



Board Briefs

A report of the Beauregard Parish School Board meeting

The Beauregard Parish School Board met Thursday, October 13, 2016, with David Vidrine, president, District 3C, Charles Hudson, vice-president, District 2, Martha Jackson, District 1, L.D. Spears, District 3B, Cassie Henry, District 3D, Darrin Manuel, District 4A, Ray Bowman, District 4B, Don Gray, District 5, and student representative Kailey Bailey present.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Timothy Cooley announced that October 17-21 has been designated as National School Bus Safety Week. He thanked all personnel who are involved in school bus safety, from bus operators, bus maintenance personnel and bus operational staff to those in the schools who teach and promote bus safety to students.

He announced that the October 1 student count is 5,855, down 13 from the October count last school year. He stated that some school numbers were up and others down. The school count affects that amount of MFP funding that the school district receives from the Louisiana Department of Education.

He stated that the state has allocated \$20 million within the MFP allocation this year, down from \$44 million outside the MFP allocation previously to be divided among the school districts in the state. Beauregard Parish will receive \$190,480 as its share. Of that amount, \$108,536 has been requested to meet high cost IDEA services and \$69,524 has been designated for Supplemental Course Allocations (SCA) for the school year. The remaining \$12,420 can be spent among other designated items. Superintendent Cooley stated that the evaluation funds and sales tax supplements are still in place and not affected by the allocated amount; however, employee incentives given in the past from these funds are affected.

He announced that the state will issue Early Childhood Performance Profiles in late October and School Performance Scores and District Performance Scores in late November.

Student Representative Kailey Bailey reported that the parish high school student council representatives met on September 27 at East Beauregard High School where they discussed the individual projects of each school and how best to work with each other to support those projects on a parishwide basis.

Pupil Progression Plan 2016-2017: The board adopted the 2016-2017 Pupil Progression Plan with the following changes: For the 2017-18 school year and beyond, the grading scale for AP (Advanced Placement), DE (Dual Enrollment), and IB (International Baccalaureate) courses will be on a 10 point scale. Beginning with students entering ninth grade during the 2014-2015 school year and thereafter, the calculation of the TOPS Core Curriculum grade point average will use a 5.0 scale for AP, IB, and DE courses used to complete the TOPS Core Curriculum. The plan addresses requirements of the LEAP assessment program for intervention and remediation of non-proficient students and for acceleration using the Beauregard Virtual Program and Carnegie credit accelerated courses offered in middle school.

SBHS Band Hall: The board approved a motion to award a bid to John D. Myers and Associates, Inc., for \$1,274,400 for the construction of a new band hall on the South Beauregard campus.

Salary Schedule: The board approved a motion to restructure the Maintenance III salary schedule effective October 13, 2016. The new schedule is intended to help meet hard-to-fill needs in the department.

New Policy: The board tabled a motion to adopt new policy File: DIEA, Preservation of School Board Records Due to Legal Action, and to seek an opinion from the board's legal counsel on the policy.

Policy Revisions: The board approved final adoption of Policy File: BH, School Board Ethics. The revisions state that all training of school board members and employees will be provided by employees of the Louisiana Board of Ethics or others authorized to provide such training. It also states that family members of a School Board member or the Superintendent who is employed under the specific conditions listed in the policy may be promoted "to an administrative position" provided the family member has appropriate qualifications and certification.

The board approved final adoption of Policy File: EBBG, Sanitation/Hazardous Substances. The revision states that that the School Board authorizes the Superintendent or his/her designee to establish and maintain regulations and procedures which address the purchase, storage, handling, use, transportation, and disposal of hazardous materials for all schools and related facilities. It further states that regulations and procedures will be in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws.