

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

5:00 P.M.

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board met at the School Board Office at 1050 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 5:00 p.m. on the fifteenth day of September 2016, in regular-session convened. The President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mrs. Barbara Freiberg, President; Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson, Vice-President; Mr. Mark Bellue; Mrs. Connie Bernard; Ms. Dawn Chanet Collins; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; and Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith. Mr. David Tatman was absent.

Others present were: H. Warren Drake, Jr., Superintendent; Dr. Michelle Clayton, Deputy Superintendent; Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel; 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.

School Board Member Jill Dyason gave the invocation. Cadet Lieutenant Asia Reese, McKinley High School, accompanied by Lieutenant William Peoples, Senior Army Instructor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes of the July 21, 2016, School Board, August 4, 2016, Committee of the Whole, August 4, 2016, Special Meeting, August 18, 2016, School Board, and September 1, 2016, Committee of the Whole Meeting

By Mrs. Bernard

Resolved, that, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board meetings of July 21, 2016, School Board, August 4, 2016, Committee of the Whole, August 4, 2016, Special Meeting, August 18, 2016, School Board, and September 1, 2016, Committee of the Whole, be dispensed with and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee and Mr. Tatman were absent.)

Approval of Consent Agenda Items, Excluding Item #13b

By Dr. Nelson-Smith

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Consent Agenda items, excluding item #13b.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Tatman was absent.)

The following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

Items approved by the Committee of the Whole for recommendation to the Board:

Authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications, and make the award for the lighting system replacement, electrical enhancements, and other necessary renovations to the Sharp Station Warehouse per the attached scope of work, funded by the General Fund, or reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law; Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 38; Chapter 10.

Approval of the Deborah Rochelle Teacher Grant in the amount of \$25,716.00. Funding will be used to provide direct service classroom projects for eight (8) schools: Claiborne Elementary (\$3,500.00); Glen Oaks Park Elementary (\$3,400.00); Jefferson Terrace Elementary (\$3,126.00); Magnolia Woods Elementary (\$3,500.00); Mayfair Lab Elementary (\$3,492.00); Woodlawn Elementary (\$3,471.00); Greenville Superintendent’s Academy (\$3,498.00); and Westdale Middle (\$1,729.00).

Approval of the Revised 2015-2016 Radio Training Program (RTP) Budget.

Approval of the following professional services contracts between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and:

- a. Forward Arts in an amount not to exceed \$88,500.00 to provide Forward Arts Residencies and Humanities Amped professional development for EBR teachers in our middle and high schools. (Funding Source: Title 1).
- b. Academic Resources, LLC, in the amount of \$11,357.00 to provide reading and math tutorial programs for students at Brighter Horizon. (Funding Source: Title I Non-Public/Private Programs).

END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of Professional Services Contract

By Mr. Bellue

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the following professional services contract: Pediatric Services of America, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 to provide LPN services for medically-fragile students at Southdowns Elementary School. (Funding Source: General Fund).

Seconded by Vice-President Ware-Jackson

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None

Abstained: (1) Ms. Dyason

Absent: (1) Mr. Tatman

The motion was declared adopted.

Approval of the Selection of An Architect for Ardendale Center Project

By Mrs. Bernard

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the selection of an architect for the Ardendale Center project, Domain Architect. The Board also gives authorization to the Superintendent to execute the contract, pending execution of final transfer of property.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Tatman was absent.)

Approval of a Revised School Calendar for 2016-2017

By Ms. Dyason

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the revised school calendar for 2016-2017.

Seconded by Ms. Collins

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Tatman was absent.)

Approval of Settlement of a Law Suit

By Ms. Lee

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, in the matter of: Mary Stewart vs. Benny Dunbar, EBRPSB and Berkley Insurance Company, Suit No: 630,623; Section: 27; 19th JDC; Parish of East Baton Rouge.

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Tatman was absent.)

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

**Warren Drake, Jr.,
Secretary/Treasurer to the Board**