

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

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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 first day of November 2012, in regular-session convened. The Vice President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mr. Tarvald A. Smith, Vice President; Mrs. Barbara Freiberg, 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: Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr., Superintendent; Mr. Marvin Trotter, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent for Parent/Community Engagement; Mr. Michael Haggen, Deputy Superintendent for Innovation and Reform; Ms. Diane Atkins, Associate Superintendent for Instructional Support and Pupil Services; Mr. Carlos Sam, Associate Superintendent for Student 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. Lizabeth Frischhertz, Chief Officer of Accountability, Assessment and Evaluation; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

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Vice President Smith asked for a moment of silence. School Board Member, Mr. Lamana, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**School Operations**

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

**Construction of Lee High School**

**By Ms. Dyason**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization for the Program Management Team, CSRS/GPM, to proceed with the programming and design process for the demolition, site work, and construction of a new high school on the existing Lee High School site as stated in the Tax Plan.

**Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

**Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Mrs. Bernard was absent.)**

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**Servitude Agreement**

**By Mrs. Freiberg**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a Servitude Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and the East Baton Rouge Sewerage Commission for a local Services Agreement/Cooperative Endeavor. The agreement serves as an acceptance of the transfer of property ownership for the cash offer of \$7,892.00 for city-wide and future Scotlandville Middle Pre-Engineering Academy sewer improvements.

**Seconded by Mr. Lamana**

**Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Mrs. Bernard was absent.)**

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**Servitude Agreement**

**By Mr. Lamana**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a Servitude Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and the East Baton Rouge Sewerage Commission for a local Services Agreement/Cooperative Endeavor. The agreement serves as an acceptance of the transfer of property ownership for the cash offer of \$13,292.00 for city-wide and future J.K. Haynes/old Harding Elementary site sewer improvements.

**Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

**Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Mrs. Bernard was absent.)**

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**Finance**

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

**Audit Results for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2012**

**By Mr. Tatman**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System financial audit results for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

**Seconded by Ms. Dyason**

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

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**Resolution to Call a Tax Election (Millage Renewal)**

**By Mr. Lamana**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of Resolution to call a Tax Election (Millage Renewal) to be held April 6, 2013.

**Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

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

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**Renewal Contract**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a renewal contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Mercer for a period of one (1) year, beginning January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013.

**Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg**

**Discussion continued.**

**The following substitute motion was made.**

**By Mr. Arbour**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a renewal contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Mercer for a period of one (1) year, beginning January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013. Staff shall then issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a new contract.

**Seconded by Mr. Lamana**

**The substitute motion was favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of all the members.**

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**Request for Proposal (RFP)**

**By Mr. Freeman**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization for staff to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to seek East Baton Rouge Parish School System employee benefit coverage for Group Basic and Voluntary Life/AD&D, Group Voluntary Short Term Disability, and Group Voluntary Long Term Disability.

**Seconded by Mr. Arbour**

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

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**Payment of Accreditation Fee for 2012-2013**

**By Mr. Lamana**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the payment of accreditation fees for the 2012-2013 school year in the amount of \$52,000.00 to AdvancED for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Council on Accreditation and School Improvement.

**Seconded by Mrs. Bernard**

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

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**Preliminary Actual Semi-Annual Financial Tax Plan Update and Proposed 2012-2013 Tax Plan Budgets for Propositions 1, 2, and 3**

**By Ms. Lee**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Preliminary Actual Semi-Annual Financial Tax Plan Update and the Proposed 2012-2013 Tax Plan Budgets for Propositions 1, 2, and 3.

**Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg**

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

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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:**

**Grant**

**By Mr. Freeman**

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: Dow Promise Grant in the amount of \$17,000.00 – (Recipient – Brian St. George – Professional Engineer and Member of the Scotlandville Magnet High School’s Engineering Professions Advisory Team).

**Seconded by Ms. Lee**

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

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**Contract**

**By Ms. Lee**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and the Strategic Learning Initiatives for the purpose of implementing professional development and training at Glen Oaks High School.

**Seconded by Mr. Lamana**

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

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**Service Agreement**

**By Mrs. Freiberg**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a Service Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Delta Education, LLC for the refurbishment of science kits.

**Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

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

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**Other Items**

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

**Reapportionment Plan**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of proposed Board reapportionment plan.

**Seconded by Mrs. Ware-Jackson**

**Discussion continued.**

**The following substitute motion was made.**

**By Mr. Arbour**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby refer the following item to the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board without a favorable recommendation: approval of proposed Board reapportionment plan.

**Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg**

**The substitute motion was approved for referral to the Board without a favorable recommendation by a vote of all the members.**

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**Revisions to Travel Policy**

**By Mr. Tatman**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of revisions to the East Baton Rouge Parish School System's Travel Policy.

**Seconded by Ms. Lee**

**Discussion followed.**

**The following substitute motion was made.**

**By Mr. Arbour**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of revisions to the East Baton Rouge Parish School System's Travel Policy, as outlined in the 10/02/12 email from Superintendent Taylor.

**Seconded by Ms. Lee**

**The substitute motion was favorably recommended to the full Board 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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**Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr.  
Secretary/Treasurer to the East Baton  
Rouge Parish School Board  
Committee of the Whole**