

**EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2015**

**5:10 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 5:10 p.m. on the fifth day of February 2015, in regular-session convened. The Vice President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mrs. Barbara Freiberg, Vice President; Mr. David Tatman, President; Mr. Mark Bellue; Mrs. Connie Bernard; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; Mr. Tarvald A. Smith and Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson.

Others present were: Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr., Superintendent; Mr. Michael Haggan, Deputy Superintendent for Innovation and Reform; Mr. Carlos Sam, Associate Superintendent; Dr. Herman Brister, Associate Superintendent for Student 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; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

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**Discussion of Memorandum of Understanding**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole discussed a Memorandum of Understanding with BREC and YMCA for a Water Safety Program for children. The Committee asked that this item be placed on the Regular School Board Meeting agenda as a "stand alone" item for vote at the next meeting, February 19, 2015. The item was approved by consensus.

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

**Authorization to Negotiate a Contract**

**By Ms. Dyason**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization to negotiate with AT&T, Dell, and Transformyx, the top three RFP finalists, for the best offer to meet the needs of the district as it relates to providing a wireless system upgrade for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System, and offer a contract upon completing negotiations. The negotiations will fulfill the requirements according to all public procurement procedures for E-rate funding up to 85% (cost of installation).

**Seconded by Ms. Lee**

**Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of all the members.**

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**Grants**

**By President Tatman**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Career & Technical Education’s Proposed 2014-2015 Jump Starting JumpStart Grants Budget.

**Seconded by Mrs. Bernard**

**Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of all the members.**

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**Budget**

**By Dr. Nelson-Smith**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Adult Education Parish Prison Budget in the amount of \$132,610.00, effective January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015.

**Seconded by Ms. Lee**

**Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of all the members.**

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**Amendment to Professional Services Contract**

**By President Tatman**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to amend the original professional services contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Healing Hands Home Health, Inc. (Cost of original contract - \$98,000 and Cost of amended contract - \$127,000.00) to provide nursing services to an additional student(s). (Funding Source: IDEA Part B)

**Seconded by Mr. Bellue**

**The vote on the motion was as follows:**

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| <b>Yeas: (7)</b>      | <b>Mr. Bellue, Mrs. Bernard, Vice President Freiberg, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, President Tatman and Ms. Ware-Jackson</b> |
| <b>Nays: (0)</b>      | <b>None</b>  |
| <b>Abstained: (1)</b> | <b>Ms. Dyason</b>  |

**Absent: (1) Mr. Smith**

**The motion was favorably recommended to the full Board.**

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**Professional Services Contract**

**By Ms. Lee**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a professional services contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Dr. Kashunda L. Williams (Sundry Behavioral Services) in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for applied behavior analysis training and related matters. (Funding Source: IDEA Part B)

**Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith**

**The vote on the motion was as follows:**

**Yeas: (6) Mr. Bellue, Mrs. Bernard, Vice President Freiberg, Dr. Nelson-Smith, President Tatman and Ms. Ware-Jackson**

**Nays: (0) None**

**Abstained: (1) Ms. Dyason**

**Absent: (2) Ms. Lee and Mr. Smith**

**The motion was favorably recommended to the full Board.**

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**Agreement**

**By Ms. Dyason**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of an agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and the Foundation for East Baton Rouge School System and the National Math and Science Initiative in an amount not to exceed \$275,000.00 for teacher training.

**Seconded by President Tatman**

**Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of all the members.**

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**Timber Consultant's Recommendation**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the timber consultant's recommendation to manage and harvest timber on three Section Sixteen tracts: (a) to authorize the sales of timber on Northeast and Baywood Tracts, (b) to allow the hardwood timber to mature for an additional five (5) years on the Plank Road tract, and (c) to authorize commercial thinning of pulpwood sales of the planted pines on the Northeast and Baywood Tracts.

**Seconded by Ms. Dyason**

**Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of all the members.**

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**Advertise and Accept Highest Bid for Hunting Lease**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to advertise and accept the highest bid to re-establish a hunting lease on the Northeast Section Sixteen property as detailed.

**Seconded by Mr. Smith**

**Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of all the members.**

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

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