

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 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 twentieth day of September 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: 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 for School Leadership and Instruction; 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 David Rowe, Tara High School, accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel Fulton Johnson, Senior Army Instructor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of School Board Minutes of the August 16, 2012, (regular) Board meeting; August 27, 2012, (special) Board meeting; and the September 12, 2012, 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 the August 16, 2012, (regular) Board meeting, August 27, 2012, (special) Board meeting, and the September 12, 2012, Committee of the Whole meeting, be dispensed with and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

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

Motion to Take Item #29 Out of Order

By Mrs. Bernard

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

Motion was unanimously accepted by the members present. (Ms. Dyason was absent.)

Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Warrick Dunn Charities.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

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

Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming the Week of October 15-21, 2012, as "National School Bus Safety Week" and "School Bus Driver Appreciation Week"

By Dr. Nelson-Smith

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt a resolution proclaiming the Week of October 15-21, 2012, as "National School Bus Safety Week" and "School Bus Driver Appreciation Week." **(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.)

Approval of Consent Agenda Items, Excluding Item #21

By Ms. Lee

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Consent Agenda items, excluding Item #21.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

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 the following revised job descriptions: (a) Director of Army Instruction; (b) Senior Army Instructor – JROTC; (c) Army Instructor – JROTC; (d) Operations Sergeant, and (e) Military Property Specialist – (MPS).

Authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications and make the award of a contract for the classroom renovations and additions at Westdale Middle School, classroom renovations at Park Forest Middle School, classroom improvements at Belfair, Greenbrier, Villa del Rey, and Bernard Terrace Elementary Schools, or reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law; Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 38; Chapter 10.

Approval of an assignment of a contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Our Lady of the Lake Hospital, Inc., to provide mobile medical and mental health services for the period of August 6, 2012, through July 31, 2014.

Approval of the Proposed 2012-2013 Budget and Grant Application for Title X McKinney-Vento Funds.

Approval of the Proposed 2012-2013 Adult Education Local Budget.

Approval of the following items: (a) Proposed 2012-2013 Adult Education YouthBuild Budget; (b) contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Deaf Resources Center of Greater Baton Rouge, LLC, for the period August 8, 2012, through June 28, 2013, for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00; (c) Proposed 2012-2013 Elementary School Summer Opportunity for Academic Remediation (SOAR) Budget; (d) Proposed 2012-2013 Middle School Summer Budget; and e) Proposed 2012-2013 High School Summer Budget.

Approval of the 2011-2012 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as required for the annual financial audit of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

Approval of an agreement for online services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Rosetta Stone, Ltd., for the period of September, 2012, through September, 2013, for an amount not to exceed \$13,350.00.

Approval of the following items: (a) contract renewal for professional services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) for the period of July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013, for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00; and (b) Extension Agreement for EveryBody Reads and EveryOne Counts between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) for the period of July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013.

Acceptance of the 2012-2013 8(g) Early Childhood Program Budget in the amount of \$440,630.00.

Approval of the following grants under \$50,000.00: (a) Target Arts & Culture in Schools Grant in the amount of \$2,000.00. (Recipient – Bethany France, Parent Volunteer, The Dufrocq School); (b) Kelly Gene Cook Charitable Foundation’s Deborah Rochelle Teacher Grants in the amount of \$25,290.00. (Recipients: Dr. Mark Zweiq, Science Teacher, Glasgow Middle - \$3,192.00, Ms. Sylvia

Patrick, ESS Resource Primary Teacher, Shenandoah Elementary - \$2,400.00, Ms. Sharlena Good, Life Science Teacher, Southeast Middle - \$3,500.00, Ms. Carrie Solar Menge, Social Studies Teacher, Southeast Middle - \$3,500.00, Ms. Genevieve Bajoie, Language Arts Teacher, Staring Education Center - \$3,500.00, Ms. Katherine Coldwell, Third Grade Teacher, Twin Oaks Elementary - \$3,190.00, Ms. Trudy Huffty, Kindergarten Teacher, Westdale Heights Elementary - \$2,508.00, Ms. Genedi Shamburger, French Teacher, Woodlawn High - \$3,500.00); (c) The Junior League of Baton Rouge Community Assistance Fund Grant in the amount of \$650.00. (Recipient – Ms. Genedi Shamburger, French Teacher, Woodlawn High School); and (d) The Kinder Morgan Foundation Grant in the amount of \$2,630.00. (Recipient – Ms. Susan Chernetz, Music Teacher, Forest Heights Academy of Excellence).

Approval of a contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge for the purpose of implementing the School Readiness Through the Arts Program in five (5) Pre-K classrooms.

Approval of a renewal contract between Renaissance Learning and the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and expend the appropriate funds.

Approval of a Blended Learning subscription.

Approval of amended administrative contracts necessitated by the enactment of Act 1 of the 2012 Regular Legislative Session.

Approval of School Board policy updates and related matters.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of a Contract with LSU AgCenter

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby for approve a contract between the LSU AgCenter and the East Baton Rouge Parish School System to enter into a cooperative agreement and to expend Board approved funds.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Absent: (0) None

The motion was declared adopted.

Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a Memorandum of Understanding as it relates to the establishment of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System Foundation with the following change: in Item VII add the following language "to be appointed by the Board President" after one school board member.

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Approval of the EBRPSS Postretirement Benefit Valuation Report

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the East Baton Rouge Parish School System Postretirement Benefit Valuation Report, using the Projected Unit Credit Method and Level Percent of Pay Amortization, under GASB 45 as of July 1, 2011, and expense development for fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, as recommended by Mercer.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Approval of a Contract

By Mrs. Bernard

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and the EBR City/Parish Government for \$110,000.00 to provide adult education classes for inmates at the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison from January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Approval of a Contract

By Mr. Lamana

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve contract for professional services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Education Foundations, LLC, in the amount of \$130,000.00.

Seconded by Mrs. Ware-Jackson

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 a Contract

By Mr. Smith

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give approval to award a three-year contract to F.A. Richards and Associates (FARA) for third party administrative services.

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.

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

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