

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2011

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 April, 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; Mrs. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; Mr. David Tatman; and Mrs. Evelyn Ware-Jackson.

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; Mr. James Crochet, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Mary Nell Dominique, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area I; Ms. Katie Blunsch, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area II; Mr. David Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area III; Ms. Kathleen Smith, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area IV; Ms. Millie Williams, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Lizabeth Frischhertz, Chief Officer of Accountability, Assessment and Evaluation; Mr. Jesse Noble, Chief Technology Officer; Mr. Carlos Sam, Director of Magnet Programs; Mr. Richard Capps, Administrative Director of Federal Programs; 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 Connie Bernard 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 the Superintendent

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: acceptance of the recommendation of Mr. John Dilworth, Superintendent, East Baton Rouge Parish School System, in the matter of: Larry Clark and Latrice Clark, individually, and on behalf of their minor son, La'Allen Clark v. EBRPSB and Linnie Chin, Suit No.: 574,623; Section 27; 19th JDC, Parish of East Baton Rouge.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason was absent.)

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: acceptance of the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School System, in the matter of: Raby, et al v. Robertson, Perkins, and EBRPSB; Docket No.: 576,347; Section 24; 19th JDC.

Seconded by Mrs. Dyason

Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason was absent.)

Recommendation of the Architect Selection Committee

By Mr. Freeman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the recommendation of the Architect Selection Committee of Remson, Haley, Herpin Architects and APAC for Architectural Design Consulting Services for the New Progress Elementary School Project.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (9) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Mrs. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (0) None

Abstained: (1) Ms. Lee

Absent: (1) Mrs. Dyason

The motion was favorably recommended.

Recommendation of Staff to Terminate a Lease

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization of staff’s recommendation to terminate the lease with Town South Shopping Center Partnership.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.

Recommendation to Adopt a Resolution

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: adoption of a Resolution proclaiming April 22, 2011, as “Earth Day.”

Seconded by Ms. Lee

Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Tatman 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:

Recommendation to Amend Agreement

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization to amend the Education Excellence Fund Investment Agreement.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.

Recommendation to Approve a Contract

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Strategic Measurement and Evaluations, Inc.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.

Recommendation to Approve Revised 2010-2011 General Fund Budget

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Revised 2010-2011 General Fund Budget for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.

Recommendation to Approve Proposed 2011-2012 General Fund Budget Reductions

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 recommendation: approval of the Proposed 2011-2012 General Fund Budget reductions for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

Approved for referral to the Board without a recommendation by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason and Mr. Freeman 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:

Grants

By Mr. Lamana

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: a) National Action Committee for Minorities in Engineering (NACME) STEM Innovation Grant in the amount of \$2,000.00, (Recipient: Ms. Beatrice Arvie, Engineering/Magnet Coordinator, Scotlandville Magnet High School).

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason and Mr. Freeman were absent.)

Recommendation to Close the EBR Lab Academy

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to close the EBR Lab Academy.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mrs. Freiberg

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 recommendation: approval to close the EBR Lab Academy.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

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

The motion was approved for referral to the Board without a recommendation.

Recommendation for New Job Descriptions

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 descriptions: (a) Executive Director of Elementary Schools, and (b) Executive Director for Human Resources.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

The motion was favorably recommended to the Board.

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**