

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
DECEMBER 14, 2017**

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 fourteenth day of December 2017, convened in regular session. The President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mr. Mark Bellue; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; Ms. Dawn Chanet Collins; Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson, President; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; Mrs. Connie Bernard, Vice- President; Mr. Michael Gaudet; and Mr. David Tatman.

Others present were: Mr. Warren Drake, Superintendent; Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel; Mr. Adam Smith, Associate Superintendent; Mr. Ben Necaise, Associate Superintendent; Dr. Quentina Timoll, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Mrs. Andrea O’Konski, Chief Officer for Accountability and Assessments; Mr. James Crochet, Chief Officer for Business Operations; Mrs. Millie Williams, Chief Officer for Human Resources; Mr. Gary Reese, Chief Officer for Student Support Services; and Mr. Richard Ellis, Chief Officer for Technology.

Board Member Vereta Lee gave the invocation. Cadet LTC Amber Richardson led the Pledge of Allegiance accompanied by Retired Senior Army Instructor LTC Will Peoples.

**Approval of the School Board minutes of the November 16, 2017, Regular Board Meeting and the December 7, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting.**

**By Ms. Lee**

Resolved, that the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Regular meeting of November 16, 2017, and Committee of the Whole meeting of December 7, 2017, be dispensed with and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

**Seconded By Vice-President Bernard**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.**

**Board Received Personnel Changes for Information Only**

**Board Received Monthly Financial Report for Information Only**

**Approval of Consent Agenda Items Excluding Items #13.2, #13.4, #14, #15, and #16**

**By Mr. Tatman**

Resolved, that the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Consent Agenda items excluding #13.2, #13.4, #14, #15, and #16.

**Seconded By Vice-President Bernard**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.**

***The following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda:***

Approval of the following grants:

- a) FACE Foundation's French Dual Fund grant and related grant agreement in the amount of \$2,000.00 to be used to purchase foreign language books for B.R. FLAIM's libraries.
- b) Year 1 Budget for Magnet School Assistance Program (MSAP) grant in the amount of \$2,831,930.00 to be implemented in four schools: Park Forest Elementary, Villa del Rey Elementary, Park Forest Middle, and Belaire High.
- c) LumApps grant and related contract in the amount of \$60,000.00 for a three-month trial of the LumApps platform.
- d) Pitch for Baseball grant in the amount of \$5,080.00 (\$2,999.00 for baseball equipment and \$2,081.00 for softball equipment) for Istrouma Middle Magnet School.

Approval of the following professional services contracts between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and:

- a) National Academy Foundation in the amount of \$32,000.00 for a planning service agreement for networking of education, business, and community leaders to work together to ensure high school students are college and career ready. (Funding Source: Title I)
- b) Louisiana State University amendment in the amount of \$194,400.00 to support high school externs at Lee and McKinley High Schools for the 2017-2018 school year. (Funding Source: General Fund)

Approval of a Type I charter contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and The Emerge School for Autism, Inc.

Approval of a recommendation from Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, EBRPSB, in the matter of: Quincey D. Mitchell and Yawanna Mitchell, Individually and on behalf of the minor child, Dy'Lan D. Filmore vs. Alvin R. Thomas, Individually, Liberty Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Cynthia Domino, and the EBRPSB, Suit No: 630,083; Section 23; 19<sup>th</sup> JDC; Parish of East Baton Rouge.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**Approval of Items #13.2, #13.4, #14, #15, and #16 In Globo**

**By Mr. Tatman**

Resolved, that the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve Items #13.2, #13.4, #14, #15, and #16 *in globo*:

- Item # 13.2** Approval of Teach for America in the amount of \$4,500.00 per teacher for each year (up to two years) to recruit, select, and provide pre-in service training and continuing professional development to teachers employed under this agreement. (Funding Source: General Fund - Human Resources)
- Item # 13.4** Approval of Proximity Learning, Inc., in the amount of \$112,560.00 to provide differentiated instruction in the classroom through a "live" streaming video delivery system (PLI Classroom) and online learning management. (Funding Source: General Fund)
- Item # 14** Authorization to increase the project budget, advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications, and make the award of a contract for the facility modifications and

maintenance improvements at Istrouma High School, or reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law; Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 38; Chapter 10.

**Item # 15** Authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications, and make the award of a contract for the stadium lighting replacement at Broadmoor High School, or reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law; Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 38; Chapter 10.

**Item # 16** Authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and execute a contract with TripSpark Technologies to provide technology equipment and software for school buses for purposes of parent notification, tracking routes, tracking students, and communication.

**Seconded By Ms. Dyason**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.**

**Professional Services Contract**

**By Mr. Tatman**

Resolved, that the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a professional services contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Educational Material Specialists, Inc., in the amount of \$57,000.00 for behavior software. (Funding Source: IDEA Part B Funds)

**Seconded By Mr. Bellue**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.**

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

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**Warren Drake**  
**Secretary/Treasurer to the Board**