

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014

5:00 P.M.

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board met at the School Board Office at 1050 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 5:00 p.m. on this the twentieth day of February 2014, in regular-session convened. The President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mr. David Tatman, President; Mr. Tarvald A. Smith, Vice-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.

School Board Member, Randy Lamana, gave the invocation. Cadet Major Terrick Guy, Glen Oaks High School, accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel Ronald Mahomes, Senior Army Instructor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes of the January 16, 2014, School Board Meeting, the February 6, 2014, Special Board Meeting, and the February 6, 2014, Committee of the Whole Meeting

By Vice-President Smith

Resolved, that, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meetings of January 16, 2014, School Board meeting, the February 6, 2014, Special Board Meeting, and the February 6, 2014, Committee of the Whole meeting, be dispensed with and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

Seconded Ms. Ware-Jackson

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mrs. Bernard and Ms. Dyason were absent.)

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

By Ms. Lee

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Consent Agenda items.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mrs. Bernard was absent.)

The following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

Approval of a 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.

Approval of the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, EBRPSB, 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.

Defer Approval of a Contract Renewal

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby defer the 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 until the April 17, 2014 Regular School Board meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (8) Mr. Arbour, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Vice-President Smith, President Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (2) Mrs. Bernard and Mrs. Freiberg

Abstained: (1) Ms. Dyason

Absent: (0) None

The motion was declared adopted.

Approval to Extend Lease Agreement

By Mrs. Freiberg

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give approval to extend the current lease agreement with the Community School for Apprenticeship Learning (CSAL).

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Adoption of Resolution

By Mr. Lamana

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt a Resolution to support the 2014 Louisiana School Boards Association (LSBA) Legislative Framework.

Seconded by Vice-President Smith

The vote on the motion was as follows:

**Yeas: (6) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith
and Vice-President Smith**

Nays: (3) Mr. Freeman, President Tatman and Ms. Ware-Jackson

Abstained: (2) Ms. Dyason and Mrs. Freiberg

Absent: (0) None

The motion was declared adopted.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned by acclamation.

**Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr.,
Secretary/Treasurer to the Board**