

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

**THURSDAY, April 21, 2016**

**5:00 P.M.**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board met at the School Board Office at 1050 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 5:00 p.m. on the twenty-first day of April 2016, in regular-session convened. The President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mrs. Barbara Freiberg, President; Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson, Vice-President; Mr. Mark Bellue; Mrs. Connie Bernard; Ms. Dawn Chanet Collins; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; and Mr. David Tatman. Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith was absent.

Others present were: H. Warren Drake, Jr., Superintendent; Dr. Michelle Clayton, Deputy Superintendent; Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel; Ms. Adonica Pelichet-Duggan, Chief of Communication and Public Relations; Ms. Millie Williams, Chief Officer of Human Resources; Mr. Gary Reese, Chief of Student Support Services; and Mr. Adam Smith, Associate Superintendent.

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School Board Member Connie Bernard gave the invocation. Cadet Corporal Kayla Carson, Broadmoor High School, accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel Michael Stewart, Senior Army Instructor Command, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Approval of Minutes of the March 17, 2016, School Board Meeting, and the April 5, 2016, Committee of the Whole Meeting**

**By Mr. Tatman**

Resolved, that, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board meetings of March 17, 2016, School Board, and the April 5, 2016, Committee of the Whole meeting, be dispensed with and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

**Seconded by Ms. Lee**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Collins, Dr. Nelson-Smith, and Vice-President Evelyn Ware-Jackson were absent.)**

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**Point of Information**

Announcement of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board members who have successfully completed annual training for 2015 mandated by Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 17, Section 53

and the total credit hours received: Mark Bellue (31.25 hours), Connie Bernard (39.25 hours), Jill Dyason (26.75 hours), Board President Barbara Freiberg (42.25 hours), Vereta Lee (52 hours), Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith (18.75 hours), David Tatman (9.25 hours), and Vice-President Evelyn Ware-Jackson (43.5 hours). Former School Board member Tarvald Smith (29.25 hours).

The Louisiana School Boards Association (LSBA) has also recognized the following East Baton Rouge Parish School Board members as a Certified School Board Member for the 2015 year by attaining twenty or more continuing learning units. They are as follows: Mark Bellue, Connie Bernard, Jill Dyason, Board President Barbara Freiberg, Vereta Lee, and Vice-President Evelyn Ware-Jackson. Former School Board member Tarvald Smith also received this honor.

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**Adoption of a Resolution Proclaiming the Week of April 25-29, 2016, as "Administrative Professionals Week"**

**By Ms. Dyason**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt a Resolution proclaiming the Resolution proclaiming April 25 – 29, 2016, as "Administrative Professionals Week" and April 27, 2016, as "Administrative Professionals Day".

**Seconded by Mrs. Bernard**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Collins and Dr. Nelson-Smith were absent.)**

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**Approval of Consent Agenda Items, Excluding Item #16**

**By Ms. Lee**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Consent Agenda items, excluding item #16.

**Seconded by Ms. Dyason**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith was absent.)**

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***The following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda:***

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**Items approved by the Committee of the Whole for recommendation to the Board:**

Authorization for the Staff to advertise, accept the low bids meeting specifications and make the award of a contract for the relocation and setup of four (4) modular buildings from Broadmoor Elementary School and the demolition of three (3) modular buildings, two (2) located at Broadmoor Elementary and one (1) located at Shenandoah Elementary School, or reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law, Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 38, Chapter 10.

Approval of the Revised 2015-2016 General Fund Budget for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

Approval to exercise the renewal option of a contract for External Auditing Services performed with Postlethwaite & Netterville for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016 and 2017.

Approval of the Adult Education Parish Prison Budget in the amount of \$134,110, effective January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016.

Approval of the recommendation from Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, EBRPSB, in the matter of: Nick Giaccone vs. Mac Wallace, EBRPSS and Berkley Ins. Co.; Suit No: 636,546; Section: 22; 19th JDC; Parish of East Baton Rouge.\*

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***END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS***

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**Approval to Establish BRFLAIM Primary and BRFLAIM Upper**

**By Mr. Tatman**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve establishing BRFLAIM Primary at the current location for grades K-2 and BRFLAIM Upper at Polk Elementary for Pre-K and grades 3-5 for the school year 2016-2017.

**Seconded by Mr. Bellue**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith was absent.)**

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**Approval of a Budget**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the budget revision to the Title I School Improvement (SI) – College and Career Readiness Support 1003a Grant in the revised amount of \$214,175.00 to provide college and career services to high school students.

**Seconded by Vice-President Ware-Jackson**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith was absent.)**

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**Approval of the Recommendation of the Architectural Selection Committee**

**By Ms. Lee**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give approve the recommendation of the Architectural Selection Committee of BCB Architects LLC & FUSION Architecture APC, a Joint Venture, for Architectural Design Services for the Broadmoor Elementary School Replacement Project.

**Seconded by Vice-President Ware-Jackson**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith was absent.)**

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**There being no further business, the Board adjourned by acclamation.**

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**Warren Drake, Jr.,  
Secretary/Treasurer to the Board**