

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 04, 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 fourth day of October 2012, in regular-session convened. The President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mrs. Barbara Freiberg, President; Mr. G. Thomas "Jerry" Arbour; Mrs. Connie Bernard; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; Mr. Randy Lamana; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; and Mrs. Evelyn Ware-Jackson. Mr. Craig Freeman, Mr. Tarvald A. Smith and Mr. David Tatman were absent.

Others present were: Ms. Diane Atkins, Associate Superintendent for Instructional Support and Pupil Services; Mr. Carlos Sam, Associate Superintendent for Student Leadership and Instruction; Dr. Herman Brister, Associate Superintendent for School Support Services; Ms. Catherine Fletcher, Chief Business Operations Officer; Mr. Jesse Noble, Chief Technology 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 Randy Lamana gave the invocation. School Board Member Dr. Nelson-Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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:

New Job Descriptions

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend approval of the following new job descriptions: District Grant Writer.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Freeman, Mr. Smith 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 Superintendent and staff:

Contract

By Mrs. Ware-Jackson

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and The Achievement Network, LTD, Children’s Charter for the period July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013, for an amount not to exceed \$22,000.00.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

The motion was favorably recommended to the full Board.

Sub-Contract

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a sub-contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Louisiana State University for the Math/Science Partnership.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

The vote on the motion was as follows:

- Yeas: (5) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Lamana, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson**
- Nays: (0) None**
- Abstained: (3) Mrs. Freiberg, Ms. Lee, and Dr. Nelson-Smith**
- Absent: (3) Mr. Freeman, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tatman**

The motion failed.

Discussion followed.

The following motion was made.

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby refer the following item to the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board without a recommendation: approval of a sub-contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Louisiana State University for the Math/Science Partnership.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Approved for referral to the Board without a recommendation by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Freeman, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tatman were absent.)

Audit Remaining Population of Participants with Dependents

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization for Mercer to audit the remaining population of participants with dependents in the East Baton Rouge Parish School System Health Care Plan.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Freeman, Mr. Smith and Mr. Tatman were absent.)

Staff to Negotiate a Contract Renewal

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization for staff to negotiate a contract renewal with Medco/Express Scripts Pharmacy for the period February 1, 2013, through February 1, 2016.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

The following "friendly" amendment was offered:

By Mr. Arbour

The final contract renewal will be brought to the full Board for final approval.

The "friendly" amendment was accepted by the originator and seconder.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (6) **Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson**

Nays: (0) **None**

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

Absent: (3) **Mr. Freeman, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tatman**

The motion was favorably recommended to the full Board.

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:

Grant

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: Dollar General Literacy Foundation Grant in the amount of \$3,000.00. (*Recipient – Ms. Corie Buras, Teacher, Southeast Middle School*)

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Freeman, Mr. Smith and Mr. Tatman were absent.)

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