

**EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
May 4, 2017
5:00 P.M.**

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 fourth day of May 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; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; Ms. Dawn Chanet Collins; Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson, President; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; Mrs. Connie Bernard, Vice- President; and Mr. Michael Gaudet. Mr. David Tatman was absent.

Others present were: Warren Drake, Superintendent; Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel; Ms. Adonica Pelichet-Duggan, Chief of Communications and Public Relations; Mr. James Crochet, Chief Business Operations Officer; Mr. Gary Reese, Chief of Student Support Services; Mr. Adam Smith, Associate Superintendent of Academics; and Mrs. Andrea O’Konski, Chief of Academic Programs.

School Board Member Vereta Lee gave the invocation, and School Board Member Jill Dyason 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:

Approval of Job Descriptions

By Mr. Gaudet

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend approval of revised and new job descriptions as it relates to the Child Nutrition Program and EBR Career and Technical Education Center:

- a) Revision to the existing CNP 12-month Computer Training Coordinator.
- b) New job descriptions: CNP Purchasing Specialist, CNP Tech Support Specialist, CNP Meal Benefits Data Specialist, and CNP Area Supervisor/Summer Meals Supervisor.
- c) New job descriptions: Director of EBR Career and Technical Education Center and Executive Director of EBR Career and Technical Education Center.

Seconded By President Ware-Jackson

**Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of all members present.
(Mr. Tatman was absent.)**

Approval of Healthcare Rates and Renewals

By Mr. Bellue

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

- a) Proposed 2018 health care rates for active employees, non-Medicare, and Medicare eligible retirees participating in the BlueCross BlueShield of Louisiana administered district program.
- b) Contract renewal with AlwaysCare for dental/vision and the proposed 2018 rates.
- c) Contract renewal with BlueCross BlueShield of Louisiana for three (3) years beginning January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2020.
- d) Contract approval with Ochsner Health System for biometric screening.

Seconded By Mr. Gaudet

The vote on the motion was as follows:

**Yeas: (6) Mr. Bellue, Ms. Lee, Ms. Collins, President Ware-Jackson,
Mr. Gaudet, Vice-President Bernard**

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (2) Dr. Nelson-Smith and Ms. Dyason

Absent: (1) Mr. Tatman

The motion was favorably recommended to the full Board.

Approval of Official Journal

By President Ware-Jackson

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend authorization to select The Advocate as the Official Journal of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System for the 2017-2018 school year, which will be used for the publication of the Board's proceedings, financial statements, legal advertisements (including Bids/RFPs), and any other advertising requirements.

Seconded By Dr. Nelson-Smith

**Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of all members present.
(Mr. Tatman was absent.)**

Staff to Advertise, Accept the Low Bid

By Mr. Bellue

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend authorization for staff to advertise, receive, and award bids for materials, supplies and/or services, through June 2018 to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications and all requirements of the Invitation to Bid.

Seconded By Mr. Gaudet

**Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of all members present.
(Mr. Tatman was absent.)**

Staff to Negotiate and Execute Contract

By Dr. Nelson-Smith

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend authorization for staff to negotiate and execute contracts for technology equipment and software for school buses for purposes of parent notification, tracking routes, tracking students, and communication.

Seconded By Ms. Lee

The vote on the motion was as follows:

**Yeas: (7) Mr. Bellue, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Ms. Collins, President
Ware-Jackson, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Gaudet, Vice-President
Bernard**

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (1) Ms. Lee

Absent: (1) Mr. Tatman

The motion was favorably recommended to the full Board.

Professional Service Contracts

By Ms. Lee

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 the following:

- a) Deaf Resources of Greater Baton Rouge, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 for sign language interpretation services.
- b) Adaptive Solutions/Sherry Hollingsworth in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for assistive technology assistance.
- c) Turner, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$385,000.00 for LPN nursing services.

- d) Pediatric Services of America – PSA Health Care in an amount not to exceed \$414,000.00 for LPN nursing services.
- e) Sundry Behavioral Services (Dr. Kashunda L. Williams) in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 for applied behavior analysis training.
- f) Quality Care Nursing, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for LPN nursing services.
- g) International Institute for Restorative Practices in the amount of \$18,885.00 for training through the Region 2 PBIS consortium.
- h) School Leadership Center in the amount of \$19,580.00 for professional development on rigor, learning standards, and use of data for school improvement for non-public Title II sites.
- i) Forward Arts (renewal) in an amount not to exceed \$125,700.00 to provide services to our middle and high schools to support the implementation of Humanities Amped and Culturally Responsive Pedagogy scope of work.
- j) Silver Strong & Associates, LLC, in the amount of \$10,500.00 to provide a two-day training for district leadership on the implementation of *Core Six: Essential Strategies for Achieving Excellence with the Common Core*.
- k) LSU/I CARE in the amount of \$53,100.00 for LSU School Psychology Externs to support the work of the I CARE program through mental health counseling and other services.

Seconded By Mr. Bellue

**Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of all members present.
(Mr. Tatman was absent.)**

Grant

By Ms. Lee

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend approval of the Louisiana Department of Education Redesign Grants (Round 1 and 2) in the amount of \$50,000.00 and related contracts for school improvement services at selected Title I schools, per ESSA requirements.

Seconded By Mr. Gaudet

**Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of all members present.
(Mr. Tatman was absent.)**

Charter Contract

By Mr. Gaudet

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend approval of charter contracts between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and IDEA Public Schools Louisiana and Inspire/NOLA Schools and to provide for related matters.

Seconded By Mr. Bellue

The vote on the motion was as follows:

**Yeas: (6) Mr. Bellue, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Ms. Collins, President
Ware-Jackson, Mr. Gaudet, Vice-President Bernard**

Nays: (0)

Abstained: (2) Ms. Lee and Dr. Nelson-Smith

Absent: (1) Mr. Tatman

The motion was favorably recommended to the full Board.

**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**