

## Statement Regarding Superintendent Interview Video

The Special Called Board Meeting on September 20, 2021 to interview applicants for the position of school superintendent was streamed live on YouTube. The stream originated from a laptop computer running OBS Studio. OBS Studio is a free and open-source streaming and recording program. This program allowed us to provide a high quality stream for the citizens of Sabine Parish to view the meeting.

The main microphone and camera were a pair of devices called Meeting Owls. The Meeting Owl Pro is a premium 360-degree camera, mic, and speaker combined into one device. The Meeting Owl recognizes and highlights the person speaking by directing the camera at the speaker. It does this automatically along with two or three way views of anyone speaking simultaneously.

We used a static third camera on a tripod to allow the viewing audience to see the applicant directly. The OBS Studio software allowed us to provide a welcome screen, share the applicant's PowerPoint presentation and the scoreboard view of the Board Docs software used to conduct all Sabine Parish School Board meetings. The scoreboard showed the agenda at the beginning of the meeting and the results of the vote at the end of the meeting.

A staff member directed OBS to lead the primary camera during the live stream to allow the audience to focus on the speaker and place the other subjects of the video in a picture-in-picture window in the upper right hand corner of the screen. This allowed the public to view the applicant responding and the board member asking a question or offering a comment.

The view setting for the video was set to private at the conclusion of the live streamed meeting because the official record of the meeting is the audio recording and the minutes. Per requests from citizens and staff, the view setting was reset for public viewing on Tuesday morning, September 21<sup>st</sup>. **The video has not been modified or altered from the original recorded live stream.**

The District's YouTube account was reported to have gone down on Friday afternoon, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Technology staff were not at work on Friday, due to Friday being Fair Day. Staff worked from remote locations to determine the cause of the problem and corrected it by 7PM on Friday.

The accessibility problem was caused by a recent policy change by Google for all accounts in a K12 Google domain. This September, Google provided additional security settings regarding students under the age of 18. The age setting is to restrict certain privileges for accounts of students versus the privileges provided for staff accounts. The YouTube stream was hosted on a recently created account that did not have the correct age setting. This setting restricted the viewing of this account's YouTube stream, as the system viewed the account to be a student. We are not sure why it took several days for this problem to appear. **The video is original from the live stream and has not been modified or altered in any way. When viewing the video, the viewer is seeing the exact recording of the live stream that occurred during the Special Called Meeting on September 20, 2021.**