

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2011

5:15 P.M.

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board met at the School Board Office at 1050 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 5:15 p.m. on the sixth day of January, 2011 in special-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; Mrs. 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; Mr. James Crochet, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Mary Nell Dominique, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area I; Mr. David Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area III; Ms. Millie Williams, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Lizabeth Frischhertz, Chief Officer of Accountability, Assessment and Evaluation; Mr. Carlos Sam, Director of Magnet Programs; Mr. Chris Trahan, Director of Communications and Community Engagement; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

**Approval of Staff's Request to Close
Brookstown Elementary School**

By Mr. Lamana

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve staff's request for closure of Brookstown Elementary School and student/faculty relocation.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mr. Tatman

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby request delaying the vote on the closure of Brookstown Elementary School and student/faculty relocation until the regular school board meeting of January 20, 2011.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

Yeas: (1) Mr. Tatman

Nays: (10) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mrs. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

The substitute motion failed.

The vote on the original motion was as follows:

Yeas: (11) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mrs. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (0) None

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

The original motion was declared adopted.

**Approval of Staff's Request to Close
Banks Elementary School**

By Mrs. Bernard

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve staff's request for closure of Banks Elementary School and student/faculty relocation.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (7) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (3) Mrs. Nelson-Smith, and Mr. Smith

Abstained: (1) Ms. Lee

Absent: (0) None

The motion was declared adopted.

Approval of Updated Policy

By Ms. Dyason

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve an updated policy regarding suspended/expelled students receiving credit for missed work while suspended and/or expelled.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

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

John L. Dilworth
Secretary/Treasurer to the Board