

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

March 8, 2018

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 eighth day of March 2018, convened in regular session. The Vice-President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mr. David Tatman, President; Mrs. Connie Bernard, Vice- President; Mr. Mark Bellue; Ms. Dawn Chanet Collins; Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; and Mr. Michael Gaudet. Ms. Vereta T. Lee and Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith were absent.

Others present were: Mr. Warren Drake, Superintendent; Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel; Mr. Adam Smith, Associate Superintendent; Mr. Ben Necaie, Associate Superintendent; Dr. Quentina Timoll, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Mrs. Andrea O’Konski, Chief Officer for Accountability and Assessments; Mr. James Crochet, Chief Officer for Business Operations; Mrs. Millie Williams, Chief Officer for Human Resources; and Mr. Richard Ellis, Chief Officer for Technology.

School Board President David Tatman gave the invocation. School Board Member Jill Dyason 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:

Naming of the The Dufrocq School’s Media Center

By Ms. Ware-Jackson

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend approval to name The Dufrocq School’s Media Center as the “George Rodrigue Media Center.”

Seconded By President Tatman

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

Pupil Progression Plan 2017-2018

By President Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend approval of the district’s Pupil Progression Plan for 2017-2018.

Seconded By Mr. Gaudet

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

Professional Services Contract

By Ms. Dyason

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend approval of a professional services contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and LEAD Training Resource Group in the amount of \$30,000.00 for professional development services in the areas of leadership, coaching, organizational effectiveness, management strategies, and interventions. (Funding Source: Title II)

Seconded By Ms. Collins

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

Grants

By Mr. Bellue

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

- a) Louisiana Department of Education – Office of Student Support grant in the amount of \$6,500.00 to provide Compass FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) coordinators to work with school level personnel to support students and families in completing the FAFSA graduation task at Belaire High and Glen Oaks High Schools.
- b) Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry grant in the amount of \$536.61 to purchase garden tools and supplies to maintain the Wildwood Elementary School Gardens.

Seconded By Ms. Ware-Jackson

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

Actuarial Services

By Ms. Collins

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend approval of Actuarial Services from Fontenot Benefits & Actuarial Consulting (FBAC) in the amount of \$10,000.00 to provide necessary actuarial calculations as required by the published GASB 75. (Funding Source: General Fund)

Seconded By Mr. Gaudet

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

Advertise, Accept the Low Bid Meeting Specifications

By President Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications, and

make the award of a contract for the flood repairs at Howell Park 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. (Funding Source: Partially funded through FEMA Reimbursement Program)

Seconded By Ms. Ware-Jackson

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

Advertise, Accept the Low Bid Meeting Specifications

By Mr. Bellue

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend authorization to increase the project budget, accept the low bid meeting specifications, and make the award of a contract for the stadium lighting replacement at Broadmoor High 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. (Funding Source: Phase 3/Year 9, 2017-2018 Facility Modifications and Maintenance Improvement Fund)

Seconded By Ms. Dyason

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

Postpone Action Regarding Architectural Selection Committee's Recommendation

By President Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby postpone the following item to the May Committee of the Whole: approval of the Architectural Selection Committee's recommendation of GraceHebert Architects, APAC, to provide architectural design consulting services for the Jefferson Homesite K-8 School Project to the May Committee of the Whole.

Seconded By Mr. Gaudet

The motion was approved to postpone the item to the May Committee of the Whole by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, and Ms. Collins were absent.)

"Public Comment" Cards

By President Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend approval to utilize "Public Comment" cards for future School Board meetings.

Seconded By Mr. Bellue

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee,

Dr. Nelson-Smith, and Ms. Collins were absent.)

Cell Tower Lease

By President Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend authorization for the Superintendent to execute an agreement for a cell tower at Glen Oaks High School.

Seconded By Mr. Bellue

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, and Ms. Collins were absent.)

Professional Services Contract

By Mr. Gaudet

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend approval of a professional services contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Emerald Data Solutions, Inc., in the amount of \$10,000 (one-time installation and training fee of \$1,000.00 and \$9,000.00 for one-year commitment) to purchase the BoardDocs Pro Document Management System for the use of its software to drive paperless Board meetings.

Seconded By Ms. Ware-Jackson

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, and Ms. Collins were absent.)

Litigation

By Ms. Ware-Jackson

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend approval of the recommendation from Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, EBRPSB, in the matter of Alvin Thomas vs. Cynthia Domino and the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, Suit 637,244; Section 27; 19th JDC, Parish of East Baton Rouge, and to provide for related matters.

Seconded By Ms. Dyason

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

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