readiness program which focuses on improving access to Advanced Placement courses and increasing the number of students earning qualifying scores for college credit. The school will begin the program in the fall of 2017.

Contract Renewal: Superintendent Timothy Cooley announced the renewal of contract for Mac Arthur Spikes, Director of Special Education, from November 14, 2017 – November 13, 2019.

Auditing Services: The board approved a motion to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for independent auditing services for FYE 17, using last year's audit proposal as a template.

EBHS Weight Room: The board approved a motion to accept Champeaux, Evans, and Hotard Architects for services for the EBHS weight room project.

Tax Exemption Resolution: The board adopted a resolution concerning the Industrial Tax Exemption and Projected Tax Impact. The vote is in compliance with new state procedures that delineate local governing bodies have input into the exemptions affecting their locales. The request from PCA involves a five-year exemption for three projects with a renegotiation for a three-year term. Currently, a full exemption is in place and involves three parish entities, all of which must determine a percent exemption independently. At that point, an average of the percent exemptions will be applied for all three entities. The projects involved do not include any new jobs for parish residents. The board voted for a 40% exemption.

Policy Revisions: The board approved a revision policy File: JGB, School Wellness, for final adoption in June 2017. The policy delineates how the system promotes healthy eating and physical activity for all students. The board will establish a *School Health Advisory Council* to advise the board on physical activity, health and physical education, nutrition, and overall student health. The policy shall be reviewed and updated every three years.

Interviewing for Assistant Superintendent: The board went into Executive Session under R.S. 42:17 to interview applicants for BPSB Assistant Superintendent of Schools. The board appointed Marlin Ramsey as the Assistant Superintendent effective under a two-year contract.

June Board Meeting: Due to the Teacher Leader summit scheduled in Baton Rouge, the board moved the June board meetings to Monday, June 5, at 6 p.m. and will conduct both committee and regular business on that night.