

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2014

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 March 2014, in regular-session convened. The Vice President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mr. Tarvald A. Smith, Vice President; Mr. G. Thomas "Jerry" Arbour; Mrs. Connie Bernard; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; Mr. Craig Freeman; Mrs. Barbara Freiberg; Mr. Randy Lamana; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; and Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson. Mr. David Tatman, President, was absent.

Others present were: Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr., Superintendent; Mr. Michael Hagen, Deputy Superintendent for Innovation and Reform; Ms. Diane Atkins, Associate Superintendent for Instructional Support and Pupil Services; 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, Randy Lamana, gave the invocation. School Board Member, Barbara Freiberg, 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:

Textbook and Resource Selection

By Mrs. Freiberg

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the textbook and resource selection recommendations for the following core content areas: Math, English/Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Freeman and President Tatman were absent. Ms. Lee did not vote.)

East Baton Rouge Parish Prison Budget for Adult Education Services

By Ms. Dyason

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the 2014 Proposed East Baton Rouge Parish Prison Budget for Adult Education Services for the period of January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

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

Fundraising Products and Concessions

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of staff's recommendations via a Request for Proposal (RFP) to provide fundraising products and concessions for all of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System's schools for the period of July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015.

Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Ms. Dyason

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 staff's recommendations via a Request for Proposal (RFP) to provide fundraising products and concessions for all of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System's schools for the period of July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

Discussion continued.

The Superintendent withdrew the item for consideration. The originators and seconders of the original motion and the substitute motion withdrew their motions.

Proposed 2014-2015 Academic School Year Calendar

By Ms. Lee

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the proposed 2014-2015 Academic School Year Calendar.

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

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

Settlement of a Law Suit

By Mrs. Freiberg

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: Orinda Robertson, Individually and on behalf of the estate of Darron Robertson vs. East Baton Rouge Parish School Board d/b/a East Baton Rouge Parish School System; Suit No.: 542,151, Section 27; 19th JDC.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Freeman and President 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**