



Board Briefs

A report of the Beauregard Parish School Board meeting

The Beauregard Parish School Board met Thursday, January 11, 2018, 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, Wesley Taylor, District 3E, Ray Bowman, District 4B, Don Gray, District 5, and student representative Tabitha Deer present.

2018 Officers: The board elected David Vidrine as president and Darrin Manuel as vice-president for the 2018 term.

2018 Student Representative: The sponsors of the student government organizations of the parish high schools nominate one junior from each school to interview for the position as Student Representative to the School Board. A committee of sponsors selects the student representative and an alternate after a formal interview process. The student attends meetings and provides input on matters concerning students in the schools. This is the 26th year for the student bodies of the parish to have a non-voting representative on the board. Maili Bartz of East Beauregard High School will serve as the 2018 Student Representative, and Dylan LeBouef of DeRidder High School will be the alternate. Bartz took her position after being presented her name plate by the 2017 representative Tabitha Deer.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Cooley announced that the January 5, 2018, Employee Inservice day was a success with multiple trainings taking place across the parish. District, regional, and LDOE staff led the trainings. He stated that an important aspect of these kinds of trainings is to keep teachers and school administrators abreast of the most current information available so that they can plan and implement changes that come from the state department as quickly and efficiently as possible.

He informed the board of spring semester night classes through ABC as follows: NCCER Electrical at East Beauregard and Merryville high schools, and AWS Welding at Singer and DeRidder high schools. Beauregard Parish students from across the parish have the opportunity to enroll in any of these classes, which are a part of the Jump Start program. Students can earn certifications as electrical helpers and welder's helpers through the classes.

He announced that the Harvey Rabbit program has been presented in elementary schools across the parish with an emphasis on drug and bullying prevention.

Beginning with the 2018 term, school board members will receive additional financial information on a monthly basis as per the Louisiana Legislative Auditors requirement, and that receipt of the information will be acknowledged in board minutes. Information includes general fund, ad valorem, sales tax, school food services, capital projects, and parishwide debt services information.

Contracts: Superintendent Cooley announced that Denise Maddox has been named the principal of Singer High School effective December 27, 2017 – December 26, 2019. Administrators receiving two year contract renewals include: Mark Weldon, principal of East Beauregard Elementary, Harry Hooker, principal of DeRidder High School, Larry Hollie, principal of East Beauregard High School, Terrie Smith, supervisor of School Food Services, Alanna Bradford,

assistant principal of East Beauregard Elementary, and Stephanie Spikes, assistant principal of Pine Wood Elementary.

Pupil Progression Meeting: The Pupil Progression meeting will be held Tuesday, January 30, 2018, at the Title I Center. Schools have been asked to send certain representatives as per state requirement. These include parents, school administrators, discipline officers, counselors, and teachers. Board members and Central Office staff are also included as part of the committee. The committee will be presented a draft for consideration and proposals. A final draft will be presented to the board for approval.