

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2013

5:00 P.M.

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board met at the School Board Office at 1050 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 5:00 p.m. on this the seventeenth day of January 2013, in regular-session convened. The 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; Mr. David Tatman; and Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson.

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 School Leadership and Instruction; Dr. Herman Brister, Associate Superintendent for Student 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.

School Board Member, Randy Lamana, gave the invocation. Cadet Major Jonathon Marcell, Belaire High School, accompanied by LTC Ronald Logan, Senior Army Instructor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Election of School Board President

Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr., Superintendent of Schools, Chair, opened the floor for nominations for President of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board.

Mr. Lamana nominated Mr. Smith.
Mrs. Freiberg nominated Mr. Tatman.

Nominations were closed by Mr. Arbour.

The vote was as follows:

Mr. Smith (5) Mr. Arbour, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, and Mr. Smith

Mr. Tatman (6) Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson

Mr. Tatman was elected as the President of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board.

Election of Vice President

Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr., Superintendent of Schools, Chair, opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board.

Ms. Lee nominated Mr. Smith.
Mr. Tatman nominated Ms. Ware-Jackson.

Nominations were closed by Mr. Arbour.

The vote was as follows:

Mr. Smith (7) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, and Mr. Smith

Ms. Ware-Jackson (4) Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson

Mr. Smith was elected as Vice President.

Approval of School Board Minutes of the December 20, 2012, (regular) Meeting

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meeting of December 20, 2012, (regular), be dispensed with and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming February 4-8, 2013, as "National School Counseling Week"

By Dr. Nelson-Smith

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt a resolution proclaiming February 4-8, 2013, as "National School Counseling Week." **(A copy of the Resolution has been marked "Official Copy" and placed in the files of the Board.)**

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

Approval of an Architect Firm

By Mrs. Bernard

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to select Grace & Hebert Architects and DLR Group as the architects for the Lee High School project.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Approval of a Budget

By Ms. Lee

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the 2012-2013 Cecil J. Picard LA 4 Early Childhood Program Budget in the amount of \$5,194,155.00.

Seconded by Mr. Smith

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

The motion was declared adopted.

Approval of a Professional Services Contract

By Mrs. Bernard

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a professional services contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and New Millennium Education, LLC. Any additional dollars to be spent will be brought back to the Board for approval.

Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Approval of the Ratification of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the ratification of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Louisiana Department of Education and the East Baton Rouge Parish School System regarding the implementation of the ACT Testing Project for all seniors.

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Approval of Settlement of a Law Suit

By Mrs. Freiberg

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, in the matter of: Heard L. Lejeune v. Sandeatha L. Varnado, EBRPSB, The Princeton Excess and Surplus Lines Ins. Co., ABC Ins. Co., and DEF Ins. Co., Docket No.: 595,250, "Section 27," 19th JDC, Parish of EBR.

Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Approval of Settlement of a Law Suit

By Mr. Smith

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, in the matter of: Barbara A. Horton-Thomas v. EBRPSB, et al, Docket No.: 599,780, Section "27," 19th JDC.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned by acclamation.

**Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr.,
Secretary/Treasurer to the Board**