

**EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2015

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 fifth day of March 2015, in regular-session convened. The Vice President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mrs. Barbara Freiberg, Vice President; Mr. David Tatman, President; Mr. Mark Bellue; Mrs. Connie Bernard; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; Mr. Tarvald A. Smith; and Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson.

Others present were: Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr., Superintendent; Mr. Michael Haggan, Deputy Superintendent for Innovation and Reform; Mr. Carlos Sam, Associate Superintendent; Dr. Herman Brister, Associate Superintendent for Student 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; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

School Board Member, Vereta Lee, gave the invocation. School Board Member, Evelyn Ware-Jackson, 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:

Agreement

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a consultant agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Henderson Media, LLC, in the amount of \$15,600.00 for services relating to television production and distribution for coverage of the 2015 high school graduation ceremonies.

Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of all the members.

Professional Services Contract

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a professional services contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Paul J. Riccomini in the amount of \$16,000.00 to provide professional development. (Funding Source: IDEA Part B).

Seconded by President Tatman

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of all the members.

2015-2016 School Calendar

By Mr. Smith

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the proposed school calendar for 2015-2016, with modifications.

Seconded by President Tatman

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of all the members.

Request for Proposals (RFP) to Conduct a Performance/financial Audit

By Ms. Ware-Jackson

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval for staff to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) to conduct a performance/financial audit of the school system. The Request for Proposals (RFP) will be brought to the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board at the March 17, 2015, Regular Board meeting for review and approval.

Seconded by President Tatman

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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| Yeas: (6) | Mr. Bellue, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Vice President Freiberg, President Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson |
| Nays: (2) | Dr. Nelson-Smith and Mr. Smith |
| Abstained: (1) | Ms. Lee |
| Absent: (0) | None |

The motion was favorably recommended to the full Board.

Settlement of a Law Suit

By Ms. Lee

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby accept the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, in the matter of: Carlette Walker on behalf of her minor child, Benjamin Smith, vs. Randy Robertson and EBRPSB; Suit No: 625,762; Section 24; 19th JDC.

Seconded by Mr. Smith

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of all the members.

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

**Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr.
Secretary/Treasurer to the East Baton
Rouge Parish School Board
Committee of the Whole**