

**EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2013

5:00 P.M.

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole met at the School Board Office at 1050 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 5:00 p.m. on the seventh day of February 2013, in regular-session convened. The Vice President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mr. Tarvald A. Smith, Vice President; Mr. David Tatman, 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 Mrs. Evelyn Ware-Jackson.

Others present: Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr., Superintendent; Mr. Marvin Trotter, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent for Parent/Community Engagement; 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, Mr. Lamana, gave the invocation. School Board Member, Ms. Dyason, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Proclamation

By Mr. Lamana

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby approve a Proclamation for Mr. Robert Crawford, former School Board member.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mrs. Bernard was absent.)

School Operations

The following items were presented to the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole by the Superintendent and staff:

Settlement of a Law Suit

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby accept the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, in the matter of: Willie Carney v. EBRPSB d/b/a EBRPSS and Eddie Randolph, Docket No.: 593,290, Section 23, 19th JDC, Parish of East Baton Rouge.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Mrs. Bernard was absent.)

Settlement of a Law Suit

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby accept the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, in the matter of: Chester Wyles v. East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, Suit No.: 08-22030, OWC, District 5.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Mrs. Bernard was absent.)

Swing Space for Lee High School

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of Option #4 as a swing space for the Lee High School faculty and students.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of Option #2 as a swing space for the Lee High School faculty and students. The Board also reserves the right to rename Valley Park.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

Discussion continued.

The original motion was withdrawn by the originator and the seconder.

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of all the members.

RFPS for Tax Plan Program Manager

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to go out for Request for Proposals (RFPS) for the provision of Tax Plan Program Manager services.

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mr. Freeman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the renewal of the Program Manager's contract.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

Yeas: (5) Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (5) Mr. Arbour, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, and Mr. Smith

Abstained: (1) Mrs. Freiberg

Absent: (0) None

The motion failed.

Discussion continued.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mr. Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby refer the following item to the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board without recommendation: renewal of the Program Manager’s contract, or its intent to request proposals for the provision of Tax Plan Program Manager services.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

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

The motion was approved for referral to the Board without recommended.

Lease Contract Renewal

By Mr. Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a Lease Contract Renewal between The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board for a Low Level Windshear Alert System for the period of October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2028.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of all the members.

Agreement

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of an agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Layne Heavy Civil, Inc. for full access and temporary use of a portion of the north parking lot at Lee High School until May 22, 2013.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of all the members.

Finance

The following items were presented to the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole by the Superintendent and staff:

Contract

By Mrs. Freiberg

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and ECRA Group, for professional development services, including data analysis and reporting as part of a Comprehensive Assessment Program, for the Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge, using Title II allocations in the amount of \$14,000.00 for the period of January – June, 2013.

Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

The motion was recommended to the full Board.

Renewal of Retirement Manager Agreement

By Ms. Dyason

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the renewal of the Retirement Manager Agreement with VALIC Retirement Services Company through June 30, 2015.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Abstained: (1) Dr. Nelson-Smith

Absent: (0) None

The motion was recommended to the full Board.

Instructional/Pupil Services Items

The following items were presented to the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole by the Superintendent and staff:

Grant

By Mrs. Freiberg

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: (a) The Junior League of Baton Rouge Community Assistance Grant, \$1,600.00. (Recipient: Ms. Ashley Rodrigue, Teacher at Scotlandville Elementary School), (b) The Greater Baton Rouge Area Realtors Association Teachers' Grant, \$1,955.00. (Recipient: Ms. Katherine Coldwell, teacher at Twin Oaks Elementary - \$955.00 and Jamie Noel, teacher at Sherwood Middle School - \$1,000.00), and (c) The Target Field Trip Grants, \$1,400.00. (Recipient: Mark Zweig, a science teacher at Glasgow Middle School - \$700.00 and Genedi Shamburger, a French teacher at Woodlawn High School - \$700.00)

Seconded by Ms. Lee

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of all the members.

There being no further business, the Committee of the Whole adjourned by acclamation.

**Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr.
Secretary/Treasurer to the East Baton
Rouge Parish School Board
Committee of the Whole**