

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2012

5:35 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 5:35 p.m. on the seventh day of June 2012, in regular-session convened. The Vice-President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mrs. Barbara Freiberg, President; Mr. Tarvald A. Smith, Vice-President; Mr. G. Thomas "Jerry" Arbour; Mrs. Connie Bernard; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; Mr. Craig Freeman; Mr. Randy Lamana; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; and Mrs. Evelyn Ware-Jackson. Mr. David Tatman was absent.

Others present were: Mr. Carlos J. Sam, Interim Superintendent; Dr. Herman Brister, Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Diane Atkins, Associate Superintendent for Instructional Support Services; Ms. Catherine Fletcher, Chief Business Operations Officer; Dr. Shirl Gilbert, Executive Director of Turnaround Schools; Ms. Millie Williams, Interim Executive Director of Human Resources; Ms. Lizabeth Frischhertz, Chief Officer of Accountability, Assessment and Evaluation; Mr. Chris Trahan, Director of Communications and Community Engagement; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

School Board Member Randy Lamana gave the invocation. School Board Member Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Finance Items #7 and #8

Ten-Year Contract Renewal

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Charter School ten-year contract renewal between the J. K. Haynes Charter School and the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board. The Superintendent of Schools will finalize the contract.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

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

Ten-Year Contract Renewal

By Mrs. Freiberg

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Charter School ten-year contract renewal between the Children’s Charter School and the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board. The Superintendent of Schools will finalize the contract.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

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

Personnel Services Items

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

Leave Without Pay for a Teacher

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a second year of leave without pay for a teacher.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

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

Certificated and Professional Local Personnel Evaluation and Accountability Plan

By Mrs. Freiberg

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Certificated and Professional Local Personnel Evaluation and Accountability Plan.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (8) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (1) Mr. Smith

Abstained: (1) Dr. Nelson-Smith

Absent: (1) Mr. Tatman

The motion was favorably recommended to the Board.

School Operations Items

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

Recommendation of General Counsel

By Mrs. Freiberg

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: acceptance of the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, in the matter of: Samuel J. Cooper v. Prentiss L. Wellington and East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, Suit No. 583,596; Section 22; 19th JDC and Anthony Ramsey v. EBRPSB and Prentiss Wellington, Suit No. 585,622; Division D; 19th JDC.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

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

Authorization for Staff to Select *The Advocate* as the Official Journal

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authority for staff to select *The Advocate* as the Official Journal of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System for the 2012-2013 school year, which will be used for the publication of the Board's proceedings, financial statements, legal advertisements, and any other advertising requirements.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

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

Authorization for Staff to Advertise, Receive, and Award Bids

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval for staff to be given authority through June 2013 to advertise, receive, and award bids for materials, supplies, and/or services to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications and all requirements of the Invitation to Bid.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

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

Finance

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

Most Effective Property and Casualty Insurance Program Policy Renewal

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization for the administration to approve the most effective Property and Casualty Insurance Program Policy Renewal package for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

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

Resolution for Uninsured Motorist Coverage

By Ms. Dyason

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the attached Resolution authorizing the Board President and Superintendent to execute and sign all documents to reject Uninsured Motorist Coverage in connection with the East Baton Rouge Parish School System's automobile liability coverage and its Self-Insured Retention Program for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

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

2013 EBRPSS Health Care and Ancillary Benefit Plan Recommendations

By Mrs. Ware-Jackson

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the 2013 East Baton Rouge Parish School System Health Care Plan and Ancillary Benefit Plan recommendations from Mercer Human Resources Consulting.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

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

Award Contract

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval for staff to award the East Baton Rouge Parish School System’s Fiscal Agent Contract to Capital One Bank and Neighbors Federal Credit Union for a period of two years, beginning October 1, 2012, through September 30, 2014, with an optional two-year extension.

Seconded by Mrs. Ware-Jackson

The vote on the motion was as follows:

- Yeas: (9) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mr. Smith, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson**
- Nays: (0) None**
- Abstained: (1) Dr. Nelson-Smith**
- Absent: (1) Mr. Tatman**

The motion was favorably recommended to the Board.

Award Contract

By Mrs. Freiberg

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Proposed Contract Renewal for External Auditing Services performed by Postlethwaite & Netterville for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, 2013, and 2014 for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Discussion continued.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval for staff to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for External Auditing Services.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Discussion continued.

The following "friendly" amendment was offered by Mr. Freeman.

Services will continue through the 2011-2012 audit from Postlethwaite & Netterville.

The "friendly" amendment was accepted by the originator and seconder.

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

Yeas: (8)	Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson
Nays: (2)	Mr. Lamana and Mr. Smith
Abstained: (0)	None
Absent: (1)	Mr. Tatman

The substitute motion was favorably recommended to the Board.

2012-2013 Child Nutrition Program Budget

By Mr. Freeman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the 2012-2013 Child Nutrition Program Budget for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (9) **Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson**

Nays: (1) **Ms. Dyason**

Abstained: (0) **None**

Absent: (1) **Mr. Tatman**

The motion was favorably recommended to the Board.

Unemployment Benefits Claims Service

By Mrs. Ware-Jackson

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the recommendation of the Selection Committee for Unemployment Benefits Claims Services: Unemployment Compensation Control Systems, L.L.C.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was offered.

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization for staff to negotiate a contract with Unemployment Compensation Control Systems, L.L.C., based upon the submitted proposal and return to the Board for approval.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

The substitute motion was favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Tatman was absent.)

December 2011 Semi-Annual Financial Tax Plan Update & Revised 2011-2012 Tax Plan Budgets for Propositions 1, 2, and 3

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Actual December 2011 Semi-Annual Financial Tax Plan Update and the Revised 2011-2012 Tax Plan Budgets for Propositions 1, 2, and 3.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Mrs. Bernard and Mr. Tatman were absent.)

2012 Prison Budget

By Mr. Freeman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the 2012 East Baton Rouge Parish Prison Budget for Adult Education Services.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

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

Instructional/Pupil Services Items

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

ABC123, LLC Contract

By Mrs. Freiberg

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the ABC123, LLC contract in the amount of \$10,500.00 for a Summer Summit for professional development for administrators and staff.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (9)	Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mr. Smith, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson
Nays: (0)	None
Abstained: (1)	Dr. Nelson-Smith
Absent: (1)	Mr. Tatman

The motion was favorably recommended to the Board.

Grant

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the following grants under \$50,000.00: a) Fuel Up to Play 60 grant in the amount of \$1,700.00. (Recipient – Ms. Amy Simoneaux, Teacher at Twin Oaks Elementary School).

Seconded by Ms. Lee

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee and Mr. Tatman were absent.)

Board Internet and Network Usage Policy

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a revision to the Board Internet and Network Usage Policy to include verbiage mandated by the Federal Communications Commission Order No. 11-125.

Seconded by Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Discussion followed.

Acceptance of "Other Items" #1, #2, #3, and #4 In Globo

By Mr. Freeman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby accept the Other Items #1, #2, #3, and #4 *In Globo*: 1). Approval of a revision to the Board Internet and Network Usage Policy to include verbiage mandated by the Federal Communications Commission Order No. 11-125; 2). Approval of a contract for consulting services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Career Compass of Louisiana; 3). Approval of a contract for professional services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and the Douglas Manship, Sr. Theatre Complex Holding, Inc. (Manship Theatre); 4). Approval of a contract for professional services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge (Arts Council).

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

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| Yeas: (8) | Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Mr. Smith, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson |
| Nays: (0) | None |
| Abstained: (1) | Dr. Nelson-Smith |
| Absent: (2) | Ms. Lee and Mr. Tatman |

The motion was favorably recommended to the Board.

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

Carlos J. Sam, Interim Superintendent