

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

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 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 nineteenth day of May 2011 in regular-session convened. The President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mrs. Barbara Freiberg, President; Mr. G. Thomas "Jerry" Arbour; Mrs. Connie Bernard; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; Mr. Craig Freeman; Mr. Randy Lamana; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Mrs. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; Mr. David Tatman, and Mrs. Evelyn Ware-Jackson. Mr. Tarvald A. Smith, Vice-President, 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 Blunsch, 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. Richard Capps, Administrative Director of Federal Programs; Mr. Chris Trahan, Director of Communications and Community Engagement; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

Reverend Robert Smith, St. James Baptist Church, gave the invocation. Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Reshard Pearson, Tara High School, and Colonel Fulton Johnson, Senior Army Instructor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of School Board Minutes of April 21, 2011, School Board Meeting and the May 5, 2011, Committee of the Whole Meeting

By Ms. Dyason

Resolved, that, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meeting of April 21, 2011, and the May 5, 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. (Mr. Smith was absent.)

Approval of Personnel Changes Since School Board Meeting of April 21, 2011

By Ms. Dyason

Resolved, that, the changes in personnel since the School Board Meeting of April 21, 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 Mrs. Bernard

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

Approval to Defer Items #5-6 and #5-8

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve to defer Items #5-6 and #5-8.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

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

Approval of Consent Agenda Items, Excluding Item #13

By Mrs. Nelson-Smith

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Consent Agenda items, excluding Item #13.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Arbour and Mr. Smith were 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 following new job description: Instructional Specialist – Federal Programs.

Acceptance of the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, in the matter of: Mary Alice Tingle-Markham and L. Dwight Markham, Jr., individually and on behalf of their minor daughter, Sydney Alexandra Markham, vs. East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, City Parish of East Baton Rouge and Thurman Bell; Suit No.: 499,811, Division "N," 19th JDC.

Authorization for staff to advertise and accept the high bid meeting specifications and execute the lease contract for the property being approximately 638 acres GLD, (Baywood) T4S, R3E, Section 16, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, further described in the attached document.

Approval of the Education Jobs Fund Budget for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 for additional and supplemental awards.

Approval of the 2011-2012 No Child Left Behind Consolidated Application Budgets.

Approval of a consulting services contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Louisiana State University to provide services related to the Robert Noyce Scholarship Program for the National Science Foundation.

Approval of the Actual December 2010 Semi-Annual Financial Tax Plan Update and the Revised 2010-2011 Tax Plan Budgets for Propositions 1, 2, and 3.

Approval of the following grants under \$50,000.00: a.) Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant in the amount of \$3,800.00, (Recipient: Ms. Candace Landry-Guillory, Pre-K Teacher, Riveroaks Elementary School); and b.) Junior League of Baton Rouge Community Assistance Grant in the amount of \$1,500.00, (Recipient: Ms. Cynthia Murphy, Pre-K Teacher, Wildwood Elementary School).

END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of the Proposed 2011-2012 I CARE Budget

By Mr. Freeman

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby defer this item until there is a final decision on the 2011-2012 General Fund Budget.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Discussion followed.

A substitute motion was offered.

By Ms. Lee

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Proposed 2011-2012 I CARE Budget and Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention Program (ADAPP) Budget.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

Yeas: (6) Ms. Dyason, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mrs. Nelson-Smith, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (3) Mrs. Bernard, Mr. Freeman, and Mr. Tatman

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (2) Mr. Arbour and Mr. Smith

The substitute motion was declared adopted.

Approval of the 2011-2012 East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meeting Schedule

By Mr. Lamana

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the 2011-2012 East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meeting Schedule.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

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

Review of Superintendent's Recommendation for Expulsion of a Student

The President asked the Board members to indicate whether or not they had the opportunity to review the case of the student at Westdale Middle School. Upon affirmation by the Members, the President inquired as to whether or not any Member wished to request a hearing of the case.

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

Executive Session:

By Mr. Lamana

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby go into Executive Session under the provisions of L.R.S. 42:6.1 (A) (7) to conduct appeal hearings regarding the expulsion of two (2) students.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

The vote on the motion was as follows:

- Yeas: (8)** **Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Mrs. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson**
- Nays: (1)** **Ms. Lee**
- Abstained: (0)** **None**
- Absent: (2)** **Mr. Arbour and Mr. Smith**

The motion was declared adopted.

Affirmation of Student Expulsions

The Board came out of Executive Session and reconvened. Mrs. Freiberg asked if there was any motion to modify or reverse the Superintendent’s recommendation with respect to the Student at Tara High School. There being no such motion, the Superintendent’s recommendation was affirmed, and the expulsion was upheld.

By Mr. Freeman

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby request to reconsider an item on the floor.

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

The vote on the motion was as follows:

- Yeas: (5)** **Mrs. Bernard, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson**
- Nays: (3)** **Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, and Mrs. Nelson-Smith**
- Abstained: (1)** **Mr. Smith**
- Absent: (2)** **Mr. Arbour and Ms. Dyason**

The motion failed.

Mrs. Freiberg asked if there was any motion to modify or reverse the Superintendent's recommendation with respect to the Student at Baton Rouge Magnet High School.

Discussion followed.

The following motion was made:

By Mrs. Bernard

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby overturn the Superintendent's recommendation by allowing the Student to return to his home school or any school in the district that would meet his educational needs, where the Student would be required to continue drug testing and counseling.

Seconded by Mrs. Ware-Jackson

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: (5) Mr. Freeman, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mrs. Nelson-Smith, and Mr. Smith

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (2) Mr. Arbour and Ms. Dyason

The motion failed.

Therefore, the Superintendent's recommendation was upheld.

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

John L. Dilworth
Secretary/Treasurer to the Board