**August 20, 2025 School Board Meeting Highlights:**

JFT’s staff, executive board members and school employees were present at JP Schools August Board Meeting held at 501 Manhattan Blvd. The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm with Joseph A. Cullier Career Center’s students presenting the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.  The partner of the month was presented to Brooke Zar, owner of Des Familles Restaurant in Crown Point. LA. Mrs. Zar fostered the Culinary Program at Bonnabel HS and continues to work with technical careers programs.

In the Superintendent’s announcements, he recognized the community partner events held at the start of this school year and the progress the district has made during the 24-25 school year, despite numerous vacancies.

**Second Readings:**

**DEFERRED** 5.2 Authored by Derrick Shepherd: Move that the Board during the 25-26 summer term, allow full-day summer camps at any of its facilities that summer camp must provide daily meals for campers. Deferred to the October board meeting due to budget concerns.

**Consent Agenda:**

There were 39 items on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Shepherd pulled items 6.3, 6.6, 6.7,6.21 and 6.36. Mr. Guttierrez pulled items 6.27 and 6.37. Items 6.20 and 6.24 were withdrawn. Item 6.7 was deferred to the August 27th facilities committee meeting. Item 6.36 failed with a 4-No/4-yes vote. All other consent agenda items passed.

**Committee Reports:**

There were no committee reports.

**Convened for Executive Session:**

Convened to Executive Session at 8:42pm to discuss the status of and settlement demand / offer in the case of Ashley Hutchinson Harper and Terry Harper on behalf of their minor child, J.H. v. Jefferson Parish School Board and Jefferson Parish Sheriff’s Office. Returned from session at 9:01pm.

**Public Comment:**

JFT President Sandra Hauer addressed the board with a welcome back to school message for teachers and certified school employees, reminding them that they are valued, seen and heard.

Karen Riggleman, JFT Exec. Vice President of PSRP’s, spoke on behalf of paraeducators and support employees. She welcomed them to a new school year and described the work they do as the backbone of the school system.

**First Readings:**

Mr. Shepherd presented two, first readings:

1. Move that the JP Schools Print Shop produce certificates for Board Members to present when recognizing schools and/or individuals.

2. Move that the JP Schools Attorney develop a contract to review Fema claims.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.