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 third day of November 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; Mr. David Tatman; and Mrs. Evelyn Ware-Jackson. Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith was absent.

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; Dr. Shirl Gilbert, Executive Director of Turnaround Schools; Ms. Millie Williams, Interim Executive Director of Human Resources; 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 Jerry Arbour led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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: Velma Jackson v. EBRPSB, et al, Docket No.: 580,853, Sec. “24;” 19th JDC.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (8) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mr. Smith, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson
The motion was favorably recommended.

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**Authorization for Staff to Advertise, Accept Low Bids Meeting Specifications, and Make the Award of Contracts for Istrouma High School Classroom Improvement 2nd Floor**

**By Mr. Lamana**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications and make the award of a contract for the Istrouma High School Classroom Improvement 2nd Floor, or reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law; Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 38; Chapter 10.

**Seconded by Ms. Dyason**

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made:

**By Mr. Freeman**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby defer the following item until the February 2, 2012, Committee of the Whole meeting: authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications, and make the award of a contract for the Istrouma High School Classroom Improvement 2nd Floor, or reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law; Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 38; Chapter 10.

**Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg**

Discussion followed.

The substitute motion was withdrawn by the originator and seconder.

Discussion continued.

The following substitute motion was made:

**By Mr. Arbour**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby defer the following item until the February 2, 2012, Committee of the Whole meeting: authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications, and make the award of a contract for the Istrouma High School Classroom Improvement 2nd Floor, or reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law; Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 38; Chapter 10.
Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

- **Yeas:** (5) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, and Mr. Tatman
- **Nays:** (3) Mr. Lamana, Mr. Smith and Mrs. Ware-Jackson
- **Abstained:** (2) Mrs. Freiberg and Ms. Lee
- **Absent:** (1) Dr. Nelson-Smith

The substitute motion failed.

Discussion continued.

The following substitute motion was made:

**By Mr. Lamana**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby defer the following item until the January 5, 2012, Committee of the Whole meeting: authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications, and make the award of a contract for the Istrouma High School Classroom Improvement 2nd Floor, or reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law; Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 38; Chapter 10.

Discussion continued.

Mr. Freeman offered a second with a friendly amendment.

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby defer the following item until the January 5, 2012, Committee of the Whole meeting: authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications, and make the award of a contract for the Istrouma High School Classroom Improvement 2nd Floor, or reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law; Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 38; Chapter 10. The Superintendent, Board Leadership, and staff will formalize a process to start working with the State to get an extension of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

The amendment was accepted by the originator.

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

- **Yeas:** (9) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson
- **Nays:** (1) Ms. Lee
- **Abstained:** (0) None
Absent: (1) Dr. Nelson-Smith

The substitute motion was favorably recommended.

Authorization for Staff to Advertise, Accept Low Bids Meeting Specifications, and Make the Award of Contracts for Delmont Elementary School Classroom Improvement

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications and make the award of a contract for the Delmont Elementary School Classroom Improvement, or reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law; Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 38; Chapter 10.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith was absent.)

Board Policy Changes

By Mr. Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of board policy changes.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith 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:

EBRPSS Financial Audit Results

By Mr. Lamana
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, 2011.

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith was absent.)

Empower Charter Academy by the National Heritage Academies

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby deny the following item: approval to deny a request from Empower Charter Academy by the National Heritage Academies to serve students in the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mr. Tatman

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 recommendation: approval of a request from Empower Charter Academy by the National Heritage Academies to serve students in the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

Call the Question

A motion was made to limit debate by “calling the question” by Mr. Freeman. No second was made and no vote was taken on limiting the debate.

Approved for referral to the Board without recommendation by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith absent.)

Partnership 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 collaborative partnership agreement between the
Louisiana Board of Regents and the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board to provide LA GEAR UP services from September 1, 2011, through May 15, 2012.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith was absent.)

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Preliminary Actual Semi-Annual Financial Tax Plan Update and Proposed 2011-2012 Tax Plan Budgets for Propositions 1, 2, and 3

By Mr. Arbour

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 2011-2012 Tax Plan Budgets for Propositions 1, 2, and 3.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith was absent.)

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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. Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: acceptance of the following grant under $50,000.00: Kinder Morgan Foundation Grant in the amount of $2,150.00. (Recipient: Ms. Susan Chernetz, Vocal Music Teacher – Forest Heights Academy of Excellence).

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith was absent.)

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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