

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 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 December, 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; 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.

A moment of silent meditation was observed. Cadet Sergeant Major Jason Hamilton, Northeast High School, and Colonel Robert Hyver, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of School Board Minutes of the November 17, 2011, Regular School Board meeting, December 1, 2011, Committee of the Whole meeting and the December 1, 2011, Special Board meeting

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meeting of the November 17, 2011, Regular School Board meeting, December 1, 2011, Committee of the Whole meeting and the December 1, 2011, Special Board meeting, be dispensed with and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

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

Approval of Personnel Changes Since School Board Meeting of November 17, 2011

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the changes in personnel since the School Board Meeting of November 17, 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 Ms. Dyason

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

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 all the members.

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 a revised job description: Graduation Coach.

Acceptance of the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, in the matter of P. Bridges & J. Jennings v. EBRPSB, et al, Docket No. 578,484, Section "26;" 19th JDC.

Authorization for staff to prepare and issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to seek proposals to provide architectural design consulting services for the LaBelle Aire Elementary School classroom addition and renovation as specified in the 2008 Tax Plan Continuation.

Authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bids meeting specifications and make the award of contracts for the renovation of Health Care Centers at Westdale Middle, Glen Oaks High, and Istrouma High Schools, or reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law, Revised Statutes, Title 38, Chapter 10.

Approval of the proposed 2012-2013 school calendar.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Acceptance of Recommendation of Superintendent and Staff to Deny a Request from the Empower Charter Academy by the National Heritage Academies

By Mr. Smith

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept the recommendation of Superintendent and staff to deny a request from the Empower Charter Academy by the National Heritage Academies to serve students in the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (7) Mr. Arbour, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mr. Smith and Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (2) Mrs. Bernard and Mr. Tatman

Abstained: (1) Mrs. Freiberg

Absent: (1) Dr. Nelson-Smith

The motion was declared adopted.

Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Big Buddy.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mrs. Bernard, and Dr. Nelson-Smith were absent.)

Approval of Four (4) Contracts

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve four (4) contracts for professional services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and JBHM Educational Group for the period December, 2011 through June, 2012 for an amount not to exceed \$90,000.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Lee and Dr. Nelson-Smith were absent.)

Adoption of Resolutions Calling a Tenure Hearing for Employees

By Ms. Dyason

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt a resolution calling a tenure hearing for employee #2011-4.

Seconded by Mr. Smith

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

By Mr. Tatman

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt a resolution calling a tenure hearing for employee #2011-3.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

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

By Mr. Lamana

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt a resolution calling a tenure hearing for employee #2011-2.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith was absent.)

Executive Session:

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby go into Executive Session to discuss the professional performance of the Superintendent per his Annual Evaluation under the provisions of L.R.S. 42:17 (A)(1).

Seconded by Mr. Smith

The Board came out of Executive Session and reconvened. No action was taken in or after the Executive Session.

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

John L. Dilworth
Secretary/Treasurer to the Board