

**EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING/SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE
GENERAL FUND BUDGET, BUDGET RESOLUTION AND THE 2013-2014
SALARY SCHEDULE
AND
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2013

5:00 P.M.

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole met at the School Board Office at 1050 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 5:00 p.m. on the sixth day of June 2013, in regular-session convened. The Vice President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mr. Tarvald A. Smith, Vice President; Mr. David Tatman, President; Mr. G. Thomas "Jerry" Arbour; Mrs. Connie Bernard; Mrs. Barbara Freiberg; Mr. Randy Lamana; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; and Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson. Ms. Jill C. Dyason and Mr. Craig Freeman were 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; Ms. Susan Nelson, Interim Executive Director of Communications/External Affairs; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

School Board Member, Randy Lamana, gave the invocation. School Board Member, Jerry Arbour, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING/SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET, BUDGET RESOLUTION AND THE 2013-2014 SALARY SCHEDULES

Public Hearing/School Board Workshop to discussion of the proposed 2013-2014 General Fund Budget, the Budget Resolution, and the 2013 - 2014 Salary Schedules and other related matters. No action was taken

The following items were presented to the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole by the Superintendent and staff:

Renewal of Contract

By Mrs. Freiberg

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a one-year renewal of a contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and EduSoft for the Benchmark Assessment Program.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Mrs. Dyason and Mr. Freeman were absent.)

Official Journal

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization for staff to be given authority to select *The Advocate* as the Official Journal of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System for the 2013-2014 school year, which will be used for the publication of the Board’s proceedings, financial statements, legal advertisements, and any other advertising requirements.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

The vote on the motion was as follows:

- Yeas: (8) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Vice President Smith, and Ms. Ware-Jackson**
- Nays: (0) None**
- Abstained: (1) President Tatman**
- Absent: (2) Ms. Dyason and Mr. Freeman**

The motion was favorably recommended to the full Board.

Advertise, Receive, and Award Bids

By Mrs. Freiberg

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization be given to staff through June 2014 to advertise, receive, and award bids for materials, supplies, and/or services to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications and all requirements of the Invitation to Bid.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason and Mr. Freeman were absent.)

Extend Lease Contract

By President Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to extend the lease contract for Nicholson Elementary School between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and the Children’s Charter School, Inc. for the period of July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2015.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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| Yeas: (8) | Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Vice President Smith, and President Tatman |
| Nays: (0) | None |
| Abstained: (1) | Ms. Ware-Jackson |
| Absent: (2) | Ms. Dyason and Mr. Freeman |

The motion was favorably recommended to the full Board.

Property and Casualty Insurance Program Policy Renewal

By President Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorize the administration to approve the most effective Property and Casualty Insurance Program Policy renewal package for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason and Mr. Freeman were absent.)

Resolution

By Mrs. Freiberg

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the attached Resolution authorizing the Board President and Superintendent to execute and sign all documents to reject Uninsured Motorist Coverage in connection with the East Baton Rouge Parish School System’s automobile liability coverage and its Self-Insured Retention Program for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Mrs. Dyason and Mr. Freeman were absent.)

Grant

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Proposed 2013-2014 Budget for Vocational Education – Carl Perkins Basic Grant.

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Mrs. Dyason and Mr. Freeman were absent.)

Budgets

By President Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Proposed 2013-2014 No Child Left Behind Consolidated Application Budgets.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason and Mr. Freeman were absent.)

Budget

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Proposed 2013-2014 I CARE Budget and Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention (ADAPP) Budget.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason and Mr. Freeman were absent.)

Budget

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Proposed 2013-2014 Early Childhood 8(g) Budget.

Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason and Mr. Freeman were absent.)

Preliminary Actual Semi-Annual Financial Tax Plan Update and Proposed 2012-2013 Tax Plan Budgets for Propositions 1, 2, and 3

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Actual December 2012 Semi-Annual Financial Tax Plan Update and the Revised 2012-2013 Tax Plan Budgets for Propositions 1, 2, and 3.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason and Mr. Freeman were absent.)

Revised 2012-2013 General Fund Budget

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Revised 2012-2013 General Fund Budget for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (8)	Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Vice President Smith, President Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson
Nays: (0)	None
Abstained: (1)	Ms. Lee
Absent: (2)	Ms. Dyason and Mr. Freeman

The motion was favorably recommended to the full Board.

Payment for Membership

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of payment of membership dues to the Council of the Great City Schools for FY 2012-2013 and approval of membership in the Council of Great City Schools for FY 2013-2014.

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mrs. Freiberg

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby refer the following item to the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board without a recommendation: approval of payment of membership dues to the Council of the Great City Schools for FY 2012-2013 and approval of membership in the Council of Great City Schools for FY 2013-2014.

Seconded by President Tatman

Discussion continued.

The following "friendly amendment" was offered by Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby refer the following item to the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board without a recommendation: approval of payment of membership dues to the Council of the Great City Schools for FY 2012-2013 and approval of membership in the Council of Great City Schools for FY 2013-2014. The two items will be bifurcated before the full Board.

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

Approved for referral to the Board without a recommendation by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason and Mr. Freeman were absent.)

Contract

By President Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and the Institute for Learning.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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| Yeas: (5) | Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Vice President Smith, President Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson |
| Nays: (3) | Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, and Ms. Lee |
| Abstained: (1) | Dr. Nelson-Smith |
| Absent: (2) | Ms. Dyason and Mr. Freeman |

The motion failed.

Contract

By Mrs. Freiberg

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a contract for professional development services provided by Houghton-Mifflin for the Diocese of Baton Rouge using Title II allocations.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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| Yeas: (8) | Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Vice President Smith, President Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson |
| Nays: (0) | None |
| Abstained: (1) | Dr. Nelson-Smith |
| Absent: (2) | Ms. Dyason and Mr. Freeman |

The motion was favorably recommended to the full Board.

Motion to Reconsider an Item

By Ms. Lee

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (7) Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Vice President Smith, President Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson

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

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (2) Ms. Dyason and Mr. Freeman

The motion passed.

Contract

By President Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby refer the following item to the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board without a recommendation: approval of a contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and the Institute for Learning.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: (1) Mr. Arbour

Abstained: (1) Dr. Nelson-Smith

Absent: (2) Ms. Dyason and Mr. Freeman

The motion was approved for referral to the Board without a recommendation.

Service Agreement

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a service agreement with Follett Educational Services.

Seconded by President Tatman

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (7) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Vice President Smith, President Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (1) Mrs. Bernard

Abstained: (1) Dr. Nelson-Smith

Absent: (2) Ms. Dyason and Mr. Freeman

The motion was favorably recommended to the whole Board.

School Name Changes

By President Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to submit the following school name changes to the Louisiana Department of Education relative to the district reform initiative: Glen Oaks Middle Community School (formerly Banks Elementary); East Baton Rouge Readiness Superintendent's Academy (formerly Valley Park); Christa McAuliffe Superintendent's Academy (formerly Christa McAuliffe Center); Staring Superintendent's Academy (formerly Staring Education Center); Eden Park Superintendent's Academy (formerly Mohican Center); Beechwood Superintendent's Academy (formerly Scotlandville Middle Magnet); Mayfair Laboratory School (formerly Mayfair Middle School); and Northdale Central Superintendent's Academy (formerly Northdale Magnet Academy).

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

Discussion followed.

The motion was withdrawn by the originator and seconder.

Discussion continued.

The following motion was made.

By Ms. Ware-Jackson

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby refer the following item to the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board without a recommendation: approval to submit the following school name changes to the Louisiana Department of Education relative to the district reform initiative: Glen Oaks Middle Community School (formerly Banks Elementary); East

Baton Rouge Readiness Superintendent's Academy (formerly Valley Park); Christa McAuliffe Superintendent's Academy (formerly Christa McAuliffe Center); Staring Superintendent's Academy (formerly Staring Education Center); Eden Park Superintendent's Academy (formerly Mohican Center); Beechwood Superintendent's Academy (formerly Scotlandville Middle Magnet); Mayfair Laboratory School (formerly Mayfair Middle School); and Northdale Central Superintendent's Academy (formerly Northdale Magnet Academy).

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

Approved for referral to the Board without a recommendation by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason and Mr. Freeman were absent.)

Amend Education Excellence Fund (EEF)

By President Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization to amend the Education Excellence Fund (EEF) Investment Agreement for FY 2012-2013.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason and Mr. Freeman were absent.)

There being no further business, the Committee of the Whole adjourned by acclamation.

**Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr.
Secretary/Treasurer to the East Baton
Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole**