

**EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
April 6, 2017
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 sixth day of April 2017, convened in regular session. 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: Warren Drake, Jr., Superintendent; Dr. Michelle Clayton, Deputy Superintendent; Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel; Ms. Adonica Pelichet-Duggan, Chief of Communication and Public Relations; Mr. James Crochet, Chief Business Operations Officer; 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 Michael Gaudet gave the invocation. School Board Member Dawn Collins 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:

Revised 2016-2017 General Fund Budget

By Mr. Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the approval of the Revised 2016-2017 General Fund Budget for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

Seconded By Mr. Bellue

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

“Plan for Academic Innovation and Organizational Efficiency”

By Ms. Dyason

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the approval of the “Plan for Academic Innovation and Organizational Efficiency” and related matters.

Seconded By Ms. Ware-Jackson

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (6)

Mr. Bellue, President Ware-Jackson, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Gaudet, Vice-President Bernard, and Mr. Tatman

Nays: (2) Dr. Nelson-Smith and Ms. Collins

Abstained: (1) Ms. Lee

Absent: (0)

The motion was favorably recommended to the full Board.

Grants

By Mr. Tatman

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

- a. The Big Brown Reaching Back Fund of the Baton Rouge Area Foundation grant in the amount of \$500.00 to be used by ICARE to purchase bullying prevention materials and used throughout the school district.
- b. Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Louisiana School Garden Cost Reimbursement grant in the amount of \$600.00 to be used to support the edible garden space at Wildwood Elementary School.

Seconded By Ms. Dyason

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

Professional Services Contract

By Ms. Dyason

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the approval to ratify a professional services contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Mary W. Blunski in the amount of \$18,400.00 for the third-party evaluation of charter school applications.

Seconded By Mr. Gaudet

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

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

By Ms. Ware-Jackson

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and the following Pre-K centers: God's Lil Angels, Kingdom Early Learning Center, Charity Christian Center, Rhema Christian Learning, South Baton Rouge Charter, and LSU Lab Preschool to establish a partnership as it relates to the EBR Early Childhood Network.

Seconded By Mr. Gaudet

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

Settlement of a Law Suit

By Mr. Bellue

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby accept the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, in the matter of: Joseph L. Watson v. Alisha A. Grimes and EBRPSB; Suit No.: 635,816; Section 27; 19th JDC.

Seconded By Mr. Tatman

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENT TO LEVY MILLAGES:

Notice is hereby given that the Parish School Board of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of Consolidated School District No. 1 of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana (the "District"), plans to consider and adopt at its meeting on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Parish School Board Office, 1050 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the Resolution, as required by law for the Office of the Assessor no later than June 1, 2017, for the purpose of levying millages effective on the 2017 Assessment Roll.

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**