

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2013**

**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 2013, 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. Marvin Trotter, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent for Parent/Community Engagement; Mr. Michael Haggen, Deputy Superintendent for Innovation and Reform; Ms. Diane Atkins, Associate Superintendent for Instructional Support and Pupil Services; Mr. Carlos Sam, Associate Superintendent for School Leadership and Instruction; Dr. Herman Brister, Associate Superintendent for Student Support Services; Ms. Catherine Fletcher, Chief Business Operations Officer; Mr. Jesse Noble, Chief Technology Officer; Ms. Millie Williams, Interim Executive Director of Human Resources; Ms. Elizabeth Frischhertz, Chief Officer of Accountability, Assessment and Evaluation; Ms. Susan Nelson, Interim Executive Director of Communications/External Affairs; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

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School Board Member, Randy Lamana, gave the invocation. Cadet Tarolyn Williams, Broadmoor High School, accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel Michael Stewart, Senior Army Instructor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Approval of School Board Minutes of the April 4, 2013, (Committee of the Whole), April 4, 2013 (special), and March 21, 2013, (regular) meetings**

**By Mr. Arbour**

Resolved, that, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meetings of April 4, 2013, Committee of the Whole meeting, April 4, 2013, Special School Board meeting, and the March 21, 2013, School Board meeting, be dispensed with and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

**Seconded by Vice-President Smith**

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

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**Adoption of a Resolution**

**By Vice-President Smith**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt a Resolution providing for the canvassing of the returns and declaring the results of the special elections held in Consolidated School District No. 1 of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, held on Saturday, April 6, 2013, to authorize the levy of special taxes therein.

**Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson**

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

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**Approval to Defer an Item**

**By Mr. Arbour**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give approval to defer Item #13: Proposed health care options for: (a) active employees and (b) non-Medicare eligible retirees. The item is deferred to a Special meeting to be scheduled on Thursday, May 2, 2013, after the Committee of the Whole meeting. The item will also cover the entire issue of the health care plan.

**Seconded by Ms. Dyason**

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

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

**The motion was declared adopted.**

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**Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming the Week of April 21 – 27, 2013, as “Administrative Professionals Week” and April 24, 2013, as “Administrative Professionals Day”**

**By Mrs. Freiberg**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt a resolution proclaiming the week of April 21 – 27, 2013, as “Administrative Professionals Week” and April 24,

2013, as "Administrative Professionals Day." **(A copy of the Resolution has been marked "Official Copy" and placed in the files of the Board.)**

**Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.**

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**Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

**By Mrs. Freiberg**

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

**Seconded by Vice-President Smith**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.**

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

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

Authorization to (a) plan for a dedicated magnet at Claiborne Elementary School to begin operation in 2014-2015; and (b) to relocate middle school students from Glen Oaks High School to the former Banks Elementary School or the former Baton Rouge Prep.

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***END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS***

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**Authorization to Relocate Gifted/Talented Program**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give authorization to relocate the Gifted/Talented program from Glen Oaks Park Elementary School to Merrydale Elementary School.

**Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith**

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

**Yeas: (10)**            **Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson**

**Nays: (0)**            **None**

**Abstained: (1)**    **Ms. Lee**

**Absent: (0)**        **None**

**The motion was declared adopted.**

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

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