

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2012

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 twenty-ninth day of February, 2012, in regular-session convened. The Vice-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; Mr. Craig Freeman; Mr. Randy Lamana; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; and Mrs. Evelyn Ware-Jackson. Ms. Jill C. Dyason and Mr. David Tatman were absent.

Others present were: Mr. Carlos 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; Dr. Shirl Gilbert, Executive Director of Turnaround Schools; 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.

Vice President Smith asked for a moment of silence. School Board Member Jerry Arbour led the Pledge of Allegiance.

School Operations Items

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

Lease Contract Extension for Nicholson Elementary School

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Lease Contract Extension for Nicholson Elementary School between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and the Children's Charter School, Inc. for the period of July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Lamana, and Mr. Tatman were absent.)

Recommendation of the Architect Selection Committee

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the recommendation of the Architect Selection Committee of CHASM and FUSION Architecture, L.L.C., a joint Venture for Architectural Design Services, for LaBelle Aire Elementary School Additions/Renovation Project.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason, Mr. Lamana, and Mr. Tatman were absent.)

Finance

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

Revised Education Jobs Fund Budget for 2011-2012

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Revised Education Jobs Fund Budget for 2011-2012.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason, Mr. Lamana, and Mr. Tatman were absent.)

Instructional/Pupil Services Items

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

Grants

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the following grants under \$50,000.00: a.) KaBoom! Let's Play Spruce Grant in the amount of \$750.00. (Recipient – Ms. Marsha Boutte, Physical Education Teacher, Westminster Elementary); and b.) Project Give Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00. (Recipient – Ms. Dana Morrison, Sherwood Forest Middle Academic Magnet).

Seconded by Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason, Mr. Lamana, and Mr. Tatman were absent.)

Other Items

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

Reduction in Force Policy

By Mr. Freeman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to defer action on the Reduction in Force (RIF) Policy until August 2, 2012, Committee of the Whole meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (8)	Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson
Nays: (3)	Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Freiberg, and Dr. Nelson-Smith
Abstained: (0)	None
Absent: (0)	None

The motion to defer the item to the August 2, 2012, Committee of the Whole meeting was approved.

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

Carlos J. Sam
Secretary/Treasurer to the East Baton
Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole