SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2013

6:35 P.M.

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board met at the School Board Office at 1050 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 6:35 p.m. on the first day of August 2013, in special-session convened. The President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mr. David Tatman, President; Mr. Tarvald A. Smith, Vice President; Mr. G. Thomas “Jerry” Arbour; Mrs. Connie Bernard; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; Mr. Craig Freeman; Mrs. Barbara Freiberg; Mr. Randy Lamana; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; and Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson.

Others present were: Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr., Superintendent; 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; Dr. Herman Brister, Associate Superintendent for Student Support Services; Ms. Catherine Fletcher, Chief Business Operations Officer; Ms. Lizabeth Frischhertz, Chief Officer of Accountability, Assessment and Evaluation; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

Approval of Proposed 2013-2014 General Fund Budget, the Budget Resolution, and the 2013-2014 Salary Schedules

By Mr. Freeman

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Proposed 2013-2014 General Fund Budget, the Budget Resolution, and the 2013-2014 Salary Schedules.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Proposed 2013-2014 General Fund Budget, the Budget Resolution, and the 2013-2014 Salary Schedules as presented with the following exceptions, as amended:
1. Because the Board has had in place a salary freeze for at least the last four years and because the current budget envisions spending more than the amount of revenue to be taken in, all salary increases, additional pay or enhancements of any kind are hereby removed from all budgets. The exception does not apply to the needed funds to implement the new teacher salary schedule previously approved by the Board, nor does this apply to the additional pay mandated by the Legislature by the 2013-2014 MFP formula.

2. All Time Out Room (TOR) staffing shall revert to the same formula as the previous budget year with the salaries to be paid from the Proposition 2 Budget.

3. All schools with Deans of Students will be retained on the same formula level of the previous budget year with the salaries to be paid from the Proposition 2 Budget. In the event that the Proposition 2 Budget is inadequate to fully fund these positions and the Time Out Room (TOR) staff, then the balance shall be paid out of the general fund.

4. The Youth Advocates, those proposed to be hired, will not be funded from any funding source.

5. The Proposition 2 Budget, as presented, is amended to fund the Time Out Room (TOR) staff and the Dean of Students staff. If approval is required from the Oversight Committee, then approval will be sought by the administration.

6. This motion does not cover the unfreezing of the general salary schedules, which unfreezing may subsequently be sought.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows.

Yeas: (7) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, and Vice-President Smith

Nays: (4) Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, President Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

The substitute motion was declared adopted.

Approval of Proposed 2013-2014 Tax Plan Budgets for Propositions 2 and 3

By Vice-President Smith

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Proposed 2013-2014 Tax Plan Budgets for Propositions 2 and 3.
Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

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

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