



# Board Briefs

A report of the Beauregard Parish School Board meeting

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The Beauregard Parish School Board met Thursday, November 8, 2018, with David Vidrine, president, District 3C, Darrin Manuel, vice-president, District 4A, Martha Jackson, District 1, Kathy Bruner, District 3A, L.D. Spears, District 3B, Cassie Henry, District 3D, Wesley Taylor, District 3E, and Ray Bowman, District 4B present.

**Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Timothy Cooley recognized Col. Jarret A. Thomas, Fort Polk, who announced military parents with children in our school system are pleased with Beauregard Parish schools. He spoke about the Veterans' Day ceremony at the base where they recognized the Vietnam veterans in the area. Mr. Cooley thanked Col. Thomas for attending the Veterans' Day event at East Beauregard. Many of the schools had programs to honor the veterans and Mr. Cooley thanked the schools for doing so.

Mr. Cooley recognized Margie Hieronymus, Testing Coordinator, who gave an overview of the school and district performance scores recently released by the Department of Education. She explained that the state is releasing four scores this year to compare scores under the old formula used last year with scores under the new formula being implemented this year. In addition, the state included student "Progress" grades in the new formula. Under the new formula, Beauregard Parish maintained a "B" letter grade and improved its score under both the old formula and the new formula. Under the new formula, two schools scored an "A", seven scored a "B", and three scored a "C" for overall performance. Six schools scored in the "A" range for student progress. All high schools and the district scored in the "A" range for graduation rate and strength of diploma. DeRidder High School was named an "Equity Honoree" by the state.

The DOE also released Early Childhood Performance profiles which showed that Beauregard Parish scored "Proficient" with a 5.39 total out of seven points. The Early Childhood Network in the parish includes nine facilities – five public preschools, one head start program, and three child care facilities. Information on all scores released by the state is provided on the LDOE School Finder website.

**LA4 Early Childhood Grant:** The board approved a motion from the Finance Committee to submit an application for LA4 Early Childhood grant funds.

## **Policy Changes:**

The board approved a motion for a new policy with final adoption in December:

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.