

**EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

THURSDAY, November 3, 2016

5:00 P.M.

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole met at the School Board Office at 1050 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 5:00 p.m. on the third day of November 2016, in regular-session convened. The Vice-President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson, Vice-President; Mrs. Barbara Freiberg, President; Mr. Mark Bellue; Mrs. Connie Bernard; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; Ms. Dawn Collins; 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. Catherine Fletcher, Chief Business Operations Officer; Ms. Millie Williams, Chief Officer of Human Resources; Mr. Adam Smith, Associate Superintendent; and Mrs. Andrea O’Konski, Chief of Academic Programs.

School Board Member *David Tatman* gave the invocation. School Board Member *Mark Bellue* led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following items were presented to the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole by the Superintendent and staff:

Financial Audit

By Mrs. Freiberg

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System’s financial audit results for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (5)	Mr. Bellue, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, President Freiberg, and Vice-President Ware-Jackson
Nays: (0)	None
Abstained: (2)	Ms. Lee and Ms. Collins
Absent: (2)	Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith and Mr. Tatman

The motion was favorably recommended to the full Board.

Professional Services: Peterson’s Velocity

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the professional services contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Peterson’s Velocity in the amount of \$184,000.00 for tutoring, remediation, and professional development for the following non-public Title I schools: Redemptorist, St. Gerard, Sacred Heart, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Louis King of France. (Funding Source: Title I).

Seconded by Ms. Lee

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith and Mr. Tatman were absent.)

Professional Services: “School Spotlight”

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a professional services contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and WVLA for the “School Spotlight” advertising in the amount of \$18,600.00. (Funding Source: Communications – Advertising).

Seconded by Mr. Bellue

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith and Mr. Tatman were absent.)

Calendar

By Mr. Bellue

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the proposed 2017-2018 School Year Calendar.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Mrs. Bernard, Dr. Nelson-Smith and Mr. Tatman were absent.)

Budgets

By Mrs. Freiberg

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the following budgets:

- a) Education Excellence Fund (EEF) 2016-2017 budget.
- b) Semi-Annual Financial Tax Plan update for the Preliminary Actual 2015-2016 Financials and the proposed 2016-2017 budgets for the Tax Plan Propositions 1, 2, and 3.

Seconded by Mr. Bellue

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith and Mr. Tatman were absent.)

Grants

By Ms. Lee

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the following grants:

- a) RocketKidz Foundation grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the continuation of an after-school soccer program at the following five (5) elementary schools: Brownfields, Progress, Ryan, Sharon Hills, and White Hills.
- b) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program Geaux Clean grant in the amount of \$772,558.00 and a twenty-five percent match towards the East Baton Rouge Parish School System’s purchase of propane fueled buses, beginning July 2017.
- c) CarMax Foundation and KaBOOM Imagination Playground grant and Letter of Intent (LOI) for Greenbrier Elementary School.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith and Mr. Tatman were absent.)

Settlement of Law Suit

By Mr. Bellue

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item:

- a) Tanid Lessard vs. Deborah Ayo and Berkley Insurance Company; Suit No.: 628,051; Division D; 19th JDC; Parish of East Baton Rouge.*
- b) Phillip Fieldings vs. Brerona Harris and EBRPSB; Suit No.: 629,941; Division D; 19th JDC; Parish of East Baton Rouge.*

Seconded by Ms. Collins

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith and Mr. Tatman were absent.)

There being no further business, the Committee of the Whole adjourned by acclamation.

**Warren Drake, Jr.
Secretary/Treasurer to the East Baton
Rouge Parish School Board
Committee of the Whole**