

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

**November 17, 2016**

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 **seventeenth day of November, 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; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; and Mr. David Tatman.

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 of Academics; and Mrs. Andrea O’Konski, Chief of Academic Programs.

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School Board Member, Connie Bernard, gave the invocation. Cadet First Lieutenant Sydnie Hua, Broadmoor High School, accompanied by Master Sergeant Malone, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes of the October 20, 2016, School Board Meeting, and the November 3, 2016, Committee of the Whole Meeting**

**By Ms. Bernard**

Resolved, that, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board meetings of October 20, 2016, School Board, and the November 3, 2016, Committee of the Whole meeting, be dispensed with and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

**Seconded by Mr. Bellue**

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

**Approval of Consent Agenda Items, Excluding Item #10:**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Consent Agenda items, excluding item #10.

**Seconded by Mr. Tatman**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mrs. Freiberg was absent.)**

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

Approval of a professional services contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Peterson's Velocity in the amount of \$184,000.00 for tutoring, remediation, and professional development for the following non-public Title I schools: Redemptorist, St. Gerard, Sacred Heart, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Louis King of France. (Funding Source: Title I).

Approval of a professional services contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and WVLA for the "School Spotlight" advertising in the amount of \$18,600.00. (Funding Source: Communications – Advertising)

Approval of the proposed 2017-2018 School Year Calendar.

Approval of the following budgets: a) Education Excellence Fund (EEF) 2016-2017 budget b) Semi-Annual Financial Tax Plan update for the Preliminary Actual 2015-2016 Financials and the proposed 2016-2017 budgets for the Tax Plan Propositions 1, 2, and 3.

Approval of the following grants: a) RocketKidz Foundation grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the continuation of an after-school soccer program at the following five (5) elementary schools: Brownfields, Progress, Ryan, Sharon Hills, and White Hills. b) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program Geaux Clean grant in the amount of \$772,558.00 and a twenty-five percent match towards the East Baton Rouge Parish School System's purchase of propane fueled buses, beginning July 2017. c) CarMax Foundation and KaBOOM Imagination Playground grant and Letter of Intent (LOI) for Greenbrier Elementary School.

Approval of the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, EBRPSB, in the following matters: a) Tandi Lessard vs. Deborah Ayo and Berkley Insurance Company; Suit No.: 628,051; Division D; 19<sup>th</sup> JDC; Parish of East Baton Rouge. b) Phillip Fieldings vs. Brerona Harris and EBRPSB; Suit No.: 629,941; Division D; 19<sup>th</sup> JDC; Parish of East Baton Rouge.\*

## **END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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### **Approval of Financial Audit Results**

**By Mr. Tatman**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the financial audit results for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

**Seconded by Mrs. Bernard**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mrs. Freiberg was absent.)**

### **Approval of Test Security Policy**

**By Dr. Nelson-Smith**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, does hereby approve the proposed Test Security policy.

**Seconded by Mrs. Bernard**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mrs. Freiberg was absent.)**

**Approval of Magnet School Admission Policy for Impacted Students**

**By Mr. Tatman**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, does hereby approve the Magnet School Admission Policy for impacted students.

**Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mrs. Freiberg and Mr. Tatman were absent.)**

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

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