

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

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2012

5:00 P.M.

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 this the seventeenth day of May, 2012 in regular-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. Carlos J. Sam, Interim Superintendent; Dr. Herman Brister, Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Diane Atkins, Associate Superintendent for Instructional Support Services; Ms. Catherine Fletcher, Chief Business Operations Officer; Ms. Millie Williams, Interim Executive Director of Human Resources; Ms. Lizabeth Frischhertz, Chief Officer of Accountability, Assessment and Evaluation; Mr. Chris Trahan, Director of Communications and Community Engagement; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

School Board Member, Randy Lamana, gave the invocation. Cadet Larry Davis, Glen Oaks High School, and Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Shirley D. Sutton, Senior Army Instructor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of School Board Minutes of the April 18, 2012 (regular), May 3, 2012, Committee of the Whole meeting, and the May 3, 2012, (special) School Board meetings

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meeting of the April 18, 2012 (regular), May 3, 2012, Committee of the Whole meeting, and the May 3, 2012, (special) School Board meetings, be dispensed with and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Freeman was absent.)

Approval of Personnel Changes Since School Board Meeting of April 18, 2012

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the changes in personnel since the School Board Meeting of April 18, 2012, be, and they are, hereby approved. **(A copy of the Changes has been marked "Official Copy" and placed in the files of the Board.)**

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (8) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (0) None

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

Absent: (1) Mr. Freeman

The motion was declared adopted.

Authorization for Superintendent to Create Office of Innovation and Reform

By Mr. Tatman

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give authorization to the Superintendent to create the Office of Innovation and Reform.

Seconded by Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mrs. Bernard

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby defer this item until the June 21, 2012 regular School Board meeting.

Substitute motion died because of lack of second.

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Freeman was absent.)

Approval of Consent Agenda Items, Excluding Items #15 and #16

By Dr. Nelson-Smith

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

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Smith was absent.)

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

Items approved by the Committee of the Whole for recommendation to the Board:

Approval of the following new job description: Dropout Prevention Coach.

Approval to declare surplus property for the following properties in globo: a.) Section 51, T-5-S, R-1-W, 10.73 acres on 393 Old Rafe Meyer Road in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and b.) Tract 9-A, 11.5 acres on Sunshine Road in Baker, Louisiana and sell via auction(s) or sealed bid(s).

Authorization for staff to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to seek proposals to provide asbestos management consulting services for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

Approval to authorize the Superintendent to issue a Request for Proposal for Third Party Administrative Services and related matters.

Approval of the 2012-2013 No Child Left Behind Consolidated Application Budgets.

Approval of the proposed 2012-2013 Budget for Vocational Education – Carl Perkins Basic Grant.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of Proposed Budget

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the proposed 2012-2013 I CARE Budget and Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention Program (ADAPP) Budget.

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (7)

Mr. Arbour, Ms. Dyason, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (2) Mrs. Bernard and Mr. Freeman

Abstained: (1) Dr. Nelson-Smith

Absent: (1) Mr. Smith

The motion was declared adopted.

Approval of Revised EBRPSS Travel Guide, Option #2

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the revisions to the East Baton Rouge Parish School System Travel Guide as outlined in Option #2.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (8) Mr. Arbour, Ms. Dyason, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (1) Mrs. Bernard

Abstained: (2) Mr. Freeman and Dr. Nelson-Smith

Absent: (0) None

The motion was declared adopted.

Approval of Repurposing of Lee High School Facility

By Mr. Tatman

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the repurposing of the Lee High School facility for the 2012-2013 school year.

Seconded by Mr. Smith

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith was absent.)

Approval of Employment Contract

By Mr. Tatman

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the employment contract for Superintendent of Schools.

Seconded by Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith was absent.)

Approval of the 2012-2013 EBRPS Board Meeting Schedule

By Mrs. Bernard

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board meeting schedule for 2012-2013.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith was absent.)

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

Carlos J. Sam, Interim Superintendent