

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 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 twentieth day of January, 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; Mrs. 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; Mr. James Crochet, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Mary Nell Dominique, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area I; Mr. David Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area III; 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. Lee Dixon, Director of Exceptional Student Services; Mr. Richard Capps, Administrative Director of Federal Programs; Mr. Chris Trahan, Director of Communications and Community Engagement; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

Cadet First Sergeant Deontea R. Washington, Istrouma High School, and Master Sergeant (Retired) Luciano Malone, Army Instructor, led the pledge of allegiance.

**Approval of School Board Minutes
of December 16, 2010 Regular Board
Meeting**

By Mr. Smith

Resolved, that, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meeting of December 16, 2010, be dispensed with and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

**Approval of Personnel Changes
Since School Board Meeting of
December 16, 2010**

By Mr. Smith

Resolved, that, the changes in personnel since the School Board Meeting of December 16, 2010, 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 all the members.

**Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming
February 7 – 11, 2011, as
"National School Counseling Week"**

By Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt a resolution proclaiming February 7 – 11, 2011, as "National School Counseling Week." **(A copy of the Resolution has been marked "Official Copy" and placed in the files of the Board.)**

Seconded by Mr. Smith

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

By Ms. Dyason

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

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 staff's request to execute a contract with Louisiana State University to assist in developing a system-wide writing framework to address declining writing scores as measured by state assessments. In addition, the district will receive intensive professional development in the area of writing instruction relative to the writing framework developed. The fixed cost in the amount of \$70,000 will be funded by the Board approved literacy/reading budget.

Approval of staff's request to accept a Teacher Advancement Program (TAP) grant award in the amount of \$40,260 to be divided equally between Claiborne Elementary and Cedarcrest-Southmoor Elementary Schools.

Approval of an updated Testing Program Policy (II).

END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Authorization for Staff to Prepare and Issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Architectural Design Consulting Services

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give authorization for staff to prepare and issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to seek proposals to provide Architectural Design Consulting Services for the Progress Elementary School Replacement Project as specified in the 2009 Tax Plan Continuation.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Review of Superintendent's Recommendation for Expulsion of a Student

This item was withdrawn by the Superintendent.

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

John L. Dilworth
Secretary/Treasurer to the Board