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.)

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.)

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.)

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.
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.

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.

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.

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.

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