

CERTIFICATION BY CALCASIEU PARISH SCHOOL BOARD PURSUANT TO GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION JBE 2020-30

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Governor of the State of Louisiana declared a Public Health Emergency due to the threat posed to public safety by the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Governor issued proclamation JBE 2020-30, entitled *Additional Measures for COVID-19 Public Health Emergency*; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of proclamation JBE 2020-30 was to provide, in part, for additional measures to be taken by governmental entities to help combat the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, section four of proclamation JBE 2020-30 authorizes all local political subdivisions of the State to provide for attendance at essential governmental meetings via teleconference or video conference during the pendency of the emergency; and

WHEREAS, section four of said proclamation further mandates that, before invoking the authority of section four, the public entity is required to provide written certification that it will otherwise be unable to operate due to quorum requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Calcasieu Parish School Board (School Board) needs to conduct essential business of the school system; and

WHEREAS, in proclamation 33 JBE 2020 the Governor states all gatherings of ten (10) people or more shall be postponed or cancelled; and

WHEREAS, due to underlying health concerns of several members of the School Board, which could be negatively affected by COVID-19, the School Board is unable to obtain a quorum of the members of the School Board; and

WHEREAS, there are fifteen (15) members elected to the Calcasieu Parish School Board; and

WHEREAS, the School Board, therefore, needs to implement the authorization located in section four of JBE 2020-30.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority contained in proclamation JBE 2020-30, the Calcasieu Parish School Board hereby certifies on this 14th day of April, 2020, that it is unable to obtain an in-person quorum for its meeting scheduled for April 21, 2020, due to the threat of COVID-19, and that, therefore, one or more of its members may participate in such meeting via teleconference or video conference. Additionally, all efforts will to be made to provide for observation and input by members of the public.



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