

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

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2013

5:30 P.M.

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole met at the School Board Office at 1022 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 5:30 p.m. on the second day of May 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 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; Ms. Susan Nelson, Interim Executive Director of Communications/External Affairs; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

School Board Member, Randy Lamana, gave the invocation. School Board Member, Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Community School for Apprenticeship Learning (CSAL) to Renovate old Northdale Academy School Site

By Mrs. Freiberg

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization to allow the Community School for Apprenticeship Learning (CSAL) to renovate the current school auditorium and add two classrooms to this space at the old Northdale Academy school site.

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

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

EBRP Prison Budget

By Mr. Freeman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the 2013 East Baton Rouge Parish Prison Budget for Adult Education Services.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

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

Approval of Contract for External Auditing Services

By Mr. Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the proposed contract for External Auditing Services performed by Postlethwaite & Netterville for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, 2014, and 2015 for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

The vote on the motion was as follows:

- Yeas: (9)** **Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson**
- Nays: (2)** **Mr. Arbour and Mr. Lamana**
- Abstained: (0)** **None**
- Absent: (0)** **None**

The motion was approved for referral to the Board.

Adoption of Resolution

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: adopt the Resolution, as required by law for the Office of the Assessor no later than June 1, 2013, for the purpose of levying millages effective on the 2013 Assessment Roll.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

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

Partnership with Children’s Defense Fund (The Peak Grant)

By Mr. Freeman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a partnership between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and the Children’s Defense Fund (The Peak Grant).

Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson

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

Contract for Professional Development Services

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 for professional development services from ABC,123, LLC for the Diocese of Baton Rouge using Title II allocations.

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

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

Proposed Attendance Zone Changes

By Mrs. Freiberg

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the proposed attendance zone changes for LaBelle Aire Elementary School and other affected schools for the 2013-2014 school year.

Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson

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

Recommendation of Settlement

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: acceptance of the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, in the matter of: Jerrold McLaurin v. EBRPSB; Docket No. 565,116; Section "22;" 19th JDC, Parish of EBR.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

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

Recommendation of Settlement

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: acceptance of the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, in the matter of: Arnold Rogers v. Carole Whitesell and EBRPSS; Suit No. 589,435; Section "25;" 19th JDC, Parish of EBR.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

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**