

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011**

**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 the twenty-first day of April 2011 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; Mr. Craig Freeman; Mr. Randy Lamana; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Mrs. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; Mr. David Tatman, and Mrs. Evelyn Ware-Jackson. Ms. Jill C. Dyason 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; Mr. James Crochet, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Mary Nell Dominique, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area I; Ms. Katie Blunschi, 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. Lizabeth Frischhertz, Chief Officer of Accountability, Assessment and Evaluation; Mr. Jesse Noble, Chief Technology Officer; Mr. Carlos Sam, Director of Magnet Programs; Mr. Lee Dixon, Director of Exceptional Student Services; Mr. Richard Capps, Administrative Director of Federal Programs; Mr. Chris Trahan, Director of Communications and Community Engagement; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

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Reverend Gus Spurlock, Fairview Baptist Church, gave the invocation. Cadet Sergeant Dominique Sanders, Belaire High School, and Colonel Ron Logan, Senior Army Instructor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Approval of School Board Minutes of March 17, 2011, School Board meeting, and the April 6, 2011, Committee of the Whole meeting**

**By Mr. Tatman**

Resolved, that, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meeting of March 17, 2011, School Board meeting, and the April 6, 2011, Committee of the Whole meeting, be dispensed with and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

**Seconded by Mrs. Bernard**

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

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**Approval to Close EBR Lab Academy Over the Next Three Years**

**By Mr. Arbour**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve keeping EBR Lab Academy open, phasing the school out over the next three (3) years.

**Seconded by Mr. Lamana**

**Discussion followed.**

**The following substitute motion was made.**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby postpone action on the item until the next regularly scheduled School Board meeting on May 19, 2011.

**Seconded by Mr. Tatman**

**Discussion followed.**

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

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

**Yeas: (5)                    Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, and Mrs. Nelson-Smith**

**Nays: (5)                    Mrs. Bernard, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson**

**Abstained: (0)            None**

**Absent: (1)                Ms. Dyason**

**The motion failed.**

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**Approval of Personnel Changes Since School Board Meeting of March 17, 2011**

**By Mr. Lamana**

Resolved, that, the changes in personnel since the School Board Meeting of March 17, 2011, 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. Arbour**

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

**Yeas: (9)            Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Mrs. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson**

**Nays: (0)            None**

**Abstained: (1)      Ms. Lee**

**Absent: (1)          Ms. Dyason**

**The motion passed.**

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**Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming April 27, 2011, as "Administrative Professionals Day"**

**By Mr. Tatman**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt a resolution proclaiming April 27, 2011, as "Administrative Professionals Day." **(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. Dyason was absent.)**

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**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 Mr. Tatman**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason and Mr. Smith were absent.)**

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

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

Acceptance of the recommendation of Mr. John Dilworth, Superintendent, East Baton Rouge Parish School System, in the matter of: Larry Clark and Latrice Clark, individually, and on behalf of their minor son, La'Allen Clark v. EBRPSB and Lynn Chin, Suit No.: 574,623; Section 27; 19th JDC, Parish of East Baton Rouge.

Acceptance of the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School System, in the matter of: Raby, et al v. Robertson, Perkins, and EBRPSB; Docket No.: 576,347; Section 24; 19th JDC.

Approval of the recommendation of the Architect Selection Committee of Remson, Haley, Herpin Architects and APAC for Architectural Design Consulting Services for the New Progress Elementary School Project.

Authorization of staff's recommendation to terminate the lease with Town South Shopping Center Partnership.

Adoption of a Resolution proclaiming April 22, 2011, as "Earth Day."

Authorization to amend the Education Excellence Fund Investment Agreement.

Approval of the contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Strategic Measurement and Evaluations, Inc.

Approval of the Revised 2010-2011 General Fund Budget for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

Approval of the following grant under \$50,000.00: a) National Action Committee for Minorities in Engineering (NACME) STEM Innovation Grant in the amount of \$2,000.00, (Recipient: Ms. Beatrice Arvie, Engineering/Magnet Coordinator, Scotlandville Magnet High School).

Approval of new job descriptions: (a) Executive Director of Elementary Schools, and (b) Executive Director for Human Resources.

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***END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS***

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**Approval of Proposed 2011-2012 General Fund Budget Reductions**

**By Mr. Smith**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Proposed 2011-2012 General Fund budget reductions for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System as recommended by the Superintendent concerning the following items: Administrative (Salary and Benefits).

**Seconded by Mr. Lamana**

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

**Yeas: (9)**            **Mr. Arbour, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mrs. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson**

**Nays: (0)**            **None**

**Abstained: (1)**      **Mrs. Bernard**

**Absent: (1)**         **Ms. Dyason**

**The motion passed.**

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**Approval of Proposed 2011-2012 General Fund Budget Reductions**

**By Mr. Lamana**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Proposed 2011-2012 General Fund budget reductions for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System as recommended by the Superintendent concerning the following items: Instructional/Support (Salary and Benefits).

**Seconded by Mr. Arbour**

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

**Yeas: (6)**            **Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mrs. Nelson-Smith, and Mr. Tatman**

**Nays: (4)**            **Mrs. Bernard, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Smith, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson**

**Abstained: (0)**      **None**

**Absent: (1)**         **Ms. Dyason**

**The motion passed.**

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**Approval of Proposed 2011-2012 General Fund Budget Reductions**

**By Mr. Lamana**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Proposed 2011-2012 General Fund budget reductions for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System as recommended by the Superintendent concerning the following items: Instructional/Support (Other).

**Seconded by Ms. Lee**

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

**Yeas: (8)**            **Mr. Arbour, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mrs. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson**

**Nays: (2)**            **Mrs. Bernard and Mr. Smith**

**Abstained: (0)**      **None**

**Absent: (1)**         **Ms. Dyason**

**The motion passed.**

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**Approval of Proposed 2011-2012 General Fund Budget Reductions**

**By Mr. Arbour**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Proposed 2011-2012 General Fund budget reductions for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System as recommended by the Superintendent concerning the following items: Reduction and Travel in Other Budgets.

**Seconded by Ms. Lee**

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

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**Approval of Proposed 2011-2012 General Fund Budget Reductions**

**By Mr. Arbour**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Proposed 2011-2012 General Fund budget reductions for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System as recommended by the Superintendent concerning the following items: Program Adjustments, Reductions and/or Eliminations.

**Seconded by Ms. Lee**

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

**Yeas: (6)**            **Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mrs. Nelson-Smith, and Mr. Tatman**

**Nays: (4)**            **Mrs. Bernard, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Smith, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson**

**Abstained: (0)**      **None**

**Absent: (1)**         **Ms. Dyason**

**The motion passed.**

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**Approval of Proposed 2011-2012 General Fund Budget Reductions**

**By Mr. Arbour**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Proposed 2011-2012 General Fund budget reductions for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System as follows: Insurance Program.

**Seconded by Mrs. Bernard**

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

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**Approval of Proposed 2011-2012 General Fund Budget Reductions**

**By Mr. Lamana**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Proposed 2011-2012 General Fund budget reductions for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System as recommended by the Superintendent concerning the following items: Transportation Savings.

**Seconded by Ms. Lee**

**Discussion followed.**

**The following substitute motion was made.**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby postpone action on this item until the May 19, 2011, regularly scheduled School Board Meeting.

**Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

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

<b>Yeas: (3)</b>	<b>Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Freiberg, and Mr. Tatman</b>
<b>Nays: (7)</b>	<b>Mr. Arbour, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mrs. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson</b>
<b>Abstained: (0)</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Absent: (1)</b>	<b>Ms. Dyason</b>

**The substitute motion failed.**

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

**Yeas: (6)                    Mr. Arbour, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mrs. Nelson-Smith, and Mr. Smith**

**Nays: (4)                    Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson**

**Abstained: (0)            None**

**Absent: (1)                Ms. Dyason**

**The original motion passed.**

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**Approval of Proposed 2011-2012 General Fund Budget Reductions**

**By Mr. Arbour**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Proposed 2011-2012 General Fund budget reductions for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System as follows: Other Departments.

**Seconded by Mr. Smith**

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

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**Approval of Proposed 2011-2012 General Fund Budget Reductions**

**By Mr. Arbour**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Proposed 2011-2012 General Fund budget reductions for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System as follows: Salary Freeze.

**Seconded by Mr. Lamana**

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

**Yeas: (9)                    Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mrs. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson**

**Nays: (1)                    Mr. Smith**

**Abstained: (0)            None**



**Absent: (1) Ms. Dyason**

**The motion passed.**

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**Authorization for Program Manager to Renew a Contract with The Conrad Group L.L.C.**

**By Mr. Smith**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby postpone giving authorization to the Program Manager to renew a contract for Diversity and Community Outreach Consulting Services with The Conrad Group L.L.C. until the May 5, 2011, Committee of the Whole meeting.

**Seconded by Mrs. Bernard**

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

**Yeas: (9) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mrs. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson**

**Nays: (1) Mr. Freeman**

**Abstained: (0) None**

**Absent: (1) Ms. Dyason**

**The motion passed.**

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**Review of Superintendent's Recommendation for Expulsion of two (2) Students**

The President asked the Board members to indicate whether or not they had the opportunity to review the two (2) cases. Upon affirmation by the Members, the President inquired as to whether or not any Member wished to request a hearing of the cases.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bernard with a second by Mr. Smith to schedule a hearing before the Board at the next regularly-scheduled School Board meeting as it relates to the student at Tara High School.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bernard with a second by Mrs. Freiberg to schedule a hearing before the Board at the next regularly-scheduled School Board meeting as it relates to the student at Baton Rouge Magnet High School.

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

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**John L. Dilworth**  
**Secretary/Treasurer to the Board**