

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

THURSDAY, December 1, 2016

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 first day of December 2016, in regular-session convened. The Vice-President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson, Vice-President; Mrs. Barbara Freiberg, President; Mr. Mark Bellue; Mrs. Connie Bernard; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; Ms. Dawn Collins; 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. Millie Williams, Chief Officer of Human Resources; Mr. Adam Smith, Associate Superintendent; and Mrs. Andrea O’Konski, Chief of Academic Programs.

Pastor Montrell Henderson of St. Joseph Baptist Church gave the invocation. School Board Member Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith 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:

Budgets

By Mr. Bellue

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend approval of the following budgets:

- a) 2016-2017 Proposed Plan Budget for the CLASS Pilot Enhancing Instruction for Special Learners for the Early Childhood Community Network.
- b) 2016-2017 Proposed Adult and Continuing Education Budgets.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

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

Grants

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend approval of the following grants:

- a) Five (5) Cox Charities' grant awards in the amount of \$12,715.00 to provide direct service classroom projects. The following schools will receive the grants: Baton Rouge Center for Visual & Performing Arts (\$2,715.00), Claiborne Elementary (\$3,000), Park Forest Middle (\$2,500.00), Baton Rouge Magnet High (\$2,500.00), and Broadmoor High (\$2,000.00).
- b) Project SERV (School Emergency Response to Violence) grant in the amount of \$404,500.00 to provide short-term and long-term education related services to the East Baton Rouge Parish School System while the system recovers from the August 2016 flood.
- c) Louisiana Department of Education School Improvement Grant (SIG) 1003g grant for Park Elementary School in the amount of \$729,500.00 over three years to provide professional development for teachers, summer enrichment programs for students, and incentive awards to retain teachers.
- d) Britannica/Citelighter Give Back pilot grant in the amount of \$11,500.00 to develop student writing skills using a scaffolding approach.
- e) Revised LOSFA Field Outreach Services (LFOS) Sub-Grant in the amount of \$362,510.00 to assist the following schools with the build college-going culture: Broadmoor High (\$28,970.00), Glen Oaks High (\$17,272.50), Scotlandville High (\$28,925.00), Tara High (\$21,992.50), Woodlawn High (\$23,320.00), McKinley Middle (\$59,220.00), Park Forest Middle (\$68,100.00), Southeast Middle (\$65,880.00), and Scotlandville Middle (\$48,830.00).

Seconded by Ms. Lee

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

Staff to Advertise, Accept the Low Bid

By Mr. Bellue

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby grant authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications, and make the award of a contract for construction of the New Broadmoor Elementary School as specified in *A Plan to Improve Facilities/Technology, Discipline, and Compensation in the East Baton Rouge Parish School System (the "Plan")*, as revised through January 17, 2008, or reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law; Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 38; Chapter 10.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

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

Settlement of Law Suit

By Dr. Nelson Smith

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend approval of a recommendation from Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School System, in the following matter: Penny Harrell v. Demetrius Gayton, et al, Suit No. 645528, Section 24, 19th JDC, Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana.

Seconded by Mr. Bellue

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Tatman 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**