

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

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2011**

**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 January, 2011 in regular-session convened. The President called the meeting to order with the following members present: President Barbara Freiberg; Mr. Tarvald A. Smith, Vice-President; Mr. G. Thomas "Jerry" Arbour; Mrs. Connie Bernard; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; Mr. Craig Freeman; Mr. Randy Lamana; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Mrs. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; Mr. David Tatman and Mrs. Evelyn Ware-Jackson.

Others present were: Mr. John L. Dilworth, Superintendent; Dr. Herman Brister, Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Diane Atkins, Associate Superintendent for Instructional Support Services; Ms. Catherine Fletcher, Chief Business Operations Officer; Ms. Mary Nell Dominique, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area I; Mr. David Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area III; Ms. Millie Williams, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Lizabeth Frischhertz, Chief Officer of Accountability, Assessment and Evaluation; Mr. Chris Trahan, Director of Communications and Community Engagement; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

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**President Freiberg designated Vice President Tarvald Smith to chair the Committee of the Whole meeting.**

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Vice President Smith asked for a moment of silence. School Board Member David Tatman led the pledge of allegiance.

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**Instructional/Pupil Services Items**

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

**Contract**

**By Mr. Lamana**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of staff's request to execute a contract with Louisiana State University to assist in developing a system-wide writing framework to address declining writing scores as measured by state assessments. In addition, the district will receive intensive professional development in the area of writing instruction relative to the writing framework developed. The fixed cost in the amount of \$70,000 will be funded by the Board approved literacy/ reading budget.

**Seconded by Mrs. Bernard**

**Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.**

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**Grant**

**By Mr. Lamana**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of staff's request to accept a Teacher Advancement Program (TAP) grant award in the amount of \$40,260 to be divided equally between Claiborne Elementary and Cedarcrest-Southmoor Elementary Schools.

**Seconded by Mr. Arbour**

**Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.**

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**Other Items**

**The following item was presented to the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole by the Superintendent and staff:**

**Updated Testing Program Policy**

**By Mr. Arbour**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of an updated Testing Program Policy.

**Seconded by Mr. Lamana**

**Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.**

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

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**John L. Dilworth  
Secretary/Treasurer to the East Baton  
Rouge Parish School Board  
Committee of the Whole**