

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

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2013

7:15 P.M.

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board met at the Instructional Resource Center (IRC) at 1022 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 7:15 p.m. on the second day of May 2013, in special-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; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; and Mrs. Evelyn Ware-Jackson. Ms. Vereta T. Lee was absent.

Others present were: Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr., Superintendent; Mr. Marvin Trotter, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent for Parent/Community Engagement; Mr. Michael Haggan, 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.

Recommendation of Additional Meetings and Negotiations with Humana and United Health Care

By Mrs. Freiberg

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby recommend facilitating additional meetings with Humana and United Health Care concerning health care options for active employees, non-Medicare eligible retirees, and Medicare-eligible retirees. These discussions will be held in open, public forums with input from anyone who attends. Negotiations with Humana and United Health Care will be conducted and brought to the Board for approval.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give approval of raising all health care premiums eight percent (8%) across the board.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Discussion continued.

Call the Question

By Mr. Freeman

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby limit debate on the motion by calling for a vote on the question.

The vote on "call the question" was as follows:

Yeas: (6)	Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson
Nays: (4)	Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, and Mr. Lamana
Abstained: (0)	None
Absent: (1)	Ms. Lee

"Call the question" failed.

Discussion continued.

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

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

The vote on the substitute motion failed.

Discussion continued.

The following "friendly amendment" was offered by Ms. Dyason:

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby recommend facilitating additional meetings with Humana and United Health Care concerning health care options for active employees, non-Medicare eligible retirees, and Medicare-eligible retirees. These discussions will be held in open, public forums with input from anyone who attends. Negotiations with Humana and United Health Care will be conducted and brought to the Board for approval. Humana and United Health Care shall have an option for retirees to stay in our plan or go with the choice of the adopted plan.

The "friendly amendment" was accepted by the originator and seconder.

The vote on the original motion, with the “friendly amendment” was as follows:

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

Nays: (2) Mr. Arbour and Mr. Lamana

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (1) Ms. Lee

The vote on the original motion, with the “friendly amendment” was declared adopted.

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

Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr., Superintendent