

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

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 fifteenth day of August, 2011 in regular-session convened. The President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mrs. Barbara Freiberg, President; Mr. Tarvald A. Smith, Vice-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. Randy Lamana was absent.

Others present were: Mr. John L. Dilworth, 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 Member, Connie Bernard, gave the invocation. Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Reshard Pearson, Tara High School, and Colonel Fulton Johnson, Senior Army Instructor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of School Board Minutes of the August 18, 2011, (regular) and September 1, 2011, Committee of the Whole meetings

By Mr. Smith

Resolved, that, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meeting of the August 18, 2011, (regular) and September 1, 2011, Committee of the Whole meetings, be dispensed with and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

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

Approval of Personnel Changes Since School Board Meeting of August 18, 2011, Excluding Page 3, Section II, Item B #19, Page 4, Section III, Item B #4, and Page 17, Section VII, Item A #2

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the changes in personnel since the School Board Meeting of August 18, 2011, Excluding Page 3, Section II, Item B #19, Page 4, Section III, Item B #4, and Page 17, Section VII, Item A #2 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. Tatman

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Lamana was absent.)

Approval of Page 4, Section III, Item B #4 to be Moved from Termination to Resignation of Personnel Changes

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, Page 4, Section III, Item B #4, be moved from termination to resignation of Personnel Changes, and hereby approved. (A copy of the Changes 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 was absent.)

Approval of Page 17, Section VII, Item A #2 of Personnel Changes

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, Page 17, Section VII, Item A #2 of Personnel Changes, is hereby approved. (A copy of the Changes has been marked "Official Copy" and placed in the files of the Board.)

Seconded by Ms. Lee

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (9)	Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson
Nays: (1)	Mr. Smith
Abstained: (0)	None

Absent: (1) Mr. Lamana

The motion was declared adopted.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

By Ms. Dyason

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

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Arbour, 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:

Approval of the following job descriptions: a) Dropout Prevention Facilitator (new) and b) School Counselor (revised).

Approval of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System Postretirement Benefit Valuation Report, using the Projected Unit Credit Method and Level Percent of Pay Amortization, under GASB 45 as of July 1, 2010, and expense development for fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, as recommended by Mercer.

Approval of the following budgets: a) Proposed 2011-2012 Summer Opportunity for Academic Remediation (SOAR) Elementary Summer School Budget; b) Proposed 2011-2012 Middle School Summer School Budget; and c) Proposed 2011-2012 High School Summer School Budget.

Approval of the following grants under \$50,000.00: a.) Kelley Gene Cook Charitable Foundation's Deborah Rochelle Teacher Grants in the amount of \$10,005.00. (Recipients: Corie McKinley Buras, Southeast Middle School - "Unlocking the Mystery of History Through the iPad" - \$3,500.00, Patricia McBride, Delmont Elementary School - "Kindle-ing a Love of Reading" - \$3,436.00, and Michele Whitehouse - Northeast Elementary School - "Clicking Away!" - \$3,069.00).

END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of a Contract

By Mr. Smith

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a contract for Third Party Administrative services with F.A. Richard and Associates.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (8) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (0) None

Abstained: (1) Dr. Nelson-Smith

Absent: (2) Mr. Lamana and Ms. Lee

The motion was declared adopted.

Approval of a Wellness Policy

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a wellness policy for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Lamana was absent.)

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

John L. Dilworth
Secretary/Treasurer to the Board