

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2014

5:45 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 5:45 p.m. on the sixth day of April 2014, in regular-session convened. The Vice President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mr. Tarvald A. Smith, Vice President; Mr. David Tatman, President; Mr. G. Thomas "Jerry" Arbour; Mrs. Connie Bernard; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; Mr. Craig Freeman; Mrs. Barbara Freiberg; Mr. Randy Lamana; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; and Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson.

Others present were: Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr., Superintendent; Mr. Michael Hagen, Deputy Superintendent for Innovation and Reform; Ms. Diane Atkins, Associate Superintendent for Instructional Support and Pupil Services; Mr. Carlos Sam, Associate Superintendent; Dr. Herman Brister, Associate Superintendent for Student Support Services; Ms. Catherine Fletcher, Chief Business Operations 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.

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

Renewal of Contract

By Vice-President Smith

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of staff's recommendation to renew a contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and BlueCross BlueShield of Louisiana to provide the East Baton Rouge Parish School System with medical administrative services for a period of three years, beginning January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2017.

Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson

Discussion followed.

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 recommendation:** approval of staff's recommendation to renew a contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board

and BlueCross BlueShield of Louisiana to provide the East Baton Rouge Parish School System with medical administrative services for a period of three years, beginning January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2017.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None

Abstained: (2) Ms. Dyason and Dr. Nelson-Smith

Absent: (0) None

The substitute motion was referred to the Board without a recommendation.

Contract

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Education Foundations, LLC, in the amount of \$50,000.00 for equitable services federally mandated to continue the 2013-2014 Title I tutorial services in reading and mathematics for participating Title I non-public schools. (Funding Source: Title I Non-Public Equitable Services).

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

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

Settlement of a Law Suit

By Mrs. Freiberg

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby accept the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, in the matter of: Tilton Janord Cooper v. East Baton Rouge Parish School System, Civil Action No. 3:12-cv-00393, United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

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

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**