

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 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 second day of June 2011 in regular-session convened. The Vice-President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mrs. Barbara Freiberg, President; 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; Dr. 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; Mr. James Crochet, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Mary Nell Dominique, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area I; Ms. Katie Blunsch, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area II; Mr. David Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area III; Ms. Kathleen Smith, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area IV; Ms. Millie Williams, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Lizabeth Frischhertz, Chief Officer of Accountability, Assessment and Evaluation; Mr. Jesse Noble, Chief Technology Officer; Mr. Chris Trahan, Director of Communications and Community Engagement; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

Vice President Smith asked for a moment of silence. School Board Member Jill Dyason led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Personnel Services Items

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

Waivers for Medical Sabbatical Leaves

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of two waivers for medical sabbatical leaves.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.

School Operations Items

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

Recommendation of General Counsel

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: acceptance of the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, in the matter Calvin Hatch, et al, v. Yvonne Henderson, Suit No.: 593,469; Section 26; 19th JDC.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.

Recommendation of General Counsel

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: acceptance of the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, in the matter Jonathan Veal v. Dinika Brown, EBRPSB & ACE American Insurance Co., Suit No.: 594,110, Section 26; 19th JDC, Parish of East Baton Rouge.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.

Selection of *The Advocate* as the Official Journal

By Ms. Dyason

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization to select *The Advocate* as the Official Journal of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System for the 2011-2012 school year, which will be used for the publication of the Board's proceedings, financial statements, legal advertisements, and any other advertising requirements.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.

Advertise, Receive, and Award Bids

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization through June 2012 to advertise, receive, and award bids for materials, supplies, and/or services to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications and all requirements of the Invitation to Bid.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.

Reject Proposals for Reuse of Alsen Elementary School and Demolish all Buildings

By Mrs. Freiberg

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of staff’s recommendation to reject all proposals for reuse of Alsen Elementary School and demolish all buildings to return the site to open green space until such time as the lease with the City of Baton Rouge expires on June 30, 2015, or the early termination of the lease is exercised.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.

Finance

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

Property and Casualty Insurance Program Policy Renewal Package

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to authorize the administration to approve the most effective Property and Casualty Insurance Program Policy renewal package for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (10) **Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mrs. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson**

Nays: (0) **None**

Abstained: (1) **Mr. Arbour**

Absent: (0) **None**

The motion was favorably recommended.

Resolution Authorizing the Board President and Superintendent to Execute and Sign all Documents to Reject Uninsured Motorist Coverage

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the attached Resolution authorizing the Board President and Superintendent to execute and sign all documents to reject Uninsured Motorist Coverage in connection with the East Baton Rouge Parish School System’s automobile liability coverage and its Self-Insured Retention Program for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (10) **Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mrs. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson**

Nays: (0) **None**

Abstained: (1) **Mr. Arbour**

Absent: (0) **None**

The motion was favorably recommended.

Extension Agreement for Volunteers in Public Schools

By Ms. Dyason

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of an Extension Agreement for Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) for the upcoming year.

Seconded by Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Lamana was absent.)

2011-2012 Budget for Vocational Education – Carl Perkins Basic Grant

By Mrs. Ware-Jackson

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the proposed 2011-2012 Budget for Vocational Education – Carl Perkins Basic Grant.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.

2011 Summer Opportunity for Academic Remediation (SOAR) Elementary Summer School Budget

By Ms. Lee

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the 2011 Summer Opportunity for Academic Remediation (SOAR) Elementary Summer School budget.

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.

Arts Education Program Agreement

By Mr. Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Arts Education Program Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge in the amount of \$35,000.

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.

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:

Grants

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the following grant under \$50,000.00: a) USA Track and Field Foundation Youth Programs grant in the amount of \$2,000.00, (Recipient: Coach Paul Jackson, EBR Lab Academy).

Seconded by Ms. Lee

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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| Yeas: (10) | Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mrs. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson |
| Nays: (0) | None |
| Abstained: (1) | Mrs. Dyason |
| Absent: (0) | None |

The motion was favorably recommended.

Other Items

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

Renew Contract with The Conrad Group L.L.C

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby delete Item IV #1 from the Committee of the Whole agenda because this item is listed as an item on the Special School Board meeting following this Committee of the Whole meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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| Yeas: (10) | Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Dyason, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mrs. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson |
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Nays: (1) Mr. Freeman

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

The motion was approved.

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

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