



Board Briefs

A report of the Beauregard Parish School Board meeting

The Beauregard Parish School Board met Thursday, March 8, 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, Cassie Henry, District 3D, Ray Bowman, District 4B, Don Gray, District 5, and student representative Maili Bartz present.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Timothy Cooley announced that there will be a bus driver certification course taught April 17-20. The course is a 30 hour required certification course for all new bus drivers. There is no fee for the course. All interested persons should contact the bus maintenance facility to register for the course.

He informed the board that art work from Beauregard Parish students is on display at the RAD Art Gallery during the month of March, which is Youth Art Month. He announced that Beauregard schools were recognizing School Breakfast week and School Social Work Week during March 5-9 and expressed appreciation for those employees in each of these departments.

He stated that sales tax collections were down approximately \$288,000 year to date. He also reminded that board the computer-based testing for 5th-8th grades students will begin April 9 and continue through May 4.

He congratulated the Merryville High School and South Beauregard High School girls' basketball teams and the Singer High School boys' basketball team for representing the parish in the LHSAA High School State Basketball Playoffs. The MHS girls' are the state runners-up.

He announced that Mike Greene has been appointed the Principal at BAP effective February 26, 2018 – February 25, 2020, and that Jason Thibodeaux has been appointed as Assistant Principal at DHS effective March 1, 2108 – February 29, 2020.

Student of the Year: The three Beauregard Parish Students of the Year were presented to the board and given a plaque in honor of their accomplishments. Tiffany Kim of Pine Wood Elementary was presented by PWE Principal Theresa Harlow as the Beauregard Parish Elementary Student of the Year. Natalie "Gracie" Burnaman was presented by EBHS Principal Larry Hollie as the Beauregard Parish Middle School Student of the Year. Colten Denning was presented by DHS Assistant Principal Shawn Baggett as the Beauregard Parish High School Student of the Year.

2018-2019 School Calendars: The board approved the 2018-2019 school year calendars. Teachers in four-day schools will start the year with a professional development day on August 1. Students will report to school on August 2. All teachers in the parish will participate in a parish-wide staff development day on August 10. Teachers in five-day schools will report on August 8 and participate in staff development through August 13. Students in five-day schools will report on August 14. All schools will observe the same holidays throughout the school year to include: Labor Day on September 3, Fair Day on October 5, Veterans Day on November 12, Thanksgiving Break on November 19-23, Winter Break on December 21 – January 4, Martin Luther King Day on January 21, Mardi Gras/Spring Break on March 4-8, and Easter Break April 18-22. The last day for students is May 23 and for teachers is May 24. Four-day schools will have classes on the following Fridays: August 3, October 19 (6th-12th grades), January 25, February 22, April 26, and May 3.

Discipline Policy: The Discipline Policy Review Committee, consisting of school personnel, administrators, board members, and parents as defined by the State Department of Education, meets annually to discuss and recommend changes to the Discipline Policy and the Dress Code Policy of the School Board. The committee did not make any recommendations for changes to the Dress Code Policy. The committee made recommendations based upon Louisiana law to the Discipline Policy pertaining to certain definitions within the policy. The changes include: the addition of the definition of “Alternate Placement – the removal of a student from their regular school setting resulting in their assignment to the Beauregard Alternative Program. Alternative Placement may be recommended by the principal for any student committing an infraction when a combined total of nine days of I.S.S. and O.S.S. have been accumulated;” and the addition of “Indefinite Out of School Suspension – period of time when the student’s discipline or behavior warrants his/her removal from their regular school setting until an Alternative Placement hearing can take place.” It also includes the addition of the phrase “Indefinite out of school suspension pending a hearing with the Superintendent or designee to consider alternate placement or expulsion” as part of the options for several discipline situations. The board approved the recommendation of the Policy Review Committee after discussing an amended motion to add blue jeans to the list of approved pants in the dress code. The amended motion was not approved.

Budget Revision: The board approved Budget Revision #1 on the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Policy Changes: The board approved a New Policy – File: IFD, Parent and Family Engagement, with final adoption in April 2018. The policy provides for the development of a program which involves parents in the planning and implementing of effective parent and family activities to improve student achievement and to coordinate and integrate strategies with other relevant programs that promote parent involvement.

Final Adoption: The board voted the following policies for final adoption: File DJE, Purchasing, File: EE, Food Service Management, and File: IDDH, English-Learner Program.