

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2012

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 August 2012, in regular-session convened. The President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mrs. Barbara Freiberg, President; Mr. G. Thomas "Jerry" Arbour; Mrs. Connie Bernard; Mr. Craig Freeman; Mr. Randy Lamana; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Mr. David Tatman; and Mrs. Evelyn Ware-Jackson. Ms. Jill C. Dyason, Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith, and Mr. Tarvald A. Smith, Vice-President, were absent.

Others present were: Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr., Superintendent; Mr. Michael Hagen, Deputy Superintendent for Innovation and Reform; Ms. Diane Atkins, Associate Superintendent for Instructional Support and Pupil Services; Mr. Carlos Sam, Associate Superintendent for School Leadership and Instruction; Dr. Herman Brister, Associate Superintendent for School Support Services; Ms. Catherine Fletcher, Chief Business Operations Officer; Mr. Jesse Noble, Chief Technology Officer; Ms. Millie Williams, Interim Executive Director of Human Resources; Ms. Elizabeth Frischhertz, Chief Officer of Accountability, Assessment and Evaluation; Mr. Chris Trahan, Director of Communications/Community Engagement; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

School Board Member, Randy Lamana, gave the invocation. School Board Member, Jerry Arbour, 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:

New Job Description

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 new job description: Youth Advocate Specialist.

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

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

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. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: Letonya Rowe, Individually and as Natural Tutrix of her Minor Child, Da'Cia Rowe v. EBRPSB, Climetean Montague, Carrie Mealy, and Coregis Insurance Company, Suite No: 560,926, Section 8, 19th JDC, Parish of East Baton Rouge.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

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

Finance

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

Approval to Consolidate Items #1-#7 In Globo

By Mr. Freeman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby approve consolidating Items #1-#7 *in globo*.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Adopted without objection by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason, Dr. Nelson Smith, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tatman were absent.)

Approval of Contracts Listed as Items #1-#7

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following items *in globo*: #1. Approval of a contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Pediatric Services of America, Inc., d/b/a PSA Healthcare for the period August 8, 2012, through May 21, 2013, for an amount not to exceed \$160,000.00. #2. Approval of a contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Healing Hands Home Health, Inc. for the period August 8, 2012, through May 21, 2013, for an amount not to exceed \$98,000.00. #3. Approval of a contract renewal for Professional Services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and National SAM Innovation Project (NSIP) for Turnaround Schools, for the period August

2012 through June 2013, for an amount not to exceed \$81,300.00. #4. Approval of the Proposed 2012-2013 Radio Training Program (RTP) Budget. #5. Approval of the Proposed 2012-2013 Tax Plan Budgets for Propositions 2 and 3. #6. Approval of the 2011-2012 Adult Education Local Budget. #7. Approval of the 2011-2012 Adult Education YouthBuild Budget.

Seconded by Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason, Dr. Nelson Smith, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tatman were absent.)

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:

Approval to Consolidate and Approve Items #1-#5 In Globo

By Mr. Freeman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend Items #1, #2, #4, and #5 *in globo*: #1. Approval of the following grants under \$50,000.00: a) 2012 Elmer’s Teacher Tool Kit grant in the amount of \$5,000.00. (Recipient – Ms. Cecilia Flores, Kindergarten Teacher, LaBelle Aire Elementary; b) Pets in the Classroom grant in the amount of \$50.00. (Recipient – Ms. Cecilia Flores – Kindergarten Teacher, LaBelle Aire Elementary); and c) School Grants for Healthy Kids grant in the amount of \$2,000.00. (Recipient – Ms. Courtney Comeaux, Teacher – Shenandoah Elementary. #2. Approval of the Louisiana Virtual School (LVS) Agreement between the State Department of Education and the East Baton Rouge Parish School System. #4. Approval to adopt a Resolution that qualifies the East Baton Rouge Parish School System to apply for the 2013 Magnet Schools Assistance Program Grant. #5. Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement for AMI Kids, Inc. for Valley Park Alternative School for the 2012-2013 school year.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Discussion followed.

Mrs. Bernard requested that Item #3 be removed from the motion. Mr. Freeman, the originator, agreed.

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason, Dr. Nelson Smith, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tatman were absent.)

2012-2013 Pupil Progression Plan

By Mr. Freeman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the 2012-2013 Pupil Progression Plan.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason, Dr. Nelson Smith, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tatman were absent.)

Other 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 a contract for consulting services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Successful Schools, Inc.

Seconded by Mrs. Ware-Jackson

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

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

**Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr.
Secretary/Treasurer to the East Baton
Rouge Parish School Board
Committee of the Whole**