

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

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2011**

**6:00 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 6:00 p.m. on the tenth day of August 2011 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; 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. John L. Dilworth, Superintendent; Dr. Herman Brister, Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Diane Atkins, Associate Superintendent for Instructional Support Services; Ms. Catherine Fletcher, Chief Business Operations Officer; 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.

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**Personnel Services Items**

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

**Medical Sabbatical Leave for a Teacher**

**By Mr. Arbour**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a waiver – medical sabbatical leave for a teacher.

**Seconded by Mrs. Bernard**

**Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason, Ms. Lee and Dr. Nelson-Smith were absent.)**

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**Finance**

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

**Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire**

**By Mr. Arbour**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as required for the financial audit of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

**Seconded by Mr. Lamana**

**Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason, Ms. Lee and Dr. Nelson-Smith were absent.)**

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**2012 Health Care Plan and Ancillary Benefit Plan**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item for consideration at the Special School Board Meeting on August 10, 2011: approval of the 2012 East Baton Rouge Parish School System Health Care Plan and Ancillary Benefit Plan recommendations from Mercer Human Resources Consulting.

**Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

**The vote on the motion was as follows:**

- Yeas: (7)                    Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson**
- Nays: (1)                    Mr. Smith**
- Abstained: (0)            None**
- Absent: (3)                Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, and Ms. Dyason**

**The motion was favorably recommended.**

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**Proposed 2011-2012 Budget and Grant Application for Title X McKinney-Vento Funds**

**By Mr. Lamana**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Proposed 2011-2012 Budget and Grant Application for Title X McKinney-Vento funds.

**Seconded by Mr. Tatman**

**Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason, Ms. Lee and Dr. Nelson-Smith were absent.)**

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**Amendment to the Education Excellence Fund Investment Agreement**

**By Mr. Lamana**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization to amend the Education Excellence Fund Investment Agreement.

**Seconded by Mrs. Bernard**

**Favorably recommended by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason, Ms. Lee and Dr. Nelson-Smith were absent.)**

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**Renewal of Contract**

**By Mr. Lamana**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a renewal contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Unemployment Compensation Control Systems, L.L.C. (UCCS) for a period of two (2) years beginning July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013.

**Seconded by Mr. Tatman**

**Discussion followed.**

**The following substitute motion was made.**

**By Mr. Arbour**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby recommend the following: authorization for staff to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to seek an outside firm that provides Workman's Compensation services.

**Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg**

**Discussion followed. The following amendment was made to the substitute motion:**

**By Mr. Arbour**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby recommend the following: authorization for staff to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to seek an outside firm that provides Workman's Compensation services. The school system will continue to pay Unemployment Compensation Control Systems, L.L.C. (UCCS) on a month to month basis until the process is complete.

**Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg**

**Discussion followed.**

**Mr. Arbour withdrew his original substitute motion and amendment and the seconder agreed.**

**The following substitute motion was made:**

**By Mr. Arbour**

Mr. Arbour moved to send the items to the full East Baton Rouge Parish School Board without a favorable recommendation.

**Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg**

**Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.**

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**2011-2012 Radio Training Program (RTP) Budget**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the proposed 2011-2012 Radio Training Program (RTP) Budget.

**Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

**Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.**

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**2011-2012 Child Nutrition Program Budget**

**By Mr. Freeman**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the proposed 2011-2012 Child Nutrition Program Budget for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

**Seconded by Ms. Dyason**

**Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.**

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**Proposed 2011-2012 Tax Plan Budgets for Propositions 2 and 3**

**By Mr. Arbour**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the proposed 2011-2012 Tax Plan Budgets for Propositions 2 and 3.

**Seconded by Mrs. Ware-Jackson**

**Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.**

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**Instructional/Pupil Services Items**

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

**Grants**

**By Dr. Nelson-Smith**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following items: approval of the following grants under \$50,000.00: a) Louisiana Foreign Language Teachers Association (LFLTA) Mini-Grant in the amount of \$500.00. (Recipient: Ms. Genedi Shamburger, French Teacher, Woodlawn High School) – No formal presentation needed; and b) Laura Bush Foundation for America’s Libraries Grant. (Recipients: Ms. Terry Thibodeaux, Librarian, Mayfair Middle School - \$5,000.00 and Ms. Sheila Brock, Librarian, The Dufrocq School - \$2,500.00).

**Seconded by Ms. Lee**

**Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.**

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**Information Only Item**

**By Mr. Tatman**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby defer this item until the next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting on August 18, 2011: accountability update.

**Seconded by Mrs. Bernard**

**Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.**

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**Other Items**

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

**Finalize Agreement for Professional Services Related to School Bus Safety Program**

**By Mr. Arbour**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization for the Superintendent and General Counsel, with the approval of Board leadership, to finalize an agreement for professional services related to the School Bus Safety Program, a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of Baton Rouge, and a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Sheriff of East Baton Rouge Parish and to report the final agreements to the full Board upon completion.

**Seconded by Mr. Lamana**

**The vote on the motion was as follows:**

<b>Yeas: (10)</b>	<b>Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson</b>
<b>Nays: (1)</b>	<b>Mr. Tatman</b>
<b>Abstained: (0)</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Absent: (0)</b>	<b>None</b>

**The motion was favorably recommended.**

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**Finalize Cooperative Endeavor Agreement**

**By Mr. Tatman**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization for the Superintendent and General Counsel, with the approval of Board leadership, to finalize a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration regarding acquisition of the old Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired and a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City/Parish of Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office and the East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney's Office and to report the final agreements to the full Board upon completion.

**Seconded by Mrs. Bernard**

**Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.**

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**Resolution**

**By Mrs. Freiberg**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a Resolution requesting the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to waive the minimum student population requirement provided for in BESE Bulletin 741, Section 505 B1 as it relates to the selection of a new Superintendent of Schools.

**Seconded by Mr. Arbour**

**Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.**

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**Professional Services Contract**

**By Mr. Arbour**

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 Mary McDaniel.

**Seconded by Mr. Lamana**

**The vote on the motion was as follows:**

<b>Yeas: (10)</b>	<b>Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson</b>
<b>Nays: (1)</b>	<b>Dr. Nelson-Smith</b>
<b>Abstained: (0)</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Absent: (0)</b>	<b>None</b>

**The motion was favorably recommended.**

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**Agreement**

**By Ms. Lee**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of an agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Renaissance Learning, Inc.

**Seconded by Mrs. Bernard**

**Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.**

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

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**John L. Dilworth  
Secretary/Treasurer to the East Baton  
Rouge Parish School Board  
Committee of the Whole**