

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

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2014**

**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 fourth day of September 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. G. Thomas "Jerry" Arbour; Mrs. Connie Bernard; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; Mrs. Barbara Freiberg; Mrs. Mary Lynch; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; and Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson. Mr. Craig Freeman and Mr. David Tatman, President, were absent.

Others present were: Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr., Superintendent; Mr. Michael Hagen, Deputy Superintendent for Innovation and Reform; 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.

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School Board Member, Evelyn Ware-Jackson, gave the invocation. School Board Member Jill Dyason, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Accept Recommendation of Forestry Consultant**

**By Mrs. Lynch**

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:** accept the Forestry Consultant's recommendation to perform timber thinning and regenerating harvesting on the Section 16 property located on the Northeast High Tract and the Baywood Tract and authorization for staff and the consultant to advertise, accept the high bid meeting specifications, and make the award of contracts for the timber thinning project or reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law.

**Seconded by Mr. Arbour**

**Approved for referral to the Board without a recommendation by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Freeman and President Tatman were absent.)**

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**Professional Services 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 professional services contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Teach for America in the amount of \$28,000.00 (8 teachers x \$3,500) - Funding Source: General Fund/Human Resources and \$9,600.00 (8 teachers x \$1,200) - Funding Source: Federal Programs.

**Seconded by Ms. Dyason**

**Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Freeman and President Tatman were absent.)**

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**Professional Services Contract**

**By Mrs. Lynch**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a professional services contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Soliant Health in the amount of \$30,000.00 for audiological services to students in the district. (Funding Source: General Fund).

**Seconded by Mr. Arbour**

**Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Freeman and President Tatman were absent.)**

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**Professional Services Contract**

**By Ms. Dyason**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a professional services contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Prestige Home Care in an amount not to exceed \$54,000.00 for nursing services for ESS students.

**Seconded by Ms. Lee**

**Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Freeman and President Tatman were absent.)**

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**Renewal of License Agreement**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to renew a license agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and ESchool Solutions, Inc., in the amount of \$22,172.75 for an Electronic Registration Online (ERO) subscription. (Funding Source: General Fund/Professional Development).

**Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg**

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

- Yeas: (8)                    Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mrs. Freiberg, Ms. Lee, Mrs. Lynch, Dr. Nelson-Smith, and Ms. Ware-Jackson**
- Nays: (0)                    None**
- Abstained: (1)            Vice President Smith**
- Absent: (2)                Mr. Freeman and President Tatman**

**The motion was favorably recommended to the full Board.**

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**Grant**

**By Mr. Arbour**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: acceptance of the Innovation Through Design Thinking Program grant in the amount of \$27,500.00.

**Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith**

**Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Freeman and President Tatman were absent.)**

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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 Services Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Our Lady of the Lake Hospital, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$260,000.00 per year for two (2) Blue Buses.

**Seconded by Mrs. Lynch**

**Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Freeman and President Tatman were absent.)**

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**School Board Policy Revisions**

**By Mrs. Freiberg**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the following School Board policy revisions and related matters: BD, DFK, GAJ, GAMC, GBI, GBK, GBKA, GBRI, GBL, and GBRIB.

**Seconded by Mr. Arbour**

**Discussion followed.**

**The following substitute motion was made.**

**By Ms. Dyason**

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 following School Board policy revisions and related matters: BD, DFK, GAJ, GAMC, GBI, GBK, GBKA, GBRI, GBL, and GBRIB.

**Seconded by Mr. Arbour**

**Approved for referral to the Board without a recommendation by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Freeman and President Tatman were absent.)**

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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**