

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 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 nineteenth day of December 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; Mr. Craig Freeman; Mrs. Barbara Freiberg; Mr. Randy Lamana; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; and Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson.

Others present were: Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr., Superintendent; Mr. Michael Hagen, 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; 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 Command Sergeant Major Sherebia Street, Woodlawn High School, accompanied by William Peoples, Senior Army Instructor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of School Board Minutes of the November 21, 2013, (regular), and December 5, 2013, Committee of the Whole Meetings

By Mrs. Bernard

Resolved, that, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meetings of November 21, 2013, (regular), and December 5, 2013, Committee of the Whole, be dispensed with and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Vice-President Smith was absent.)

Approval of Consent Agenda Items, Excluding Items #11, #12, #16, and #18

By Dr. Nelson-Smith

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Consent Agenda items, excluding items #11, #12, #16, and #18.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Vice-President Smith was 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 Proposed 2013-2014 Safe and Supportive Schools Budget.

Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for dual enrollment between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Baton Rouge Community College.

Acceptance of a donation of cosmetology equipment and supplies.

Acceptance of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) Farm to School Planning Grant in the amount of \$44,999.99.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Approval to Consolidate Item #11 and Item #20

By Mrs. Bernard

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve consolidating Item #11 (Authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications and make the award of a contract for the Classroom Improvements at Polk Elementary 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) and Item #20 (Approval for the administration to plan and implement a foreign language immersion program to be housed at Polk Elementary School, beginning with kindergarten during the 2014-2015 school year, which would require boundary changes that would reassign Polk Elementary School students to University Terrace and Buchanan

Elementary Schools, along with assigning an area of Buchanan to Bernard Terrace Elementary School).

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mr. Freeman

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve moving Item #11 (Authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications and make the award of a contract for the Classroom Improvements at Polk Elementary 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) to immediately follow Item #20 (Approval for the administration to Plan and implement a foreign language immersion program to be housed at Polk Elementary School, beginning with kindergarten during the 2014-2015 school year, which would require boundary changes that would reassign Polk Elementary School students to University Terrace and Buchanan Elementary Schools, along with assigning an area of Buchanan to Bernard Terrace Elementary School).

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

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

The substitute motion was declared adopted.

Approval for Item #12 to Follow Item #21

By Mrs. Bernard

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve moving Item #12 (Authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications and make the award of a contract for the anticipated Classroom Improvements at Brookstown Elementary, or reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law; Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 38; Chapter 10) to immediately follow Item #21 (Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby grant approval for the administration to open Brookstown as a middle school to accommodate approximately 225 magnet students as well as 260 attendance zone students residing in the Prescott middle area, which will require approval of boundary changes that would reassign students to Brookstown Middle who are currently assigned to

Woodlawn, Southeast, Westdale, and Glasgow Middle Schools).

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (7) Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Mr. Tatman and Ms. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (3) Mr. Arbour, Ms. Lee and Dr. Nelson-Smith

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (1) Mr. Smith

The motion was declared adopted.

Authorization to Issue Request for Proposals (RFP)

By Mr. Freeman

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby authorize the administration to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to federally-qualified health centers for the provision of mental health services, inclusive of psychiatric social work and case management, for students enrolled in a pilot group of elementary, middle, high, and alternative schools.

Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Ms. Dyason

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby authorize administration to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to qualified providers of health centers for the provision of mental health services, inclusive of psychiatric social work and case management, for students enrolled in a pilot group of elementary, middle, high, and alternative schools.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Vice-President Smith was absent.)

Authorization to Provide a One-Time Supplement of \$300.00 to All Eligible Employees

By Mrs. Freiberg

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby authorize staff to provide a one-time supplement of \$300.00 to all eligible employees, not receiving the one-time stipend for certificated classroom teachers as required by the 2013 Regular Legislative Session regarding the 2.75% increase in the Minimum Foundation Program. Board members will be given additional details about all stipends/supplements given to employees.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Approval to Redistrict Students Attending Woodlawn Elementary School and Jefferson Terrace Elementary School

By Ms. Ware-Jackson

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give approval to redistrict students attending the following schools: (a) Woodlawn Elementary School, and living within the boundaries beginning at the center of Siegen Lane and Interstate 10; southeast along Interstate 10 to the center of Old Perkins Rd. W; west to the center of Perkins Rd; west to the west side of Metairie Drive; north to the Louisiana & Arkansas Railroad; west to the center of Siegen Lane; and north to the point of beginning, to Jefferson Terrace Elementary School, effective July 1, 2014; and (b) Jefferson Terrace Elementary School, and living within the boundaries beginning at the center of Siegen Lane and Interstate 10; south to the Louisiana & Arkansas Railroad; east to a point west of Metairie Drive; south to the west of Metairie Drive; south to the center of Perkins Rd.; west to the center of Bluebonnet Blvd; north to Interstate 10; southeast along Interstate 10 to the point of beginning; and also include moving the current line from the center of Bluebonnet Rd. to the center of Bluebonnet Blvd., to Westminster Elementary School, effective July 1, 2014.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Ms. Lee

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby defer Item #11 (Authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications and make the award of a contract for the Classroom Improvements at Polk Elementary 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), Item #12 (Authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications and make the award of a contract for the anticipated Classroom Improvements at Brookstown Elementary, or reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law; Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 38; Chapter 10), Item #19 (Redistrict students attending the following schools: (a) Woodlawn Elementary School, and living within the boundaries beginning at the center of Siegen Lane and Interstate 10; southeast along Interstate 10 to the center of Old Perkins Rd. W; west to the center of Perkins Rd; west to the west side of Metairie Drive; north to the Louisiana & Arkansas Railroad; west to the center of Siegen Lane; and north to the point of beginning, to Jefferson Terrace Elementary School, effective July 1, 2014; and (b) Jefferson Terrace

Elementary School, and living within the boundaries beginning at the center of Siegen Lane and Interstate 10; south to the Louisiana & Arkansas Railroad; east to a point west of Metairie Drive; south to the west of Metairie Drive; south to the center of Perkins Rd.; west to the center of Bluebonnet Blvd; north to Interstate 10; southeast along Interstate 10 to the point of beginning; and also include moving the current line from the center of Bluebonnet Rd. to the center of Bluebonnet Blvd., to Westminster Elementary School, effective July 1, 2014), Item #20 (Approval for the administration to plan and implement a foreign language immersion program to be housed at Polk Elementary School, beginning with kindergarten during the 2014-2015 school year, which would require boundary changes that would reassign Polk Elementary School students to University Terrace and Buchanan Elementary Schools, along with assigning an area of Buchanan to Bernard Terrace Elementary School) and Item #21 (Request to grant approval for the administration to open Brookstown as a middle school to accommodate approximately 225 magnet students as well as 260 attendance zone students residing in the Prescott middle area, which will require approval of boundary changes that would reassign students to Brookstown Middle who are currently assigned to Woodlawn, Southeast, Westdale, and Glasgow Middle Schools) to a workshop to be scheduled in January before the Regular Board meeting on January 16, 2014.

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

Discussion continued.

The substitute motion was amended by the originator and seconder as follows:

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby defer Item #19 (Redistrict students attending the following schools: (a) Woodlawn Elementary School, and living within the boundaries beginning at the center of Siegen Lane and Interstate 10; southeast along Interstate 10 to the center of Old Perkins Rd. W; west to the center of Perkins Rd; west to the west side of Metairie Drive; north to the Louisiana & Arkansas Railroad; west to the center of Siegen Lane; and north to the point of beginning, to Jefferson Terrace Elementary School, effective July 1, 2014; and (b) Jefferson Terrace Elementary School, and living within the boundaries beginning at the center of Siegen Lane and Interstate 10; south to the Louisiana & Arkansas Railroad; east to a point west of Metairie Drive; south to the west of Metairie Drive; south to the center of Perkins Rd.; west to the center of Bluebonnet Blvd; north to Interstate 10; southeast along Interstate 10 to the point of beginning; and also include moving the current line from the center of Bluebonnet Rd. to the center of Bluebonnet Blvd., to Westminster Elementary School, effective July 1, 2014), Item #20 (Approval for the administration to plan and implement a foreign language immersion program to be housed at Polk Elementary School, beginning with kindergarten during the 2014-2015 school year, which would require boundary changes that would reassign Polk Elementary School students to University Terrace and Buchanan Elementary Schools, along with assigning an area of Buchanan to Bernard Terrace Elementary School), and Item #21 (Request to grant approval for the administration to open Brookstown as a middle school to accommodate approximately 225 magnet students as well as 260 attendance zone students residing in the Prescott middle area, which will require approval of boundary changes that would reassign students to Brookstown Middle who are currently assigned to Woodlawn, Southeast, Westdale, and Glasgow Middle Schools) to a workshop to be scheduled in January before the Regular Board meeting on January 16, 2014.

The vote on the amended substitute motion was as follows:

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

Nays: (2) Mrs. Bernard and Ms. Dyason

Abstained: (1) Mr. Lamana

Absent: (0) None

The amended substitute motion was declared adopted.

Authorization for Staff to Advertise, Accept the Low Bid and Award Contract

By Mr. Freeman

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications and make the award of a contract for the Classroom Improvements at Polk Elementary 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 Ms. Ware-Jackson

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mrs. Bernard

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby defer the following items to the workshop to be scheduled before the Regular Board meeting of January 16, 2014: Item #11 (Authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications and make the award of a contract for the Classroom Improvements at Polk Elementary 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), Item #12 (Authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications and make the award of a contract for the anticipated Classroom improvements at Brookstown Elementary, or reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law; Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 38; Chapter 10), Item #22 (Renew the contract with Southern Strategy of Louisiana), and Item #23 (Approve the expanded Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the East Baton Rouge School System Foundation) to a workshop to be scheduled in January before the Regular Board meeting on January 16, 2014.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

Discussion continued.

The substitute motion was amended by the originator and seconder.

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby defer the following items to the workshop to be scheduled before the Regular Board meeting of January 16, 2014: Item #11 (Authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications and make the award of a contract for the Classroom Improvements at Polk Elementary 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), and Item #12 (Authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications and make the award of a contract for the anticipated Classroom improvements at Brookstown Elementary, or reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with

the Louisiana Public Bid Law; Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 38; Chapter 10) to a workshop to be scheduled in January before the Regular Board meeting on January 16, 2014.

The vote on the amended substitute motion was as follows:

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| Yeas: (4) | Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, and Mr. Lamana |
| Nays: (7) | Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson |
| Abstained: (0) | None |
| Absent: (0) | None |

The amended substitute motion failed.

Discussion continued.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications and make the award of a contract for the Classroom Improvements at Polk Elementary 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. Enactment of this item is subject to the approval of Item #20 (Approval for the administration to plan and implement a foreign language immersion program to be housed at Polk Elementary School, beginning with kindergarten during the 2014-2015 school year, which would require boundary changes that would reassign Polk Elementary School students to University Terrace and Buchanan Elementary Schools, along with assigning an area of Buchanan to Bernard Terrace Elementary School).

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

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| Yeas: (4) | Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, and Mr. Lamana |
| Nays: (7) | Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson |
| Abstained: (0) | None |
| Absent: (0) | None |

The substitute motion failed.

The vote on the original motion was as follows:

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| Yeas: (7) | Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson |
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Nays: (3) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, and Ms. Dyason

Abstained: (1) Mr. Lamana

Absent: (0) None

The original motion passed.

Authorization for Staff to Advertise, Accept the Low Bid and Award Contract

By Mr. Smith

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications and make the award of a contract for the anticipated Classroom Improvements at Brookstown Elementary, 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 Mr. Lamana

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: (1) Mr. Arbour

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

The motion was declared adopted.

Approval to Renew a Contract

By Mrs. Freiberg

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give approval to renew the contract with Southern Strategy of Louisiana.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

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

Abstained: (0) **None**

Absent: (0) **None**

The motion was declared adopted.

Approval to Expand Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

By Mrs. Freiberg

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the expanded Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the East Baton Rouge School System Foundation with any changes being pointed out to the Board.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

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

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