

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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2012**

**5:00 P.M.**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board sitting as the 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 twelfth day of September 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: Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr., Superintendent; Mr. Marvin Trotter, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent for Parent/Community Engagement; Mr. Michael Haggen, Deputy Superintendent for Innovation and Reform; Ms. Diane Atkins, Associate Superintendent for Instructional Support and Pupil Services; Mr. Carlos Sam, Associate Superintendent for Student Leadership and Instruction; Dr. Herman Brister, Associate Superintendent for School Support Services; Ms. Catherine Fletcher, Chief Business Operations Officer; Mr. Jesse Noble, Chief Technology Officer; Ms. Millie Williams, Interim Executive Director of Human Resources; Ms. Lizabeth Frischhertz, Chief Officer of Accountability, Assessment and Evaluation; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

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Vice President Tarvald Smith asked for a moment of silent meditation. School Board Member Jerry Arbour led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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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:**

**Revised Job Descriptions**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board sitting as the Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend approval of the following revised job descriptions: (a) Director of Army Instruction; (b) Senior Army Instructor – JROTC; (c) Army Instructor – JROTC; (d) Operations Sergeant, and (e) Military Property Specialist – (MPS).

**Seconded by Mr. Arbour**

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

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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:**

**Accept Low Bid and Award Contract for Classroom Renovations and Additions**

**By Mrs. Freiberg**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board sitting as the Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications and make the award of a contract for the classroom renovations and additions at Westdale Middle School, classroom renovations at Park Forest Middle School, classroom improvements at Belfair, Greenbrier, Villa del Rey, and Bernard Terrace Elementary Schools, 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. Bernard**

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

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**Assignment of Contract**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board sitting as the Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of an assignment of a contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Our Lady of the Lake Hospital, Inc., to provide mobile medical and mental health services for the period of August 6, 2012, through July 31, 2014.

**Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg**

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

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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 sitting as the Committee of the Whole does hereby refer the following item to the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board without recommendation: 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, 2011, and expense development for fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, as recommended by Mercer.

**Seconded by Mr. Tatman**

**Approved for referral to the Board without a recommendation by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Lamana was absent.)**

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**Approval of Proposed 2012-2013 Budget and Grant Application for Title X McKinney-Vento Funds**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board sitting as the Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Proposed 2012-2013 Budget and Grant Application for Title X McKinney-Vento Funds.

**Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg**

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

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**Approval of Proposed 2012-2013 Adult Education Local Budget**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board sitting as the Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Proposed 2012-2013 Adult Education Local Budget.

**Seconded by Mrs. Ware-Jackson**

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

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**Consolidation of Items #4-#8**

**Items #4 - #8 were consolidated by unanimous consent of the Board.**

**Approval of Items #4-8**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board sitting as the Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend approval of the following budgets: a). Proposed 2012-2013 Adult Education YouthBuild Budget; b). contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Deaf Resources Center of Greater Baton Rouge, LLC, for the period August 8, 2012, through June 28, 2013, for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00; c). Proposed 2012-2013 Elementary School Summer Opportunity for Academic Remediation (SOAR) Budget; d). Proposed 2012-2013 Middle School Summer Budget; and e). Proposed 2012-2013 High School Summer Budget.

**Seconded by Mrs. Ware-Jackson**

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

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**Approval of 2011-2012 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire**

**By Mr. Arbour**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board sitting as the Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the 2011-2012 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as required for the annual financial audit of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

**Seconded by Mrs. Bernard**

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

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**Approval of Agreement with Rosetta Stone, Ltd.**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board sitting as the Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of an agreement for online services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Rosetta Stone, Ltd., for the period of September, 2012, through September, 2013, for an amount not to exceed \$13,350.00.

**Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg**

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

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**Consolidation of Items #11 and #12**

**By Mr. Arbour**

**Seconded by Ms. Lee**

**Approval of Items #11 and #12**

**By Mrs. Freiberg**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board sitting as the Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend approval of the following items: 11). a contract renewal for professional services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) for the period of July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013, for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00; and 12). an Extension Agreement for EveryBody Reads and EveryOne Counts between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) for the period of July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013.

**Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

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

**Approve of a Budget**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board sitting as the Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: acceptance of the 2012-2013 Early Childhood Program Budget in the amount of \$440,630.00.

**Seconded by Ms. Lee**

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

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**Grants**

**By Mrs. Freiberg**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board sitting as the Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend approval of the following grants under \$50,000.00: (a) Target Arts & Culture in Schools Grant in the amount of \$2,000.00. (Recipient – Bethany France, Parent Volunteer, The Dufrocq School); (b) Kelly Gene Cook Charitable Foundation’s Deborah Rochelle Teacher Grants in the amount of \$25,290.00. (Recipients - Dr. Mark Zweiq, Science Teacher, Glasgow Middle - \$3,192.00, Ms. Sylvia Patrick, ESS Resource Primary Teacher, Shenandoah Elementary - \$2,400.00, Ms. Sharlena Good, Life Science Teacher, Southeast Middle - \$3,500.00, Ms. Carrie Solar Menge, Social Studies Teacher, Southeast Middle - \$3,500.00, Ms. Genevieve Bajoie, Language Arts Teacher, Staring Education Center - \$3,500.00, Ms. Katherine Coldwell, Third Grade Teacher, Twin Oaks Elementary - \$3,190.00, Ms. Trudy Huffty, Kindergarten Teacher, Westdale Heights Elementary - \$2,508.00, Ms. Genedi Shamburger, French Teacher, Woodlawn High - \$3,500.00) (c) The Junior League of Baton Rouge Community Assistance Fund Grant in the amount of \$650.00. (Recipient – Ms. Genedi Shamburger, French Teacher, Woodlawn High School); and (d) The Kinder Morgan Foundation Grant in the amount of \$2,630.00. (Recipient – Ms. Susan Chernetz, Music Teacher, Forest Heights Academy of Excellence).

**Seconded by Ms. Lee**

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

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**Approval of a Contract**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board sitting as the Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge for the purpose of implementing the School Readiness Through the Arts Program in five (5) Pre-K classrooms.

**Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

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

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

**The motion was favorably recommended.**

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**Approval of a Contract**

**By Mr. Tatman**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board sitting as the Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a contract between the LSU AgCenter and the East Baton Rouge Parish School System to enter into a cooperative agreement and to expend Board approved funds.

**Seconded by Ms. Lee**

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

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

**The motion was favorably recommended.**

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**Approval of Contract**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board sitting as the Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a renewal contract between Renaissance Learning and the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and expend the appropriate funds.

**Seconded by Ms. Dyason**

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

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**Blended Learning Subscription**

**By Mrs. Ware-Jackson**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board sitting as the Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a Blended Learning subscription.

**Seconded by Mrs. Bernard**

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

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**Other Items**

**Amended Contracts Necessitated by Enactment of Act 1**

**By Mr. Tatman**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board sitting as the Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of amended administrative contracts necessitated by the enactment of Act 1 of the 2012 Regular Legislative Session.

**Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

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

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**School Board Policy Updates**

**By Mr. Arbour**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board sitting as the Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of School Board policy updates and related matters.

**Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith**

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

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

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**Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr.  
Secretary/Treasurer to the East Baton  
Rouge Parish School Board  
Committee of the Whole**