



# Board Briefs

A report of the Beauregard Parish School Board meeting

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The Beauregard Parish School Board met Thursday, September 8, 2016, 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, Ray Bowman, District 4B, Don Gray, District 5, and student representative Kailey Bailey present.

**Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Timothy Cooley announced that a Bus Driver's Certification Class will be held September 13-16 from 8 am – 4 pm each day. The district is in need of more regular and substitute bus operators. He announced that the after-school Jump Start classes are beginning for Welding at Singer High School with approximately 20 participants and for Pipefitting III at South Beauregard High School for approximately 12 participants. He reminded the board of the LSBA meeting on September 16-17 in Marksville. He told the board about a donation from the Fort Polk Heritage Foundation, presented by Colonel David Athey, Garrison Commander at Fort Polk/JRTC of an historical resource book for junior high and high school libraries entitled "1940: Last Year Home – Stories of the Heritage Families of Camp Polk and Peason Ridge." He announced the renewal of contract with Shawn Demeritt, assistant principal of Singer High School for 2-23-17 to 2-22-19.

Cord Ensminger, Instructional Supervisor, and Joey Bartz, SBHS assistant principal, spoke about the recent "ACT Bootcamp" presented in a two-day session for high school students from across the parish. With last minute online registration, over 600 students participated in the event in advance of the September ACT test date. The workshop was presented at a reduced cost with the anticipation of helping students increase their scores on the ACT exam.

**Teachers of the Year:** The Teacher of the Year program is sponsored annually by the Louisiana Department of Education to recognize outstanding teachers at the elementary, middle school, and high school levels. Teachers are nominated on the school level and advance to parish, regional, and state programs by a portfolio/video evaluation process. The three teachers who have been chosen at the district level for the 2016-2017 school year are: Lorri Woodard, Beauregard Pariah Elementary Teacher of the Year, Ashley Doyle, Beauregard Parish Middle School Teacher of the Year, and Jan Morel, Beauregard Parish High School Teacher of the Year. Each was introduced to the School Board by her principal and received a plaque in recognition of this honor.

**Parishwide Bond Millage:** The board approved a resolution to levy 17.8 mills for parishwide bond principal and interest on the 2016 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Beauregard Parish School Board. There was no change from the previous year's rate.

**SHS Track:** The board approved a motion 6-3 to accept architect Ray Fugatt's proposal not to exceed \$85,000 to complete the Singer High School track project.

**Policy Revisions:** The board approved a motion to revise Policy File: BH, School Board Ethics, with final adoption in October, 2016. 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 a motion to revise Policy File :EBBG, Sanitation/Hazardous Substances, with final adoption in October, 2016. 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.