

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

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 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 first day of September 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; Mr. David Tatman; and Mrs. Evelyn Ware-Jackson.** Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith was absent

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; 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.

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Vice President Smith asked for a moment of silence. School Board Member Randy Lamana led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**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:**

**Executive Session:**

**By Mr. Arbour**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby go into Executive Session under the provisions of L.R.S. 42:17 (A) (2) to discuss strategy involving written claims of MAPP Construction, LLC and its contract with the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board.

**Seconded by Mrs. Bernard**

**Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith was absent.)**

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**The Board came out of Executive Session and reconvened. No action was taken in or after the Executive Session.**

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**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:**

**Accept New and Revised Job Descriptions *In Globo***

**By Mr. Arbour**

**Seconded by Ms. Lee**

**New and Revised Job Descriptions**

**By Mr. Arbour**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of job descriptions *in globo*: a). Dropout Prevention Facilitator (new); b). School Counselor (revised); and c). Director of Construction and Capital Projects.

**Seconded by Ms. Lee**

**Discussion followed.**

**Ms. Dyason asked that Item C be removed.**

**The following motion was made.**

**By Mr. Arbour**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby accept *In GloBo* Personnel Services #1, Item A and Item B.

**Seconded by Ms. Lee**

**Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith and Mr. Smith were absent.)**

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**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 job description of Director of Construction and Capital Projects.

**Seconded by Mr. Lamana**

**Discussion followed.**

**The following substitute motion was made.**

**By Mr. Freeman**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby recommend this item be postponed to a date certain.

**Seconded by Mrs. Bernard**

**Discussion followed.**

**Mr. Freeman withdrew his substitute motion and the seconder agreed.**

**The vote on the motion was as follows:**

- Yeas: (3)                    Mr. Arbour, Mr. Lamana, and Ms. Lee**
- Nays: (6)                    Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson**
- Abstained: (0)            None**
- Absent: (2)                Dr. Nelson-Smith and Mr. Smith**

**The motion failed.**

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**Finance**

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

**EBRP School System Postretirement Benefit Valuation Report**

**By Mr. Arbour**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System Postretirement Benefit Valuation Report, using the Projected Unit Credit Method and Level Percent of Pay Amortization, under GASB 45 as of July 1, 2010, and expense development for fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, as recommended by Mercer.

**Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

**Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith and Mr. Smith were absent.)**

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**Proposed 2011-2012 Summer Opportunity for Academic Remediation Elementary Summer School Budget, Proposed 2011-2012 Middle School Summer School Budget, Proposed 2011-2012 High School Summer School Budget**

**By Mr. Lamana**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Proposed 2011-2012 Summer Opportunity for Academic Remediation (SOAR) Elementary Summer School Budget.

**Seconded by Mrs. Bernard**

**Discussion followed.**

**The following substitute motion was made.**

**By Mr. Freeman**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following items: approval of Proposed 2011-2012 Summer School Budgets *in globo*: a). Summer Opportunity for Academic Remediation (SOAR) Elementary Summer School Budget; b). Proposed 2011-2012 Middle School Summer School Budget; c). Proposed 2011-2012 High School Summer School Budget.

**Seconded by Mr. Arbour**

**Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith and Mr. Smith were absent.)**

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**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: acceptance of the following grants under \$50,000.00: a.) Kelley Gene Cook Charitable Foundation's Deborah Rochelle Teacher Grants in the amount of \$10,005.00. (Recipients: Corie McKinley Buras, Southeast Middle School - "Unlocking the Mystery of History Through the iPad" - \$3,500.00, Patricia McBride, Delmont Elementary School - "Kindle-ing a Love of Reading" - \$3,436.00, and Michele Whitehouse - Northeast Elementary School - "Clicking Away!" - \$3,069.00).

**Seconded by Mrs. Bernard**

**Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith and Mr. Smith were absent.)**

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

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