

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

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 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 sixth day of December 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: Mr. Marvin Trotter, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent for Parent/Community Engagement; 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 Student 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, Ms. Dyason, 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:**

**Partnership Agreement**

**By Mrs. Ware-Jackson**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a recommendation for a Partnership Agreement: The Youth 360 Program (Pilot) between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and BREC.

**Seconded by Mr. Lamana**

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

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**Authorization for Staff to Advertise, Accept Low Bid and Award Contract**

**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 purchase and installation of a natural gas generator 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 Mrs. Bernard**

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

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**Authorization for Staff and Legal Counsel to Negotiate an Agreement**

**By Mr. Lamana**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization for staff and legal counsel to negotiate an agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Circa 1857 for the usage of The Dufrocq School parking lot.

**Seconded by Mrs. Bernard**

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

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**Policy Updates**

**By Mr. Tatman**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of School Board policy updates and related matters.

**Seconded by Ms. Lee**

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

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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:**

**Sub-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 sub-contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Louisiana State University for the Math/Science Partnership for the period of April 1, 2012, through September 30, 2013, for an amount of \$27,150.00.

**Seconded by Mr. Lamana**

**The vote on the motion was as follows:**

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

**The motion was favorably recommended.**

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**Contract**

**By Mrs. Freiberg**

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 City Year Baton Rouge for the period of July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013, for an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00.

**Seconded by Mrs. Bernard**

**Discussion followed.**

**A "friendly amendment" was offered by Mr. Arbour and accepted by the originator and seconder.**

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 contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and City Year Baton Rouge for the period of July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013, for an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00.

**Approved for referral to the Board without recommendation by a vote of all the members.**

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**Extension of Services**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to extend services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Mercer for Strategic Plan Modeling around the Affordable Care Act (ACA) costs for an amount of \$25,000.00.

**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 to send out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Strategic Plan Modeling around the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

**Seconded by Mr. Lamana**

**Discussion continued.**

**Mr. Arbour withdrew his motion and the seconder agreed.**

**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 recommendation: approval to extend services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Mercer for Strategic Plan Modeling around the Affordable Care Act (ACA) costs for an amount of \$25,000.00.

**Seconded by Mr. Lamana**

**Approved for referral to the Board without recommendation by a vote of all the members.**

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**Extension of Services**

**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 recommendation: approval to

extend services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Mercer for Pharmacy Benefits Management for an amount of \$25,000.00.

**Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith**

**Approved for referral to the Board without recommendation by a vote of all the members.**

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**Contract Amendment with LRCE (Career Academy)**

**By Mr. Lamana**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of an amendment to the contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Louisiana Resource Center for Educators, LLC (Career Academy), changing the submission due date of its annual audited financial statements from October 1st to December 31st.

**Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith**

**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 Ms. Lee**

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: The Fuel Up to Play 60 Grant in the amount of \$2,800.00. (Recipient: Ms. Karen Falke – Physical Education teacher at Park Forest Elementary School).

**Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg**

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

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**Adoption of Test Security Policy**

**By Mr. Tatman**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: adoption of the Test Security Policy for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

**Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg**

**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**