



# Board Briefs

A report of the Beauregard Parish School Board meeting

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The Beauregard Parish School Board met Thursday, December 13, 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, Wesley Taylor, District 3E, and Ray Bowman, District 4B present.

**Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Cooley welcomed Garrison Commander Col. Jarret Thomas who shared that on December 4, Fort Polk was awarded the Community Partnership Award by the Pentagon to recognize the community partnerships with Fort Polk and the surrounding community. Fort Polk was one of seven installations around the world to be recognized, and they were the installation with the largest number of partnerships among the seven nominees.

Superintendent Cooley announced that New Metrics, the testing firm hired by the state of Louisiana, has highlighted Beauregard Parish in its most recent publication as having curriculum rooted in high standards and effective technology.

He stated that the salary supplements will be disbursed on Friday, December 14, with those on the teacher's salary schedule receiving \$1,527 gross, those on the support salary schedule receiving \$1,018 gross, and retirees receiving \$113.10 gross.

He announced the winners of the Superintendent's Holiday Greeting Card Contest. Art students submitted original works of art with the theme "Bountiful Blessing at Christmas." There was a three-way tie for first place, including Shelby Davis, a senior at DeRidder High School, with "A"door"able Christmas," Isabelle Guimbellot, an eighth grade student at South Beauregard High School, with "God's Blessings," and Dominique Santos, a junior at East Beauregard High School with "Cookies for Santa." Honorable mention winners include Abby Cobb of DeRidder High School with "Snowy Trails," Sarah Jackson of DeRidder High School with "The Reindeer," and Brennan Louviere of South Beauregard High School with "Christmas Around the Camp Fire."

Superintendent Cooley recognized three outgoing board members and thanked them for their service to Beauregard Parish schools. They include Timothy Hudson, District 1, April 2017- December 2018, L.D. Spears, District 3B, January 2015-December 2018, and Don Gray, District 5, January 1989-December 1994 & January 1999-December 2018.

He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**RFP for SBHS Building Automation System:** The board awarded a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Building Automation System at SBHS to Trane, U.S. Inc., for \$101,631 for work which may extend into FYE 2020.

**Line Item Revision:** The board approved a line item budget revision adding \$195,000 to the bond fund FYE 19.

**Server@Work Contract:** The board approved 7-1 a six-month contract for technology-related services to Server@Work for the monthly price of \$18,870. Two full-time staff – a IT Site Engineer and an IT Service Desk Technician – along with other support staff from the company will be available to participate in the everyday technology issues along with the current staff of the Technology Department.

**Policy Changes:** The board approved a final adoption of File: EBBB, School and Student Safety, a new policy that provides for educating students and employees how to recognize and report potential threats to school safety and delineates reporting procedures.

The board approved a motion to consider new policy File:GBRIF, Bereavement, waiving the 30 day waiting period. The policy grants three days of bereavement leave to employees in the event of the death of an immediate family member (as defined by the policy) without the absences being charged to sick leave or annual leave. The days must be used no later than two working days after the funeral.