

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 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 this the eighteenth day of August 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; 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. 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; 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.

School Board Member, Randy Lamana, gave the invocation. Cadet Major Obea D. Lawrence, Scotlandville Magnet High School, and Lieutenant Colonel Dana Mangham, Senior Army Instructor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Point of Information

Announcement of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Members who received credit hours for Act 380 through 2009: Jerry Arbour, Jill Dyason, Randy Lamana, Vereta Lee, and Tarvald Smith. Former East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Members were Jay Augustine and Darryl Robertson.

Approval of School Board Minutes of July 21, 2011, Regular School Board meeting, August 10, 2011, Committee of the Whole meeting, and August 10, 2011, Special Board meeting

By Mr. Lamana

Resolved, that, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meeting of July 21, 2011, Regular School Board meeting, August 10, 2011, Committee of the Whole meeting, and August 10, 2011, Special Board meeting, be dispensed with and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

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

Mr. Arbour asked that the following item be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed as a regular item on the agenda.

Authorization for Superintendent and General Counsel, with the Approval of Board Leadership, to Finalize a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration

By Mr. Tatman

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give authorization to the Superintendent and General Counsel, with the approval of Board leadership, to finalize a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration regarding acquisition of the old Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired and a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City/Parish of Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office and the East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney's Office and to report the final agreements to the full Board upon completion.

Seconded by Mrs. Ware-Jackson

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

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

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the changes in personnel since the School Board Meeting of July 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 Ms. Lee

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Approval of a Resolution

By Mr. Freeman

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a Resolution proclaiming September 11-17, 2011, as "National Arts in Education Week."

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items, Excluding Item #19

By Ms. Dyason

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Consent Agenda items, excluding item #19.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

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 waiver – medical sabbatical leave for a teacher.

Approval of the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as required for the financial audit of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

Approval of the Proposed 2011-2012 Budget and Grant Application for Title X McKinney-Vento funds.

Authorization to amend the Education Excellence Fund Investment Agreement.

Approval of the proposed 2011-2012 Radio Training Program (RTP) Budget.

Approval of the proposed 2011-2012 Child Nutrition Program Budget for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

Approval of the proposed 2011-2012 Tax Plan Budgets for Propositions 2 and 3.

Approval of the following grants under \$50,000.00: a) Louisiana Foreign Language Teachers Association (LFLTA) Mini-Grant in the amount of \$500.00. (Recipient: Ms. Genedi Shamburger, French Teacher, Woodlawn High School); and b) Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries

Grant. (Recipients: Ms. Terry Thibodeaux, Librarian, Mayfair Middle School - \$5,000.00 and Ms. Sheila Brock, Librarian, The Dufrocq School - \$2,500.00).

Approval of a Resolution requesting the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) waive the minimum student population requirement provided for in BESE Bulletin 741, Section 505 B1 as it relates to the selection of a new Superintendent of Schools.

Approval of a professional services contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Mary McDaniel.

Approval of an agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Renaissance Learning, Inc.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Authorization for Superintendent and General Counsel to Finalize an Agreement

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby authorize the Superintendent and General Counsel, with the approval of Board leadership, to finalize an agreement for professional services related to the School Bus Safety Program, a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of Baton Rouge, and a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Sheriff of East Baton Rouge Parish and to report the final agreements to the full Board upon completion.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None

Abstained: (1) Mr. Tatman

Absent: (0) None

The motion was declared adopted.

Request to Accept Contracts *In Globo*

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept the following instructional related contracts listed in Item #25 *in globo*.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

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

Approval of Instructional Related Contracts

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the following instructional related contracts: a. Solution Tree in the amount of \$132,750.00 for professional development at 23 elementary and middle schools for the 2011- 2012 school year. b. Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge in the amount of \$20,450.00 to implement School Readiness Through the Arts in five Pre-K classrooms in addition to providing training. c. Education Foundations in the amount of \$12,755.00 for professional development for teachers, tutoring and parental/ community involvement for Title 1 non-public and private schools participating in the Title 1 program. d. Education Foundations in the amount of \$36,000.00 for professional development for teachers, tutoring and parental/ community involvement for Title 1 non-public and private schools (Southern Laboratory School) participating in the Title 1 program. e. School Leadership Center of Greater New Orleans in the amount of \$75,000.00 to fund the Diocese of Baton Rouge Title II allocation for professional development. f. Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) in the amount of \$25,000.00 to conduct volunteer management training, advocate for schools, and educate the community regarding supporting public education. g. Catapult Learning in the amount of \$133,000.00 to fund a mathematic and reading tutorial program for Title I non-public/ private schools. h. JBHM Education Group in the amount of \$18,000.00 for professional development services in the areas of math, English, science, and social studies for the 2011-2012 school year. i. Options for Education, Inc. in the amount of \$20,000.00 to fund a management system to assist with the operation of supplementary educational services required by No Child Left Behind. The system will allow federal programs to track student attendance, vendor invoices, student assignment, etc. j. School Improvement Network (PD 360 program) in the amount of \$236,605.00. This is a web-based, on demand professional learning resource that is designed to allow instructional leaders to perform effective classroom walkthroughs.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (10)	Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson
Nays: (0)	None
Abstained: (1)	Dr. Nelson-Smith

Absent: (0) None

The motion was declared adopted.

Approval of the Proposed Scotlandville Elementary School Conversion

By Mr. Smith

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the proposed Scotlandville Elementary School Conversion.

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby defer this item to the January 19, 2012 regular Board meeting.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

Yeas: (3) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, and Mr. Lamana

Nays: (6) Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Abstained: (2) Mrs. Freiberg and Ms. Lee

Absent: (0) None

The substitute motion failed.

Discussion followed.

Call the Question

A motion was made to limit debate by "calling the question" by Mr. Freeman. 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 item was as follows:

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

Nays: (2) Mr. Arbour and Mrs. Bernard

Abstained: (1) Mrs. Freiberg

Absent: (0) None

The motion was approved.

Approval to Renew a Contract

By Mr. Lamana

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a renewal contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Unemployment Compensation Control Systems, L.L.C. (UCCS) for a period of two (2) years beginning July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013.

Seconded by Mr. Smith

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby authorize staff to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to seek an outside firm that provides Workman's Compensation services. The school system will continue to pay Unemployment Compensation Control Systems, L.L.C. (UCCS) on a month to month basis until the process is complete.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

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

Nays: (2) Ms. Dyason and Mr. Smith

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

The substitute motion passed.

Approval of a Resolution

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a Resolution calling a tenure hearing for an employee.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Approval to Hire Search Firm

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve entering into a contract with ProAct Search, L.L.C. to facilitate the hiring of a new superintendent. Board Leadership shall negotiate a contract with the firm to exceed no more than thirty thousand (\$30,000) dollars.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mr. Freeman

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve entering into a contract with ProAct Search, L.L.C. to facilitate the hiring of a new superintendent. Board Leadership shall negotiate a contract with the firm to exceed no more than ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars with any additional funds to be raised from outside sources.

Seconded by Mr. Smith

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

Yeas: (2)	Mr. Freeman and Mr. Smith
Nays: (7)	Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson
Abstained: (2)	Ms. Lee and Dr. Nelson-Smith
Absent: (0)	None

The substitute motion failed.

The vote on the original motion was as follows:

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

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

Abstained: (1) **Dr. Nelson-Smith**

Absent: (0) **None**

The original motion passed.

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

John L. Dilworth
Secretary/Treasurer to the Board