

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
NOVEMBER 16, 2017**

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 sixteenth day of November 2017, convened in regular session. The President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mr. Mark Bellue; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; Ms. Dawn Chanet Collins; Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson, President; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; Mrs. Connie Bernard, Vice- President; Mr. Michael Gaudet; and Mr. David Tatman.

Others present were: Mr. Warren Drake, Superintendent; Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel; Mr. Adam Smith, Associate Superintendent; Mr. Ben Necaize, Associate Superintendent; Dr. Quentina Timoll, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Mrs. Andrea O’Konski, Chief Officer for Accountability and Assessments; Mr. James Crochet, Chief Officer for Business Operations; Mrs. Millie Williams, Chief Officer for Human Resources; Mr. Gary Reese, Chief Officer for Student Support Services; and Mr. Richard Ellis, Chief Officer for Technology.

Vice-President Connie Bernard gave the invocation. Cadet Captain Iveth Umana led the Pledge of Allegiance accompanied by LTC Michael Stewart, Senior Army Instructor.

**Approval of the School Board Minutes for the Regular School Board Meeting of October 19, 2017, and Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 2, 2017**

**By Vice-President Bernard**

Resolved, that the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Regular meeting of October 19, 2017, and Committee of the Whole meeting of November 2, 2017, be dispensed with and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

**Seconded By Mr. Tatman**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.**

**Board Received Personnel Changes for Information Only**

**Board Received Monthly Financial Report for Information Only**

**Approval of Consent Agenda Items Excluding Item # 12.1**

**By Dr. Nelson-Smith**

Resolved, that the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Consent Agenda items, excluding item 12.1.

**Seconded By Ms. Lee**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.**

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

Approval of the following grants:

- a) New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation's 2017-2018 Community Partnership Grant in the amount of \$1,500.00 to pay teacher stipends for music practices held during summer months.
- b) IBM-PTech Pilot Project Planning Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Approval of the following budget: Education Excellence Fund (EEF) budget.

Approval of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System financial audit results for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

Approval of the Preliminary Actual Semi-Financial 2016-2017 Tax Plan Update and the Proposed 2017-2018 Tax Plan Budgets for Propositions 1, 2, and 3.

Authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications and make the award of a contract for the flood repairs at Lanier Elementary School, or reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law; Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 38; Chapter 10.

Adoption of the revised test security policy for 2017-2018.

Approval of a one-month extension of a timber lease.

Approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and BREC regarding Istrouma High School and related matters.

Adoption of the following Board policies: JGCD, EB, GAMA, JCDA, and KF.

Adoption of a Resolution regarding the East Baton Rouge Parish School System's Education Facilities Improvement District (EFID) and related matters.

Approval of a recommendation from Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, EBRPSB, in the matter of: Joseph A. Lorenzo vs. Reginald D. Griffin, Berkley Insurance Company and AllState Property and Casualty Insurance Company, Suit No: 643678; Section 22; 19<sup>th</sup> JDC; Parish of East Baton Rouge.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**Budget and Contract with ESSA**

**By Vice-President Bernard**

Resolved, that the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve acceptance of the ESSA grant and authorizes the Superintendent to negotiate and

execute a contract for the related professional services with the concurrence of Board Leadership.

**Seconded By Mr. Bellue**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.**

**Authorization for Staff to Issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Architectural Design Consulting Services for the Jefferson Home Sites School**

**By Mr. Tatman**

Resolved, that the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby authorize staff to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to seek proposals to provide Architectural Design Consulting Services for the new Jefferson Home Sites school.

**Seconded By Vice-President Bernard**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.**

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

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**Warren Drake**  
**Secretary/Treasurer to the Board**