

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2012

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 twentieth day of December 2012, 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; Mr. Craig Freeman; Mr. Randy Lamana; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; Mr. David Tatman; and Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson. Ms. Jill C. Dyason was absent.

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. Lizabeth Frischhertz, Chief Officer of Accountability, Assessment and Evaluation; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

School Board Member, Randy Lamana, gave the invocation. Cadet LTC Brennan Nezat, Woodlawn High School, accompanied by Sergeant First Class Jill Pearl, Senior Army Instructor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval to Rename Library

By Mr. Tatman

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the renaming of the library at Ryan Elementary School in honor of former principal, Lester Yancy.

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

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

Approval of School Board Minutes

By Mr. Lamana

Resolved, that, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meetings of November 15, 2012, (regular), November 29, 2012, (special), and the December 6, 2012, Committee of the Whole meeting, 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. Dyason was absent.)

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

By Mrs. Bernard

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

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason was 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 a recommendation for a Partnership Agreement: The Youth 360 Program (Pilot) between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and BREC.

Authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications, and make the award of a contract for the purchase and installation of a natural gas generator 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 for staff and legal counsel to negotiate an agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Circa 1857 for the usage of The Dufrocq School parking lot.

Approval of School Board policy updates and related matters.

Approval of a sub-contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Louisiana State University for the Math/Science Partnership for the period of April 1, 2012, through September 30, 2013, for an amount of \$27,150.00.

Approval of an amendment to the contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Louisiana Resource Center for Educators, LLC (Career Academy), changing the submission due date of its annual audited financial statements from October 1st to December 31st.

Approval of the following grant under \$50,000.00: The Fuel Up to Play 60 Grant in the amount of \$2,800.00. (Recipient: Ms. Karen Falke – Physical Education teacher at Park Forest Elementary School).

Adoption of the Test Security Policy for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of Contract

By Mr. Smith

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and City Year Baton Rouge for the period of July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013, for an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

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

Approval to Extend Services

By Ms. Ware-Jackson

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve extending services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Mercer for Strategic Plan Modeling around the Affordable Care Act (ACA) costs for an amount of \$25,000.00.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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| Yeas: (8) | Mrs. Bernard, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson |
| Nays: (2) | Mr. Arbour and Mr. Lamana |
| Abstained: (0) | None |

Absent: (1) Ms. Dyason

The motion was declared adopted.

Approval to Extend Services

By Mr. Freeman

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve extending services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Mercer for Pharmacy Benefits Management for an amount of \$25,000.00.

Seconded by Mr. Smith

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (7) Mrs. Bernard, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Ms. Lee, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (3) Mr. Arbour, Mr. Lamana, and Dr. Nelson-Smith

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (1) Ms. Dyason

The motion was declared adopted.

Approval to Expand School Bus Safety Program

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve to expand the School Bus Safety Program.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Discussion continued.

A "friendly" amendment was offered by Mr. Freeman.

Incrementally implement or expand the program to the busses and allocate a portion of the funds collected to public safety.

The "friendly" amendment was accepted by the originator and seconder.

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

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

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