



Board Briefs

A report of the Beauregard Parish School Board meeting

The Beauregard Parish School Board met Thursday, December 14, 2017, with David Vidrine, president, District 3C, Darrin Manuel, vice president, District 4A, Martha Jackson, District 1, Timothy Hudson, District 2, Kathy Bruner, District 3A, L.D. Spears, District 3B, Cassie Henry, District 3D, Ray Bowman, District 4B, Don Gray District 5, and Tabitha Deer, student representative present.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Cooley announced the Jimmy Maricle has been appointed Instructional Supervisor effective December 1, 2017 – November 30, 2019. Kim Hayes will assume the duties of Director of Curriculum. Theresa Harlow has been appointed Principal of Pinewood Elementary effective December 4, 2017 – December 3, 2019. Shawn Demeritt has been appointed Acting Principal of Singer High School effective December 4-20, 2017.

He announced that the December supplement checks would be distributed Friday, December 15 in the amount of \$1,199.91 for certified staff, \$799.94 for support staff, and \$131.82 for retirees.

Student Representative Tabitha Deer reported the all Beauregard Parish schools are participating in activities that are helping the students of their schools and their communities during the holidays. Schools are collecting toys and food items for holiday baskets and local non-profit organizations, sending care packages to service people overseas, and in a variety of ways helping spread the spirit of the holidays through their generous giving.

Assistant Superintendent Marlin Ramsey updated the board on the recent phishing virus that affected all the computers in parish schools. The virus began through emails and eventually ended up in the network that was able to affect all computers, even those without email and those whose email had not been opened. The technology department has spent over 1,000 combined hours working to correct the problems including working weekends and overtime. All computers and laptops were cleaned and the USB devices checked. In addition, teams of employees at the schools were trained and helped the technology team scan and clean computers. At this point, approximately 90 percent of computers are workable, new antivirus software is active, and the system will resume WiFi capabilities soon. Despite the issues with the computers, Ramsey reported that all EOC testing was accomplished in parish schools. Other schools systems in the state have been affected by the same virus. Ramsey thanked the technology staff for their hard work and diligence in getting the BPSB system back up and running.

Superintendent Cooley wished the board, employees, and students a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Policy Revisions: The board voted to revise Policy File: FHCA, Building Plaques and to waive the waiting period. Changes include the statements on plaques when construction and renovation are funded through the use of bond money and when they are not. The board voted to revise Policy File: JS, Student Fees, Fines, and Charges and to waive the waiting period. This revision adds that information regarding student fees shall be published on the school board and each school's websites, reviewable at the beginning of each school year. It also adds a stipulation for "Economic Hardship Waivers" for reduced or waived fees under certain conditions.