

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012

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 eighteenth day of April 2012, in regular-session convened. The President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mrs. Barbara Freiberg, President; Mr. G. Thomas "Jerry" Arbour; Mrs. Connie Bernard; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; Mr. Craig Freeman; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; Mr. David Tatman; and Mrs. Evelyn Ware-Jackson. Mr. Tarvald A. Smith, Vice-President, and Mr. Randy Lamana were absent.

Others present were: Mr. Carlos J. Sam, Interim Superintendent; Dr. Herman Brister, Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Diane Atkins, Associate Superintendent for Instructional 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; Mr. Chris Trahan, Director of Communications and Community Engagement; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

School Board President, Barbara Freiberg, asked for a moment of silence. Cadet Joniytra Bonner, Glen Oaks High School, and LTC Shirley Sutton, Senior Army Instructor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of School Board Minutes of the March 15, 2012, (regular), March 22, 2012, (special), and April 5, 2012, Committee of the Whole meetings

By Mrs. Bernard

Resolved, that, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board meetings of the March 15, 2012, (regular), March 22, 2012, (special), and April 5, 2012, Committee of the Whole meetings, be dispensed with and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Lamana and Mr. Smith were absent.)

Approval of Personnel Changes Since School Board Meeting of March 15, 2012

By Mr. Freeman

Resolved, that, the changes in personnel since the School Board Meeting of March 15, 2012, be, and they are, hereby approved. **(A copy of the Changes has been marked "Official Copy" and placed in the files of the Board.)**

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Lamana and Mr. Smith were absent.)

Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming April 22-28, 2012, as "Administrative Professionals Week"

By Dr. Nelson-Smith

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt a resolution proclaiming April 22-28, 2012, as "Administrative Professionals Week." **(A copy of the Resolution has been marked "Official Copy" and placed in the files of the Board.)**

Seconded by Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Lamana and Mr. Smith were absent.)

Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming May 9, 2012, as "National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day"

By Ms. Dyason

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt a resolution proclaiming May 9, 2012, as "National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day." **(A copy of the Resolution has been marked "Official Copy" and placed in the files of the Board.)**

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Lamana and Mr. Smith were absent.)

Approval of Consent Agenda Items, Excluding Item #13

By Mrs. Bernard

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Consent Agenda items, excluding item #13.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Lamana and Mr. Smith were absent.)

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

Items approved by the Committee of the Whole for recommendation to the Board:

Acceptance of the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, in the matter of: Johnathon Nelson v. Jessica Y. Matthews, EBRPSB and ACE American Insurance Company, Suit No. 583,193; Section 26; 19th JDC, Parish of East Baton Rouge.

Acceptance of the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, in the matter of: Darren Johnson v. East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Tausha Jefferson, Suit No. 569,357; Section 22; 19th JDC, Parish of East Baton Rouge.

Approval of the Revised 2011-2012 General Fund Budget for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

Approval of the Revised Education Jobs Fund Budget for 2011-2012.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Approval to Defer EBRPSS's Travel Guide to May 17, 2012 Regular School Board Meeting

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve deferring consideration of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System's Travel Guide to the May 17, 2012, Regular School Board Meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

Discussion followed.

The following "friendly" amendment was offered by Ms. Lee:

To bring the item back to the May 3, 2012 Committee of the Whole meeting.

The "friendly" amendment was accepted by the originator and seconder.

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Lamana and Mr. Smith were absent.)

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

Carlos J. Sam, Interim Superintendent