

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 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 nineteenth day of September 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; Mrs. Connie Bernard; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; Mr. Craig Freeman; Mrs. Barbara Freiberg; Mr. Randy Lamana; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; and Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson. Mr. G. Thomas "Jerry" Arbour and Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith were absent.

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 Lieutenant Colonel Kyron Daniels, Tara High School, accompanied by Colonel Fulton Johnson, Senior Army Instructor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of School Board Minutes of the August 15, 2013, (regular), and September 5, 2013, Committee of the Whole meetings

By Vice-President Smith

Resolved, that, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meetings of August 15, 2013, (regular), and September 5, 2013, Committee of the Whole, be dispensed with and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

Seconded Mrs. Freiberg

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Arbour and Dr. Nelson-Smith were absent.)

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

By Mr. Freeman

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

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Arbour and Dr. Nelson-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 recommendations from the Baton Rouge Magnet High School Foundation’s Naming Committee.

Approval of a professional services agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Teach for America. (Funding Source: General Fund for a total amount of \$24,000.00, and Title I for a total amount of \$12,000.00)

Approval of the following items:

McKinney-Vento Title X Budget.

Renewal of a software licensing agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Media-X Systems (eWalk). (Funding Source: General Fund for a total amount of \$35,100.00)

Renewal of a licensing agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and eSchool Solutions. (Funding Source: General Fund for a total amount of \$21,619.50)

New contract for professional services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Home Health Care 2000 for a one-year term, with the option to renew the contract for one additional year if services are warranted. (Funding Source: IDEA for an amount not to exceed \$58,240.00)

Approval of the following items:

New contract for professional services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Soliant Health for the provision of audio logical services for at-risk students and students

with disabilities for a one-year term, with the option to renew the contract for one additional year if services are warranted. (Funding Source: General Fund for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00)

Renewal of a contract for professional services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Pediatric Services of America, Inc. for nursing services for medically-fragile students' Individual Education Plans for a one-year term, with the option to renew the contract for one additional year if services are warranted. (Funding Source: IDEA-Part B for an amount not to exceed \$240,000.00)

Renewal of a contract for professional services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and the Deaf Resources Center of Greater Baton Rouge, LLC for the provision of sign language and interpreting to deaf and hard of hearing students with and without disabilities for a one-year term, with the option to renew the contract for one additional year if services are warranted. (Funding Source: IDEA-Part B for a total amount of \$25,000.00)

Renewal of a contract for professional services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Healing Hands Home Health for the provision of nursing services identified for medically-fragile students' Individual Education Plans for a one-year term, with the option to renew the contract for one additional year if services are warranted. (Funding Source: IDEA-Part B for an amount not to exceed \$98,000.00)

Approval of a one-year membership with the Louisiana Resource Center for Educators. (Funding Source: HEAP Grant for a total amount of \$26,250.00)

Approval of membership renewals with the following organizations:

Louisiana School Boards Association - \$28,063.00

CUBE/National Connection - \$14,425.00

Council of the Great City Schools - \$36,123.00

Acceptance of the following items:

Title IV No Child Left Behind 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant in the amount of \$1,980,000.00 (\$660,000.00 per year for three years). Recipients: Highland Elementary, Villa del Rey Elementary, and Scotlandville Middle Pre-Engineering Academy.

Kinder Morgan Foundation Grant in the amount of \$3,548.00. Recipient: Forest Heights Academy of Excellence – Susan Chernetz.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

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