

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 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 twentieth day of June 2013, in regular-session convened. The President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mr. David Tatman, President; Mr. Tarvald A. Smith, Vice-President; Mr. G. Thomas "Jerry" Arbour; Mrs. Connie Bernard; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; Mrs. Barbara Freiberg; Mr. Randy Lamana; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; and Mrs. Evelyn Ware-Jackson. Mr. Craig Freeman and Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith were 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; 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 Lieutenant Colonel Jevon Wiley, Battalion Commander, McKinley High School, accompanied by Senior Army Instructor, Colonel James Bowie, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of School Board Minutes of the May 16, 2013, (regular), and June 6, 2013, Public Hearing/School Board Workshop/Committee of the Whole meetings

By Mr. Lamana

Resolved, that, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meetings of May 16, 2013, (regular), and June 6, 2013, Public Hearing/School Board Workshop/Committee of the Whole, be dispensed with and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (7)

Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Vice-President Smith, President Tatman and Ms. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (0) None
Abstained: (1) Ms. Dyason
Absent: (3) Mrs. Bernard, Mr. Freeman and Dr. Nelson-Smith

The motion was declared adopted.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items, Excluding Items #17 and #20

By Mrs. Freiberg

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Consent Agenda items, excluding items #17 and #20.

Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (8) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, President Tatman and Ms. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (1) Vice-President Smith

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (2) Mr. Freeman and Dr. Nelson-Smith

The motion was declared adopted.

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 a one-year renewal of a contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and EduSoft for the Benchmark Assessment Program.

Approval for staff to be given authority to select The Advocate as the Official Journal of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System for the 2013-2014 school year, which will be used for the publication of the Board's proceedings, financial statements, legal advertisements, and any other advertising requirements.

Approval for staff to be given the authority through June 2014 to advertise, receive, and award bids for materials, supplies, and/or services to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications and all requirements of the Invitation to Bid.

Approval to extend the lease contract 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, 2013, through June 30, 2015.

Approval to authorize the administration to approve the most effective Property and Casualty Insurance Program Policy renewal package for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Approval of the attached Resolution authorizing the Board President and Superintendent to execute and sign all documents to reject Uninsured Motorist Coverage in connection with the East Baton Rouge Parish School System’s automobile liability coverage and its Self-Insured Retention Program for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Approval of the Proposed 2013-2014 Budget for Vocational Education – Carl Perkins Basic Grant.

Approval of the Proposed 2013-2014 Early Childhood 8(g) budget.

Approval of the Actual December 2012 Semi-Annual Financial Tax Plan Update and the Revised 2012-2013 Tax Plan Budgets for Propositions 1, 2, and 3.

Approval of a contract for professional development services provided by Houghton-Mifflin for the Diocese of Baton Rouge using Title II allocations.

Approval of a service agreement with Follett Educational Services.

Authorization to amend the Education Excellence Fund (EEF) Investment Agreement for FY 2012-2013.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of Budgets

By Mrs. Freiberg

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Proposed 2013-2014 No Child Left Behind Consolidated Application Budgets.

Seconded by Vice-President Smith

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mrs. Bernard

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Proposed 2013-2014 No Child Left Behind Consolidated Application Budgets. The \$800,000 (approximate) that is reserved and could be allocated for a specific contract will remain unallocated until such a time that the Board decides on the contract for professional development.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

Yeas: (6) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee and President Tatman

Nays: (2) Mrs. Freiberg and Vice-President Smith

Abstained: (1) Ms. Ware-Jackson

Absent: (2) Mr. Freeman and Dr. Nelson-Smith

The substitute motion was declared adopted.

Approval of Revised 2012-2013 General Fund Budget

By Mrs. Freiberg

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Revised 2012-2013 General Fund Budget for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (8) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mrs. Freiberg, Ms. Lee, Vice-President Smith, President Tatman and Ms. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (1) Mr. Lamana

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (2) Mr. Freeman and Dr. Nelson-Smith

The motion was declared adopted.

Approval of Payment of Membership Dues

By Mrs. Freiberg

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the payment of membership dues to the Council of Great City Schools for FY 2012-2013.

Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson

Discussion followed.

The following "friendly amendment" was made.

By Ms. Dyason

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the payment of membership dues to the Council of Great City Schools for FY 2012-2013. The Superintendent will bring back for further discussion costs associated with memberships in National School Boards Association, Council of Urban Boards of Education, and Council of Great City Schools to see how we can maximize a cost saving with membership in all three.

The "friendly amendment" was accepted by the originator and seconder.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

The motion was declared adopted.

Approval to Submit Temporary School Name Changes to Louisiana Department of Education

By Mrs. Freiberg

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve submitting the following temporary school name changes to the Louisiana Department of Education relative to the district reform initiative: Glen Oaks Middle Community School (formerly Banks Elementary); East Baton Rouge Readiness Superintendent's Academy (formerly Valley Park); Christa McAuliffe Superintendent's Academy (formerly Christa McAuliffe Center); Staring Superintendent's Academy (formerly Staring Education Center); Eden Park Superintendent's Academy (formerly Mohican Center); Beechwood Superintendent's Academy (formerly Scotlandville Middle Magnet); Mayfair Laboratory School (formerly Mayfair Middle School); and Northdale Central Superintendent's Academy (formerly Northdale Magnet Academy).

Seconded by Ms. Lee

Discussion followed.

An "amendment" was made by Mrs. Freiberg, accepted by Ms. Lee.

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve submitting the following temporary school name changes to the Louisiana Department of Education relative to the district reform initiative as amended: North Banks Middle School (formerly Banks Elementary); East Baton Rouge Readiness Superintendent's Academy (formerly Valley Park); Christa McAuliffe Superintendent's Academy (formerly Christa McAuliffe Center); Greenville Superintendent's Academy (formerly Staring Education Center); Eden Park Superintendent's Academy (formerly Mohican Center); Beechwood Superintendent's Academy (formerly Scotlandville Middle Magnet); Mayfair Laboratory School (formerly Mayfair Middle School); and Northdale Superintendent's Academy (formerly Northdale Magnet Academy).

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

Authorization to Advertise, Accept the Low Bids Meeting Specifications and Make the Award of a Contract

By Vice-President Smith

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give authorization for the Program Management Team, CSRS/GPM to advertise, accept the low bids meeting specifications and make the award of a contract for the relocation and set up of sixteen (16) modular buildings from Lee High School 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. Freiberg

Discussion followed.

A "friendly amendment" was offered by Mr. Arbour.

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bids meeting specifications and make the award of a contract for the relocation and set up of sixteen (16) modular buildings from Lee High School or reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law, Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 38, Chapter 10.

The "friendly amendment" was accepted by the originator and seconder.

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Freeman and Dr. Nelson-Smith were absent.)

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

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