

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 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 seventeenth day of November, 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; Mr. Randy Lamana; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; Mr. David Tatman; and Mrs. Evelyn Ware-Jackson.

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, Randy Lamana, gave the invocation. Cadet First Lieutenant Steven Orr, Tara High School, and Colonel Fulton Johnson, Senior Army Instructor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of School Board Minutes of the October 20, 2011, (regular) and November 3, 2011, Committee of the Whole meetings

By Mr. Tatman

Resolved, that, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meeting of the October 20, 2011, (regular) and November 3, 2011, Committee of the Whole meetings, be dispensed with and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

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

Approval of Personnel Changes Since School Board Meeting of October 20, 2011

By Mr. Smith

Resolved, that, the changes in personnel since the School Board Meeting of October 20, 2011, 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

Discussion followed.

The following amendment was made and accepted by the originator and seconder:

Page 5, Section V, Items A#2 and A#3 receive salary of original employment.

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

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

By Mrs. Ware-Jackson

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. (Ms. Dyason and Ms. Lee 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: Velma Jackson v. EBRPSB, et al, Docket No.: 580,853, Sec. "24;" 19th JDC.

Authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications and make the award of a contract for the Delmont Elementary School Classroom Improvement, or reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law; Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 38; Chapter 10.

Approval of Board policy changes.

Approval of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System financial audit results for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011.

Approval of a collaborative partnership agreement between the Louisiana Board of Regents and the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board to provide LA GEAR UP services from September 1, 2011, through May 15, 2012.

Approval of the Preliminary Actual Semi-Annual Financial Tax Plan update and the Proposed 2011-2012 Tax Plan Budgets for Propositions 1, 2, and 3.

Approval of the following grant under \$50,000.00: Kinder Morgan Foundation Grant in the amount of \$2,150.00. (Recipient: Ms. Susan Chernetz, Vocal Music Teacher – Forest Heights Academy of Excellence).

END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Approval to Defer a Request from the Empower Charter Academy

By Mr. Tatman

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give approval to defer a request from the Empower Charter Academy by the National Heritage Academies to serve students in the East Baton Rouge Parish School System until the December 15, 2011, regular School Board Meeting.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason was absent.)

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

John L. Dilworth
Secretary/Treasurer to the Board