

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

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2011

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 fifth day of May, 2011, 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; Mrs. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; Mr. David Tatman; and Mrs. Evelyn Ware-Jackson.

Others present were: Mr. John L. Dilworth, Superintendent; Dr. Herman Brister, Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Diane Atkins, Associate Superintendent for Instructional Support Services; Ms. Catherine Fletcher, Chief Business Operations Officer; Mr. James Crochet, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Mary Nell Dominique, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area I; Ms. Katie Blunsch, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area II; Mr. David Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area III; Ms. Kathleen Smith, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area IV; Ms. Millie Williams, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Elizabeth Frischhertz, Chief Officer of Accountability, Assessment and Evaluation; Mr. Jesse Noble, Chief Technology Officer; Mr. Richard Capps, Administrative Director of Federal Programs; Mr. Chris Trahan, Director of Communications and Community Engagement; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

Vice President Smith asked for a moment of silence. School Board Member Connie Bernard led the pledge of allegiance.

Other Items

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

Program Manager to renew a contract for Diversity and Community Outreach Consulting Services with The Conrad Group L.L.C

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorize the Program Manager to renew a contract for Diversity and Community Outreach Consulting Services with The Conrad Group L.L.C.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby request School Board Member Craig Freeman to develop a committee that consists of staff and consultants and to seek information from the other public agencies to further develop the four options that were presented to the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board as well as answer questions asked by the Board. The information will be presented at the next Committee of the Whole meeting June 2, 2011.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

Yeas: (6)	Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson
Nays: (5)	Mr. Arbour, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mrs. Nelson-Smith, and Mr. Smith
Abstained: (0)	None
Absent: (0)	None

The substitute motion was favorably recommended.

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:

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 a new job description: Instructional Specialist – Federal Programs.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.

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 Mr. Arbour

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, in the matter of Mary Alice Tingle-Markham and L. Dwight Markham, Jr., individually and on behalf of their minor daughter, Sydney Alexandra Markham, vs. East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, City Parish of East Baton Rouge and Thurman Bell; Suit No.: 499,811, Division "N," 19th JDC.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Mrs. Bernard was absent.)

Authorization for Staff to Advertise, Accept High Bid Meeting Specifications, and Execute the Lease Contract

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization for staff to advertise and accept the high bid meeting specifications and execute the lease contract for the property being approximately 638 acres GLD, (Baywood) T4S, R3E, Section 16, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, further described in the attached document.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Mrs. Bernard 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:

Education Jobs Fund Budget for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 for Additional and Supplemental Awards

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Education Jobs Fund Budget for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 for additional and supplemental awards.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Mrs. Bernard and Ms. Lee were absent.)

Proposed 2011-2012 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 2011-2012 I CARE Budget and Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention Program (ADAPP) Budget.

Seconded by Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.

2011-2012 No Child Left Behind Consolidated Application Budgets

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the 2011-2012 No Child Left Behind Consolidated Application Budgets.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.

Consulting Services Contract Between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Louisiana State University

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a consulting services contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Louisiana State University to provide services related to the Robert Noyce Scholarship Program for the National Science Foundation.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.

Actual December 2010 Semi-Annual Financial Tax Plan Update and the Revised 2010-2011 Tax Plan Budgets for Propositions 1, 2, and 3

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Actual December 2010 Semi-Annual Financial Tax Plan Update and the Revised 2010-2011 Tax Plan Budgets for Propositions 1, 2, and 3.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.

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:

Grants

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.) Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant in the amount of \$3,800.00, (Recipient: Ms. Candace Landry-Guillory, Pre-K Teacher, Riveroaks Elementary School); and b.) Junior League of Baton Rouge Community Assistance Grant in the amount of \$1,500.00, (Recipients: Ms. Cynthia Murphy, Pre-K Teacher, Wildwood Elementary School).

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.

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

**John L. Dilworth
Secretary/Treasurer to the East Baton
Rouge Parish School Board
Committee of the Whole**