

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2011

6:10 P.M.

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board met at the School Board Office at 1050 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 6:10 p.m. on the second day of June 2011 in special-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; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; Mr. David Tatman; and Mrs. Evelyn Ware-Jackson.

Others present were: Mr. John 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. Chris Trahan, Director of Communications and Community Engagement; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

Approval of Personnel Changes, Excluding Item III #1

By Mr. Smith

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve Personnel Changes, excluding Item III #1.

Discussion followed. Mr. Smith withdrew his motion.

The following motion was made.

By Mr. Lamana

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve Section I, Administrative Appointments, of Personnel Changes.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Absent: (0) None
The motion was declared adopted.

Approval of Personnel Changes, Section I, Promotions

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve Section I, Promotions, of Personnel Changes.

Seconded by Mr. Smith

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None

Abstained: (1) Mrs. Bernard

Absent: (0) None

The motion was declared adopted.

Approval of Personnel Changes, Section II, Appointments

By Mr. Lamana

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve Section II, Appointments, of Personnel Changes.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve Section II, Appointments, of Personnel Changes as amended to specify that this individual will serve in an interim position.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

Yeas: (4) Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (6) Mr. Arbour, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, and Mr. Smith

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Ms. Dyason did not vote.

The substitute motion failed.

The vote on the original motion was as follows:

Yeas: (11) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (0) None

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

The original motion was declared adopted.

Approval of Personnel Changes, Section III, Contract Non-Renewal, Items #2 and #3

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve Section III, Contract Non-Renewal, Items #2 and #3, of Personnel Changes.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Approval of Personnel Changes, Section III, Contract Non-Renewal, Item #1

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve Section III, Contract Non-Renewal, Item #1, of Personnel Changes.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (9) **Mr. Arbour, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson**

Nays: (1) **Mr. Smith**

Abstained: (1) **Mrs. Bernard**

Absent: (0) **None**

The motion was declared adopted.

Approval of a Contract

By Ms. Dyason

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Solution Tree for professional services.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: (0) **None**

Abstained: (1) **Dr. Nelson-Smith**

Absent: (0) **None**

The motion was declared adopted.

Approval of Partnership Agreements

By Mr. Smith

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve Math/Science Partnership Agreements between: (1) the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Catriona Anderson, and (2) the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Jan Jarrell for professional development services, with the addition of the eighth grade added.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None

Abstained: (1) Dr. Nelson-Smith

Absent: (0) None

The motion was declared adopted.

Authorization of Contract with The Conrad Group

By Mr. Freeman

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby authorize the Superintendent to hire and/or adjust salary, and job descriptions of an employee to implement and monitor the East Baton Rouge Parish School System's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Procurement (DBE) Policy. The East Baton Rouge Parish School System will continue working with The Conrad Group on a month-to-month basis until the position is filled.

Seconded by Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mr. Smith

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby renew a one year contract with The Conrad Group with the understanding that we remove the DOT requirements and the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board set up a Taskforce Committee to see if there is a possibility of bringing the entire construction piece in house.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Call the Question

By Mr. Tatman

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

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

The vote on “call the question” was as follows:

Yeas: (9) **Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson**

Nays: (1) **Mr. Smith**

Abstained: (0) **None**

Absent: (0) **None**

Dr. Nelson-Smith did not vote.

“Call the question” was approved by two-thirds vote.

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

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

Nays: (6) **Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson**

Abstained: (0) **None**

Absent: (0) **None**

The substitute motion failed.

Discussion followed.

Call the Question

By Mr. Arbour

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

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

The vote on “call the question” was as follows:

Yeas: (7) **Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tatman**

Nays: (4) **Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson**

Abstained: (0) **None**

Absent: (0) **None**

“Call the question” was approved by two-thirds vote.

The vote on the original motion was as follows:

Yeas: (7) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tatman

Nays: (4) Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

The original motion was passed.

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

John L. Dilworth
Secretary/Treasurer to the Board