

**EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
1050 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, LA  
March 2, 2017**

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 second day of March, 2017, in regular-session convened. The Vice-President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mr. Mark Bellue; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; Ms. Dawn Chanet Collins; Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson, President; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; Mrs. Connie Bernard, Vice-President; Mr. Michael Gaudet; and Mr. David Tatman.

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; Mr. Adam Smith, Associate Superintendent of Academics; and Mrs. Andrea O’Konski, Chief of Academic Programs.

School Board Member, Dawn Collins, gave the invocation. School Board Member, Vereta Lee, 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:**

**Approval of Grants**

**By President Ware-Jackson**

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

- a. Whole Kids Foundation Grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 to support garden/outdoor learning space at Glasgow Middle School.
- b. Junior League of Baton Rouge - Community Assistance Fund Foundation Grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 to support Glasgow Middle School’s Yearbook Class.

**Seconded By Ms. Lee**

**Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present.**

**Approval of Revised Job Description: Education Training Coordinator-Child Nutrition Program**

**By Mr. Bellue**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby recommend approval for the following job description: Education Training Coordinator – Child Nutrition Program.

**Seconded By Ms. Collins**

**Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present.**

**Professional Services Contract with Criterion Education, LLC**

**By Mr. Tatman**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following: professional services contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Criterion Education, LLC, in the amount of \$22,420.00 to provide leadership development programs for McKinley and Northeast High Schools. (Funding Source: The State gave additional Title I dollars through a grant to cover the cost).

**Seconded By Ms. Dyason**

**Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present.**

**Approval of Five Year Charter Renewal for Mentorship STEAM Academy**

**By President Ware-Jackson**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby recommend approval of a five-year charter school renewal for Mentorship STEAM Academy.

**Seconded By Dr. Nelson-Smith**

**Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present.**

**Approval to Dedicate McKinley Middle School Auditorium to Lynn Whitfield**

**By Mr. Tatman**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby recommend approval of a recommendation to dedicate the McKinley Middle School Auditorium to Lynn Whitfield.

**Seconded By President Ware-Jackson**

**Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present.**

**Settlement of Law Suit**

**By Dr. Nelson-Smith**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby recommend approval of a recommendation from Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, EBRPSS, in the matter of the U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour investigation and related matters.

**Seconded By Mr. Gaudet**

**Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present.**

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

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