

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

December 7, 2017

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

Others present were: Mr. Warren Drake, Superintendent; Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel; 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; Mr. Gary Reese, Chief Officer for Student Support Services; and Mr. Richard Ellis, Chief Officer for Technology.

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

Grants

By President Ware-Jackson

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend 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.

Seconded By Mr. Gaudet

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith and Mr. Tatman were absent.)

Professional Services Contracts

By Mr. Gaudet

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend 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) Teach for America in the amount of \$4,500.00 per teacher for each year (up to two years) to recruit, select, provide pre-in service training and continuing professional

- development to teachers employed under this agreement. (Funding Source: General Fund - Human Resources)
- c) 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)
 - d) 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)

Seconded By Mr. Bellue

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith and Mr. Tatman were absent.)

Staff to Advertise, Accept Low Bid

By President Ware-Jackson

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend approval to authorize an increase to the project budget, and 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.

Seconded By Ms. Lee

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith and Mr. Tatman were absent.)

Staff to Advertise, Accept Low Bid

By Mr. Bellue

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend approval 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.

Seconded By Ms. Lee

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith and Mr. Tatman were absent.)

Contract with TripSpark Technologies

By Ms. Dyason

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend approval to 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 President Ware-Jackson

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith and Mr. Tatman were absent.)

Contract with The Emerge School for Autism, Inc.

By Mr. Gaudet

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend approval of the Type I charter contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and The Emerge School for Autism, Inc.

Seconded By Mr. Bellue

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith and Mr. Tatman were absent.)

Litigation

By Ms. Lee

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend 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; 19th JDC; Parish of East Baton Rouge.

Seconded By Mr. Bellue

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith and Mr. Tatman were absent.)

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

**Warren Drake
Secretary/Treasurer to the East Baton
Rouge Parish School Board
Committee of the Whole**