

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012

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 fifteenth day of March 2012, 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 Mrs. Evelyn Ware-Jackson.

Others present were: Mr. Carlos J. 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.

A moment of silence was observed. Cadet Private First Class Verinesha Scott, Istrouma High School, and Sergeant First Class (Retired) Mickey L. McBride, Army Instructor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of School Board Minutes of the February 16, 2012, (regular) and February 29, 2012, Committee of the Whole meetings

By Mr. Lamana

Resolved, that, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meeting of the February 16, 2012, (regular) and February 29, 2012, Committee of the Whole meetings, be dispensed with and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

Seconded by Mr. Smith

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mrs. Bernard and Ms. Dyason were absent.)

Approval of Personnel Changes Since School Board Meeting of February 16, 2012, Excluding Item VII, Page 7, #A-1

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, That, the changes in personnel since the School Board Meeting of February 16, 2012, excluding Item VII, Page 7, #A-1, be, and they are, hereby approved. **(A copy of the Changes has been marked "Official Copy" and placed in the files of the Board.)**

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mrs. Bernard was absent.)

Adoption of a Resolution

By Mrs. Bernard

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt a resolution proclaiming April 2012, as "School Library Media Month" and April 8-14, 2012, as "National Library Week." **(A copy of the Resolution has been marked "Official Copy" and placed in the files of the Board.)**

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Tatman was absent.)

Defer EBRPSS's Travel Policy/Guide

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby defer discussion of changes to the East Baton Rouge Parish School System's Travel Policy/Guide to the April 5, 2012 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Smith

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

By Mr. Freeman

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Consent Agenda items.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Smith was absent.)

The following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

Items approved by the Committee of the Whole for recommendation to the Board:

Approval of the Lease Contract Extension for Nicholson Elementary School between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and the Children’s Charter School, Inc. for the period of July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013.

Approval of the recommendation of the Architect Selection Committee of CHASM and FUSION Architecture, L.L.C., a joint venture for architectural design services, for LaBelle Aire Elementary School Additions/Renovation Project.

Approval of the Revised Education Jobs Fund Budget for 2011-2012.

Approval of the following grants under \$50,000.00: a.) KaBoom! Let’s Play Spruce Grant in the amount of \$750.00. (Recipient – Ms. Marsha Boutte, Physical Education Teacher, Westminster Elementary); and b.) Project Give Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00. (Recipient – Ms. Dana Morrison, Sherwood Forest Middle Academic Magnet).

END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Adoption of Resolution

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt a resolution regarding Reduction in Force.

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (10) Mr. Arbour, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (1) Mrs. Bernard

Abstained: (0) None
Absent: (0) None

The motion was declared adopted.

Adoption of Resolution

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt a resolution authorizing Board leadership to contract with Redistricting, LLC to provide the Board with redistricting consulting services and related matters.

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Approval to Bring Two (2) Superintendent Candidates

By Mr. Smith

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School System does hereby approve to bring in two (2) of the three (3) recommended superintendent candidates. Dr. Pitre-Martin will not be brought back because she has already gone through the interview process.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Ms. Dyason

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School System does hereby approve to bring in all three (3) candidates and follow the procedures set forth by Board leadership.

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

Discussion continued.

The substitute motion was withdrawn by the originator and the seconder.

Call the Question

A motion was made to limit debate by "calling the question" by Mrs. Ware-Jackson. No second was made and no vote was taken on limiting the debate. The President then called for a vote on the item.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

The motion failed.

The search procedure required three (3) finalists and those finalists will therefore be invited for an interview.

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

Carlos J. Sam
Interim Superintendent