

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

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2012

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 third day of May 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; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; Mr. David Tatman; and Mrs. Evelyn Ware-Jackson. Mr. Randy Lamana was absent.

Others present were: Mr. Carlos 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; 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.

Dr. Melanie Verges gave the invocation. School Board President, Barbara Freiberg, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Personnel Services Items

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

New Job Description

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the following new job description: Dropout Prevention Coach.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (9) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, , Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (0) None
Abstained: (1) Ms. Lee
Absent: (1) Mr. Lamana

The motion was favorably recommended to the full Board.

School Operations Items

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

Approval to Declare Surplus Property and Issue RFP *In Globo*

By Mrs. Freiberg

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following items: approval to declare surplus property and issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) on the following properties *in globo*: a). Section 51, T-5-S, R-1-W, 10.73 acres on 393 Old Rafe Meyer Road in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and b). Tract 9-A, 11.5 acres on Sunshine Road in Baker, Louisiana.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

Discussion continued.

General Counsel, Domoine Rutledge, clarified that the property listed above will not be sold via Request for Proposal (RFP) but will be sold via auction(s) or sealed bid(s).

The clarification was accepted by the maker and the seconder.

Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Lamana was absent.)

Declare Surplus Property and Issue RFP

By Mrs. Freiberg

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to declare Lots 8, 9, 12, 13, Square 63, 11.57 acres in Suburb Istrouma in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as surplus property and authorize staff to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to seek proposals for the sale of this property.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

Discussion continued.

Interim Superintendent, Carlos Sam, asked that the item be removed from the agenda and brought back to the Board at the June 7, 2012 Committee of the Whole.

The maker of the motion and the seconder accepted the Interim Superintendent's recommendation.

Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Lamana was absent.)

Staff to Issue RFP to Seek Proposals to Provide Asbestos Management Consulting Services

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 issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to seek proposals to provide Asbestos Management Consulting Services for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

Seconded by Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Lamana was absent.)

Issue RFP to Seek Proposals for Third Party Administrative Services and Related Matters

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization for the Superintendent to issue a Request for Proposals for Third Party Administrative Services and related matters.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Lamana was absent.)

Finance

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

2012 – 2013 No Child Left Behind Consolidated Application Budgets

By Ms. Lee

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the 2012-2013 No Child Left Behind Consolidated Application Budgets.

Seconded by Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Lamana was absent.)

2012 – 2013 Budget for Vocational Education – Carl Perkins Basic Grant

By Ms. Dyason

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the proposed 2012-2013 Budget for Vocational Education – Carl Perkins Basic Grant.

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Lamana was absent.)

2012 – 2013 I CARE Budget and Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention Program (ADAPP) Budget

By Ms. Dyason

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the proposed 2012-2013 I CARE Budget and Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention Program (ADAPP) Budget.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

The vote on the motion was as follows:

- Yeas: (8)** **Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Dyason, Mrs. Freiberg, Ms. Lee, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson**
- Nays: (1)** **Mr. Freeman**
- Abstained: (1)** **Dr. Nelson-Smith**
- Absent: (1)** **Mr. Lamana**

The motion was favorably recommended to the full Board.

Other Items

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

Revision to EBRPSS Travel Guide

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of revisions listed in Option #2, to the East Baton Rouge Parish School System Travel Guide. Option #2: The employer is required to prorate the per diem meal allowance using the method prescribed by the Federal Travel Regulations (FTR). The FTR permits reimbursement at a rate of 75% of the applicable per diem rate for each partial day of travel. This option would not require travel time documentation.

Per Diem Meal Chart	Low Cost Day	High Cost Day
First day of travel – 75%	\$30.00	\$41.25
All other in between days	\$40.00	\$55.00
Last day of travel – 75%	\$30.00	\$41.25

Seconded by Ms. Lee

The vote on the motion was as follows:

- Yeas: (7) Mr. Arbour, Ms. Dyason, Mrs. Freiberg, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tatman**
- Nays: (3) Mrs. Bernard, Mr. Freeman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson**
- Abstained: (0) None**
- Absent: (1) Mr. Lamana,**

The motion was favorably recommended to the full Board.

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

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Carlos J. Sam, Interim Superintendent**