

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2015

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 fifth day of November 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; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; and Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson. Ms. Vereta T. Lee was absent.

Others present were: H. Warren Drake, Jr., Superintendent; Dr. Michelle Clayton, Deputy Superintendent; Ms. Adonica Pelichet-Duggan, Chief of Communication and Public Relations; Ms. Catherine Fletcher, Chief Business Operations Officer; Ms. Millie Williams, Chief Officer of Human Resources; Mr. Gary Reese, Chief of Student Support Services; and Mr. Adam Smith, Associate Superintendent of Academics.

School Board Member Evelyn Ware-Jackson gave the invocation. School Board Member Mark Bellue led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Governmental Relations Consultants

By Mr. Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to allow the Superintendent to evaluate and engage governmental relations consultants, with the concurrence of Board leadership, and to provide for related matters.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

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: (1) Ms. Dyason

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (1) Ms. Lee

The motion was favorably recommended to the full Board.

Revised Job Description

By Mr. Bellue

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to revise the job description for Supervisor of Employee Benefits and change the title to Coordinator of Employee Benefits.

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

Request for Information (RFI)

By Mr. Bellue

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization to issue a Request for Information (RFI) to determine costs associated with retrofitting buses with air conditioning.

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

Resolution

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: adoption of a Resolution that qualifies the East Baton Rouge Parish School System to apply for the 2016-2019 Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) Grant.

Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

2016-2017 School Year Calendar

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 proposed School Calendar for 2016-2017.

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

Audit Results

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System financial audit results for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

Budgets

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 2015-2016 Adult Education State, Adult Education Federal, and Adult EL Civics Budgets.

Seconded by Mr. Bellue

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

Budget

By Ms. Ware-Jackson

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the 2015-2016 Title III Supplemental Immigrant Unaccompanied Youth Grant Budget.

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

Grant

By Ms. Ware-Jackson

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Community Partnership Grants Program of the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation in the amount of \$3,000.00 to purchase musical instruments and band supplies. (Grant Recipient: Park Forest Middle School).

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

Contracts

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of two (2), one (1) year contracts between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Louisiana State University to provide services under the Louisiana Department of Education Believe and Prepare Cohort 3 program; and the Proposed 2015-2016 Believe and Prepare Cohort 3 Grant Budget in the amount of \$350,000.00 for the following eleven (11) schools: Claiborne, Howell Park, Melrose, Merrydale, and Park Forest Elementary Schools, Tara High School, Northdale and Greenville Superintendent’s Academies, EBR Readiness Academy, Sherwood Middle, and McKinley High to strengthen the capacity of mentor teachers to support English.

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

Grant

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a three (3) year Believe and Succeed School Improvement Grant (SIG) in the amount of \$1,270,500.00 and a three (3) year contract with Success for All Foundation, Inc., in the amount of \$526,965.60 to service these eligible schools; and consideration of a request for approval of the Proposed 2015-2016 Believe and Succeed School Improvement Grant (SIG) Budget for the following four (4) eligible schools: Claiborne (\$142,174.65), Howell Park (\$151,608.60), Merrydale (\$128,971.84), and Park Forest (\$143,100.50) Elementary Schools.

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

Tax Plan Update

By Mr. Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Preliminary Actual Semi-Annual 2014-2015 Financial Tax Plan update and the Proposed 2015-2016 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. Lee was absent.)

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

**Warren Drake, Jr.
Secretary/Treasurer to the East Baton
Rouge Parish School Board
Committee of the Whole**