

DATE, TIME, PLACE OF MEETING

Due to the Covid-19 quarantine guidelines, the Calcasieu Parish School Board meeting was held using a ZOOM video conference, originating at 3310 Broad Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana, 70615, on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The public was invited to view the meeting and submit comments on agenda items, with ZOOM instructions posted in the Lake Charles American Press and on the CPSB website. The public instructions and the Gubernatorial Proclamation allowing the electronic meeting are attached at the end of this document.

The meeting was called to order by Dean Roberts, President, the only board member in attendance. All other Board Members were present through ZOOM sign in. The prayer and pledge were led by Alvin Smith.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by Superintendent Bruchhaus and the following members were all signed in:

Mack Dellafosse, Eric Tarver, Aaron Natali, Mark Young, John Duhon, Annette Ballard, Russell Castille, Glenda Gay, Bliss Bujard, Billy Breaux, Alvin Smith, Fred Hardy, Damon Hardesty, and Desmond Wallace. Dean Roberts was present at 3310 Broad Street.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion to approve by Mr. Hardesty and a second by Mr. Tarver, the Minutes of the CPSB Meeting of March 10, 2020, were approved on a unanimous vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Bruchhaus gave the following report:

1. Board Members will receive the April and the May, 2020, Head Start Report at the May 12th CPSB Meeting.
2. All Board Members have received the March, 2020, School Population Report through email..
3. I would like to report our March, 2020, sales tax numbers for our general fund which show collections at \$2,144,279 or 16.1% below budget for the 9th month of the 2019-2020 school year.

Collections are \$2,144,281 or 16.1% below collections for the same month last year.

Collections after nine months of 2019-2020 are \$13,651,852 or 10.5% below budget and \$13,921,492 or 10.7% below the same period last year.

4. Just a reminder to all Board Members that your Louisiana Ethics Administration Personal Financial Disclosure Statement for 2020 is due May 15, 2020. You can find your Tier 2 form on the Ethics Administration website.

5. Staff is working on finalizing plans for this school year for grading, virtual instruction, graduation ceremonies, standardizing office hours for offices, schools, and teachers. Summer maintenance for buses and buildings will be scheduled earlier than normal.

6. Our meal delivery company, The Healthy School Food Collaborative, out of New Orleans, delivered to nearly 4100 students in nearly 3000 households last week. The program is set to continue until the end of the school year. Any student 18 or under is eligible and students can still sign up at school lunch@cpsb.org.

7. Our Risk Manager sent out a reminder yesterday that our EAP (Employee Assistance Program) services were still currently available for those that need counseling in these anxious times.

TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION

Mr. Roberts read the following:

A. Approval of Resolution Declaring Public Emergency

CALCASIEU PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

RESOLUTION DECLARING PUBLIC EMERGENCY

COVID-19

WHEREAS, on December 31, 2019, officials in China alerted the World Health Organization (“WHO”) to several cases of an unknown respiratory illness primarily concentrated in the City of Wuhan, Hubei Province; and

WHEREAS, after further investigating the illness and ruling out the recurrence of other previously known viruses, officials, on January 7, 2020, announced the discovery of a new virus belonging to the Coronavirus family of viruses; and

WHEREAS, over the following weeks, the Chinese government began to report additional cases of the virus, evidencing a propensity of the virus to spread throughout China and beyond; and

WHEREAS, by January 30, 2020, approximately eighteen (18) countries, outside of China, were reporting cases of the virus, causing the WHO to declare the virus a “Public Health Emergency of International Concern;” and

WHEREAS, over the following weeks, the virus continued to spread to nations around the globe, infecting thousands of individuals; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the WHO declared the Coronavirus outbreak a “Global Pandemic;” and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Governor of the State of Louisiana declared a “Public Health Emergency” over the Coronavirus outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency due to the Coronavirus outbreak; and

WHEREAS, in an attempt to combat the spread of the virus, the Governor, on March 13, 2020, in Proclamation JBE 2020-27, ordered the closure of all public elementary and secondary schools in Louisiana, beginning on March 16, 2020, and ending on April 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, JBE 2020-27 states that schools shall, if able, continue to provide meals to students utilizing applicable staff; and

WHEREAS, many children depend on the services of the Calcasieu Parish School Board (“School Board”) for essential services such as the provision of healthy meals; and

WHEREAS, while the cancellation of school will hopefully serve to combat the spread of the virus, such cancellation may put children at risk of not receiving enough healthy meals during the prolonged closure; and

WHEREAS, the spread of the virus and its impact on the everyday lives of the School Board’s students, faculty, staff, and their family members requires the School Board to take unprecedented steps to combat the spread of the virus and to serve the children of Calcasieu Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Proclamation, JBE 2020-30, limits the size of gatherings of the public, closes or limits activities of certain business establishments, and suspends compliance with certain procurement laws; and

WHEREAS, a number of decisions may need to be made and contracts entered into by the School Board in a very compressed time frame to meet the needs of the students, teachers, and families of Calcasieu Parish during and after the period of closure; and

WHEREAS, the Calcasieu Parish School Board believes that a special delegation of authority to the Superintendent of Calcasieu Parish schools and confirmation of his actions to address the Emergency is in order to provide for the most effective and efficient operation of the Calcasieu Parish School System during this State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the time sensitive nature of the circumstances created by the State of Emergency calls for the suspension of the ordinary rules of the Calcasieu Parish School Board with regard to the foregoing.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Calcasieu Parish School Board declares a Public Emergency in the Calcasieu Parish School District due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Calcasieu Parish School Board suspends its rules with regard to the introduction and adoption of resolutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, notwithstanding any policy or rule to the contrary, the School Board hereby confers emergency powers upon its Superintendent of Schools, for purposes of leading the School Board’s response to the virus outbreak. Such emergency powers include, at the sole discretion of the Superintendent and without further School Board approval:

- (1) The authority to enter into any agreement or contract, without any further Board approval, for the purchase of materials, equipment, supplies, or services for sanitation, cleaning, technology, and other COVID-19 related services and supplies on behalf of School Board; and
- (2) The authority to supply and arrange for the delivery of meals to all children of the parish, eighteen (18) years of age or younger, at no costs to the child or his/her family; and
- (3) The authority to continue to pay school employees their regular compensation during the period schools are closed, and to make personnel and staffing decisions necessary to meet the needs of students, staff, and families of the Calcasieu Parish School System without the requirement to seek or obtain explicit authority from the School Board; and
- (4) The authority to adjust curriculum, work schedules, compensation, and staff assignments without any further Board approval; and

- (5) The authority to adjust the school calendar; and
- (6) The authority to apply to BESE, LDOE, and/or USDOE, and any other governmental body for waivers of regulations or requirements, the compliance with which is impacted by COVID-19; and
- (7) The authority to apply for grants, reimbursements, aid, and other COVID-19 related matters on behalf of the School Board; and
- (8) The authority to provide non-mandatory, supplemental educational resources to students; and
- (9) The authority to take any other action reasonably necessary to implement the above directives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is required to report, in writing and at reasonable intervals, to the School Board as to the amount of expenditures made pursuant to this Resolution, as well as the actions taken by the Superintendent pursuant to this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that to the extent permitted by emergency laws, regulations, and the Governor's declarations, bidding requirements of School Board policies and of the Louisiana procurement laws applicable to any purchases related to the School Board's response to the COVID-19 outbreak are hereby suspended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall remain in effect until withdrawn by the School Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the actions taken prior to the date hereof by the Superintendent on behalf of the Calcasieu Parish School System to address the Emergency are hereby ratified, approved, and confirmed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of the provisions contained herein shall be published in the official journal of the Calcasieu Parish School Board within ten (10) days hereof.

THIS RESOLUTION was adopted by the Calcasieu Parish School Board, at a special meeting held on the 21st day of April, 2020 in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

On a motion to approve by Mr. Tarver and a second by Mr. Natali, the motion carried unopposed.

B. Approval of CPSB Head Start Program COLA and Quality Improvement Grant Application (Calcasieu)

Grant Title: Calcasieu Parish School Board (CPSB) Head Start Program

Grant Source: Federal

Grant Amount: \$198,248 = \$78,548 (COLA); \$119,700 (Quality Improvement)

Schools: DeQuincy Primary, J. D. Clifton, Jake Drost, Brenda Hunter, J.F. Kennedy and J. I. Watson

Person Applying: Michelle L. Joubert – Administrative Director of Early Childhood

Purpose: The Head Start Program provides an integrated approach of early childhood care and education that includes comprehensive services to four hundred fifty (450) children ages 3 and 4. It is designed to focus on providing early literacy and mathematical skills necessary for children to become Kindergarten ready. The program promotes school readiness by enhancing social and cognitive development of children by providing health, nutritional, social and other services. CPSB School Readiness Goals are aligned with the Head Start Childhood Development and Early Learning Framework and the Louisiana Birth to Five Early Learning and Development Standards. Research-based assessment methods are being used to support teacher-child interactions and children's progress towards the school readiness goals. Head Start program also includes engaging parents, families and communities in their child's learning.

On a motion to approve by Mr. Tarver and a second by Mr. Natali, the motion carried unopposed.

C. Approval of CPSB Head Start Program COLA and Quality Improvement Grant Application (Beauregard)

Grant Title: Calcasieu Parish School Board (CPSB) Head Start Program – Interim Sponsor

Grant Source: Federal

Grant Amount: \$45,104 = \$10,104 (COLA); \$35,000 (Quality Improvement)

Schools: Beauregard Parish Head Start

Person Applying: Michelle L. Joubert – Administrative Director of Early Childhood

Purpose: The Head Start Program provides an integrated approach of early childhood care and education that includes comprehensive services to seventy-four (74) children ages 3 and 4. It is designed to focus on providing early literacy and mathematical skills necessary for children to become Kindergarten ready. The program promotes school readiness by enhancing social and cognitive development of children by providing health, nutritional, social and other services. CPSB School Readiness Goals are aligned with the Head Start Childhood Development and Early Learning Framework and the Louisiana Birth to Five Early Learning and Development Standards. Research-based assessment methods are being used to support teacher-child interactions and children's progress towards the school readiness goals. Head Start program also includes engaging parents, families and communities in their child's learning.

On a motion to approve by Mr. Tarver and a second by Mr. Natali, the motion carried unopposed.

D. Approval of Resolution Regarding Constitutional Amendments HB428 and HB429/Opposing State Centralized Sales Tax Collection

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF ALL PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT TRANSFERS THE ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION OF LOCAL SALES & USE TAXES TO THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

RESOLUTION #

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Louisiana grants local governments the right to levy and collect local sales and use taxes;

WHEREAS, there are two constitutional amendments (HB429 & HB429) and other bills introduced in the 2020 Regular Legislative Session that would transfer collection responsibility of local sales and use tax levies to the state Department of Revenue; and

WHEREAS, local taxing authorities possess the best knowledge and experience to properly collect its own taxes and have a proven record of proactive advancements in the areas of enforcement, audit coverage, dispute resolution, reporting technology and successful litigation; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana's budget issues do not offer prospects for the Department of Revenue to have sufficient resources to provide the necessary taxpayer assistance, enforcement programs and training of its employees on the specific application of local sales and use tax ordinances without significant cost contributions from local governments, thereby resulting in the direct and indirect loss of local tax receipts; and

WHEREAS, many local taxing authorities have issued bonded indebtedness guaranteed by the passage locally adopted sales and use tax levies, collection of said levies the direct responsibility of local governments, and which transfer of that responsibility to a state agency may generate legal challenges and jeopardize future bond issues; and

WHEREAS, the central local collector in each parish is directly responsible to the local taxing authorities and their elected officials for the performance of local tax administration, and the Secretary Revenue being an appointee of the Governor of the state, uncertainty exist as to who in the Department of Revenue will be accountable to local taxing authorities for the performance of such critical local tax administration,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Calcasieu Parish School Board, as a local taxing authority and /or governing body, that each member of the legislative delegation for the Parish of Calcasieu is urged to vigorously oppose any and all proposed legislation that transfers the administration and collection of local sales and use taxes to the Louisiana Department of Revenue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent forthwith to said legislators so that they will be made aware of our position on this matter,

The foregoing motion was offered by Eric Tarver and seconded by Aaron Natali.

I the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted following a roll call vote:

YEAS: 15

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

On a motion to approve by Mr. Tarver and a second by Mr. Natali, the motion carried unopposed.

E. Approval of Worker Compensation/General Liability/Auto Third Party Administrator

The Calcasieu Parish School Board Work Comp/General Liability/Auto TPA Services Renewal has been presented by Sedgwick.

Option 1:

| <u>Policy Year</u> | <u>Current Premium</u> | <u>Renewal Premium</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Year 1: 4/1/20-3/31/21 | \$147,790 | \$152,224 | \$4,434 |
| Year 2: 4/1/21-3/31/22 | \$147,790 | \$156,791 | \$9,001 |

Option 2:

| <u>Policy Year</u> | <u>Current Premium</u> | <u>Renewal Premium</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Year 1: 4/1/20-3/31/21 | \$147,790 | \$152,224 | \$4,434 |
| Year 2: 4/1/21-3/31/22 | \$147,790 | \$156,030 | \$8,240 |

Year 3: 4/1/22-3/31/23

\$147,790

\$159,931

\$12,141

Staff recommends approval of Option 1.

On a motion to approve by Mr. Tarver and a second by Mr. Natali, the motion carried with no opposition.

PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE

Mr. Roberts read the following:

A. Entergy Transformer Relocation/Maplewood Middle/District 23 Bond Funds

On a motion to approve by Mr. Hardesty and a second by Mr. Wallace, the motion carried on a unanimous vote.

BID REPORTS

A. College Oaks Elementary Air Conditioning Improvements/\$50 million allocation/Bid 2020-11pc

The Committee to receive bids met on the date herein indicated and reviewed bids on the following project.

DATE: 8-Apr-20

DESCRIPTION: Calcasieu Parish School Board
FUNDS: College Oaks Elementary AC Improvements
DESIGNER: Moss Architects Inc.
BID NUMBER: 2020-11PC
FUNDS: All Districts Capital Projects Fund

| CONTRACTOR | BASE BID |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Blanchard Mechanical Contractors | No Bid |
| Calcasieu Mechanical Contractors | No Bid |
| Keiland Construction | \$315,000.00 |
| Pat Williams Construction | \$290,500.00 |
| Priola Builders | \$302,000.00 |
| Shannon Smith Construction | No Bid |

The Committee recommends award of the contract to:

Pat Williams Construction

BASE BID IN THE AMOUNT OF:

Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No/100
as the lowest qualified bidder meeting
specifications.

Mr. Breaux offered a substitute amendment to freeze spending any more of the \$50 million allocation until the virus situation has passed. The request was subsequently withdrawn and he asked it be discussed at an upcoming budget meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Dellafosse and a second by Mr. Tarver, the motion carried on a unanimous vote.

B. Sam Houston High School Football Field Improvements/District 27 Capital Projects Fund/Bid 2020-09PC

Blue card to address the Board: Simon Guidry

The Committee to receive bids met on the date herein indicated and reviewed bids on the following project.

DATE: 8-Apr-20

DESCRIPTION: Sam Houston High school Football Field Improvements

FUNDS: District 27 Capital Projects Fund

BID NUMBER: 2020-09PC

DESIGNER: Champeaux , Evans, Hotard, APAC

| CONTRACTOR | BASE BID | ALT. # 1 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Keiland Construction LLC | \$1,495,669.00 | \$77,737.00 |
| Pat Williams Construction LLC | \$1,261,000.00 | \$58,000.00 |
| ATG Sports Industries Inc. | \$1,522,385.15 | \$10,000.00 |
| Athletic Turf Solutions LLC | \$1,418,000.00 | \$15,000.00 |
| Sports Contractors Unlimited LLC | \$1,477,558.00 | \$14,700.00 |
| R S Bernard Associates Inc. | \$1,478,400.00 | \$12,000.00 |
| Precision Construction and Contracting LLC dba PCC Sports | \$1,386,000.00 | \$31,310.00 |
| Geosurfaces Inc. | \$1,248,000.00 | \$42,000.00 |
| Testament Construction Services LLC | \$1,462,540.00 | \$80,190.00 |

ELECTRONIC BIDS: NONE RECEIVED

The Committee recommends award of the contract to:

Geo Surfaces Inc.

BASE BID PLUS ONLY IN THE AMOUNT OF: 1,290,000.00

as the lowest qualified bidder meeting specifications.

DESCRIPTION OF ALTERNATE:

To Remove and Replace existing Synthetic Rubber Surfacing at the Track, High Jump, Pole Vault and Long/Triple Jump Areas with New SBR Synthetic Rubber Surfacing System as described in documents.

Mr. Dellafosse offered a motion to approve, with a second by Mr. Tarver. On a roll call vote the motion carried.

Yes: Mrs. Ballard, Mr. Bujard, Mr. Castille, Mr. Duhon, Mr. Hardesty, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Natali, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tarver, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Young

No: Mr. Breaux, Mr. Dellafosse, Mrs. Gay

C. Janitorial Supplies for 2020-2021 School Year/General Fund/Bid 2021-01

BID 2021-01 – JANITORIAL SUPPLIES FOR 2020/21 SCHOOL YEAR was opened on March 11, 2020 @ 10AM

BIDS WERE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING:

A+ CHEMICAL
ALL AMERICAN POLY
ECONOMICAL JANITORIAL
LAKE CITY SUPPLY
STINE LUMBER
UNIPAK

BID RESULTS AS FOLLOWS:

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|--------------|---------------------|
| A+ CHEMICAL | \$117,676.12 |
| ECONOMICAL | \$ 61,650.67 |
| HOME DEPOT | \$ 3,104.35 |
| STINE LUMBER | \$ 2,436.76 |
| UNIPAK | <u>\$ 30,571.20</u> |
| TOTAL: | \$215,439.10 |

THE STAFF RECOMMENDS AWARDING AS INDICATED ABOVE AS THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE RESPONSIVE BIDDERS.

On a motion to approve by Mr. Dellafosse and a second by Mr. Tarver, the motion carried on a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Roberts read the following:

A. Change Order Number Three (3) for the Project, “Renovations to Westlake High School Baseball Field,” District 23 Bond Funds; Barry King, AIA, Architect; *Charles Dawson, GeoSurfaces, Inc., Contractor; Increase of \$124,188.90 and Increase of Seventy Seven (77) Days.*

On a motion to approve by Mr. Dellafosse and a second by Mr. Hardesty, the motion carried on a roll call vote.

Yes: Mrs. Ballard, Mr. Bujard, Mr. Castille, Mr. Dellafosse, Mr. Duhon, Mrs. Gay, Mr. Hardesty, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Natali, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tarver, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Young

No: Mr. Breaux

B. Change Order Number Two (2) for the Project, “Classroom Pods, Phase 2,” Riverboat and \$50 million allocation funds; Champeaux, Evans, Hotard, Architect; Keiland Construction, LLC., Contractor; *Increase of \$32,396.22 and Increase of Fourteen (14) Days.*

On a motion to approve by Mr. Dellafosse and a second by Mr. Hardesty, the motion carried unopposed on a vote.

C. Change Order Number Six (6) for the Project, “Sam Houston High School New Gymnasium and Band Building,” Project #2018-19PC; Sales Tax District 3; Champeaux, Evans, Hotard, APAC, Architect; Pat Williams Construction, LLC., Contractor; *Increase of \$57,335.00 and Increase of Twenty One (21) Days.*

On a motion to approve by Mr. Dellafosse and a second by Mr. Hardesty, the motion carried unopposed on a vote.

D. Change Order Number Three (3) for the Project, “Combre-Fondel Elementary Improvements, Phase 2,” District 31 Capital Projects Fund; Moss Architects, Inc., Architect; John D. Myers, & Associates, Contractor; *Increase of \$26,647.00 and Increase of Eighty Nine (89) Days.*

On a motion to approve by Mr. Dellafosse and a second by Mr. Hardesty, the motion carried unopposed on a vote.

E. Change Order Number One (1) for the Project, “Pearl Watson Elementary Phase 3,” District 31 Capital Projects Fund; Griggs Mitchell & Associates, Designer; Pat Williams Construction, LLC., Contractor; *Increase of \$38,481.00 and Increase of Thirty (30) Days.*

On a motion to approve by Mr. Dellafosse and a second by Mr. Hardesty, the motion carried unopposed on a vote.

CONDOLENCES/RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Roberts thanked the Food Services Department and the Warehouse staff for their hard work in the student feeding program.

Mr. Hardy asked for a letter of condolence to the family of Dr. Jean Mancuso and the family of Mrs. Anna Thibodeaux.

Mr. Wallace asked for a letter of condolence to the family of Mrs. Etta Pete.

SCHEDULE COMMITTEES

May 26, 2020.....5:00 Budget Committee

ADJOURN MEETING

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Hardesty and a second by Mr. Dellafosse, the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m. on a unanimous vote.

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| <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p>President Dean Roberts</p> | <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p>Secretary Karl Bruchhaus</p> |
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Calcasieu Parish School Board April Meeting

April 21, 2020 10:00 am

Due to statewide social distancing mandates, this meeting will be held online using the Zoom platform.

In order to give public comment: email info@cpsb.org . Just like filling out a comment card at a board meeting, your email must contain your name, address, and what agenda item you wish to address. Your email must be received prior to the item being addressed in the board meeting.

In order to attend the meeting

If you have a computer or mobile device:

Go to <https://zoom.us/j/369281017>

Meeting ID: 369 281 017

If you would like to dial in using a phone:

You may call any ONE of the following numbers.
After prompted, enter the Meeting ID: 369 281 017

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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 21st 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 be made to provide for observation and input by members of the public.