**September 3, 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 6:03pm with a Student from Gretna No.2 Academy presenting the invocation and William Hart’s students presented the Pledge of Allegiance in English and Spanish.  The partner of the month was presented to American Safety, LLC, which is a supplier of safety, industrial and environmental supplies. The company partnered with Saints’ players to donate $25,000 to purchase new helmets for the Bonnabel football team.

In the **Superintendent’s announcements**, he recognized Childhood Cancer Awareness Day, Attendance Awareness Month, Hispanic Heritage Month (9/15-10/15) and IT Professionals Day (9/16/25). He included an Operations update which highlighted the completed school site repairs, some of which were contributed to the district receiving Safety and Louisiana Energy Saving Grants and progress of the construction of the two new school campuses.

**Second Readings:**

**DEFERRED** 5.1 Authored by Derrick Shepherd: Move that the Print Shop Department of Jefferson Parish School System produce a certificate of Recognition/Honor, Merit and/or Service for distribution by individual school board members. He added an amendment that the Chief of Staff, Mary Garton, be notified in a timely manner of awards. Deferred to the October board meeting due to concerns of criteria by other board members.

**DEFERRED** 5.1 Authored by Derrick Shepherd: Move that a contract between JPSB and the Attorney’s hired to pursue FEMA claims be presented to Board members at the next board meeting after this matter is adopted. Deferred to the October board meeting.

**Consent Agenda:**

There were 32 items on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Shepherd pulled items 6.19 and 6.32. Mr. Shepherd spoke on item 6.19 thanking and recognizing Mary Garton, Chief of Staff, for securing Lamar Advertising. He also spoke on item 6.32 recognizing it as a great program for students! All consent agenda items passed.

**Committee Reports:**

There were 14 Facilities Committee report items. Item 8.3 was withdrawn and the other 13 action items were passed by board members unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

One public comment was made by a JP Schools’ High School employee, highlighting major concerns such as the need for more transportation services for after school activities offering a solution of possibly using employees with rideshare credentials or van services, making healthier options available to students like fresh fruit and water and necessity for increased safety measures for school campuses.

**Convened for Executive Session:** Executive Session was not convened.

**First Readings:** There were no first readings. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.