

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2011

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 sixth day of October 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; 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.

School Board Member, Randy Lamana, gave the invocation. School Board Member Connie Bernard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Other Items

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

Smiley Heights Development

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Smiley Heights Development.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Discussion followed.

The motion was withdrawn by the originator.

Baton Rouge Magnet High School Foundation

By Mrs. Freiberg

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Baton Rouge Magnet High School Foundation Donor Recognition Policy.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

The motion was favorably recommended.

School Operations Items

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

Resolution

By Ms. Lee

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: adoption of a Resolution proclaiming October 17-21, 2011, as "National School Bus Safety Week" and "Bus Driver Appreciation Week."

Seconded by Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Discussion followed.

The motion was withdrawn.

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 recommendation: adoption of a Resolution proclaiming October 17-21, 2011, as "National School Bus Safety Week" and "Bus Driver Appreciation Week."

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

Approved for referral to the Board without a recommendation by a vote of all the members.

Authorization for Staff to Advertise, Accept Low Bids Meeting Specifications, and Make the Award of a Contract for the Demolition of Mohican Center

By Mr. Freeman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications, and make the award of a contract for the demolition of Mohican Center, or reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid; Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 38; Chapter 10.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications, and make the award of a contract for the demolition of Mohican Center, or reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid; Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 38; Chapter 10 and present the information to the Oversight Committee to fund through the Tax Plan. If the Oversight Committee will not fund through the Tax Plan then the item will be funded through the General Fund Budget.

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

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

The substitute motion was approved for referral to the Oversight Committee with a favorable recommendation.

Authorization for Staff to Advertise, Accept Low Bids Meeting Specifications, and Make the Award of a Contract for the Demolition of Alsen Center

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications, and make the award of a contract for the demolition of Alsen Center, or reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid; Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 38; Chapter 10 and present the information to the Oversight Committee to fund through the Tax Plan. If the Oversight Committee will not fund through the Tax Plan then the item will be funded through the General Fund Budget.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Ms. Dyason

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications, and make the award of a contract for the demolition of Alsen Center, or reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid; Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 38; Chapter 10 and present the information to the Oversight Committee to fund through the Tax Plan.

Substitute motion failed for lack of a second.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

The motion was approved for referral to the Oversight Committee with a favorable recommendation.

Two-Year Extension of Contract

By Mr. Freeman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a two-year extension of the Management Services Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and ARAMARK Management Services Limited Partnership to provide management services until February 29, 2016.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (9) **Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tatman**

Nays: (2) **Mrs. Bernard, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson**

Abstained: (0) **None**

Absent: (0) **None**

The motion was favorably recommended.

Finance

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

Contract for Professional Development Services

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a contract for Professional Development Services, including Data Analysis and reporting as part of a Comprehensive Assessment Program from ECRA Group, for the Diocese of Baton Rouge using Title II allocations. The amount requested is \$14,000.00 for the period of January – June 2012.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (10) **Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson**

Nays: (1) **Dr. Nelson-Smith**

Abstained: (0) **None**

Absent: (0) **None**

The motion was favorably recommended.

Contract for Professional Development Services

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a contract for Professional Development Services, including materials for interim-assessments and workshop sessions on Data-Driven Decision Making, for Children’s Charter in the amount of \$25,000.00 for school year 2011-2012.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

The motion was favorably recommended.

Accept Items #4, #5, #6, and #7 In Globo

By Mr. Freeman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby accept the Finance Items #4, #5, #6, and #7 *In Globo*.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

Comments were requested from the audience and from the Board. No comments were forthcoming and therefore the motion was accepted and declared to be approve.

Contracts and Budget

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following contracts and budget: approval of a contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and 4). Pediatric Services of America, Inc. d/b/a PSA Healthcare for the period of August 10, 2011, through May 23, 2012; 5). Healing Home Health, Inc. for the period of August 10, 2011, through July 18, 2012; 6). 2011-2012 Textbook Fund Budget for the purchases of textbooks for the period of July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012; and 7). the Board of Education of the Jefferson County, Kentucky, d/b/a Jefferson County Public Schools, for the school year 2011-2012.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (10) **Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson**

Nays: (1) **Dr. Nelson-Smith**

Abstained: (0) **None**

Absent: (0) **None**

The motion was favorably recommended.

Instructional/Pupil Services

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

Contract with EBR City/Parish Government

By Ms. Dyason

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following contract: approval of a contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System (EBRPSS) and EBR City/Parish Government to allow the EBRPSS' Adult and Continuing Education Department to provide adult education classes for inmates in the EBR Parish Prison from January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.

Other Items

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

Board Policy Changes

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of Board policy changes.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

Favorably recommended by a vote of all the members.

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

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