

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2016

5:35 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 5:35 p.m. on the second day of June 2016, in regular-session convened. The Vice-President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson, Vice-President; Mr. Mark Bellue; Mrs. Connie Bernard; Ms. Dawn Chanet Collins; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; and Mr. David Tatman. Mrs. Barbara Freiberg, President was absent.

Others present were: H. Warren Drake, Jr., Superintendent; Dr. Michelle Clayton, Deputy Superintendent; Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel; Ms. Adonica Pelichet-Duggan, Chief of Communication and Public Relations; Ms. Catherine Fletcher, Chief Business Operations Officer; Ms. Millie Williams, Chief Officer of Human Resources; and Mr. Adam Smith, Associate Superintendent.

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

Property and Casualty Insurance Program Policy Renewal

By Mr. Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to authorize administration to approve the most effective Property and Casualty Insurance Program policy renewal package for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (President Freiberg was absent.)

Resolution

By Mr. Bellue

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the attached Resolution authorizing the Board President and Superintendent to execute and sign all documents to reject Uninsured Motorist Coverage in

connection with the East Baton Rouge Parish School System’s automobile liability coverage and its Self-Insured Retention Program for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Collins and President Freiberg were absent.)

Contract

By Mr. Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the contract renewal with Humana for 2017 health care coverage for Medicare-eligible retirees and their dependents.

Seconded by Mr. Bellue

The vote on the motion was as follows:

- Yeas: (7) Mr. Bellue, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Collins, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Vice-President Ware-Jackson**
- Nays: (0) None**
- Abstained: (1) Ms. Dyason**
- Absent: (1) President Freiberg**

The motion was favorably recommended to the full Board.

2017 Self-Funded Health Care Premium Rates

By Mr. Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the proposed 2017 East Baton Rouge Parish School System self-funded health care premium rates for active employees, non-Medicare, and Medicare-eligible retirees.

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

The vote on the motion was as follows:

- Yeas: (5) Mr. Bellue, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Collins, Mr. Tatman, and Vice-President Ware-Jackson**

Nays: (1) Ms. Lee
Abstained: (2) Dr. Nelson-Smith and Ms. Dyason
Absent: (1) President Freiberg

The motion was favorably recommended to the full Board.

Fiscal Agent Contract

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval for staff to award the East Baton Rouge Parish School System’s Fiscal Agent contract to Capital One Bank and Neighbors Federal Credit Union for a period of two years beginning October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2019, with an optional two-year extension.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (President Freiberg was absent.)

Official Journal

By Mr. Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authority for staff to select The Advocate as the Official Journal of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System for the 2016-2017 school year, which will be used for the publication of the Board proceedings, financial statements, legal advertisements, and any other advertising requirements.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (President Freiberg was absent.)

Authority for Staff to Advertise, Receive, and Award Bids

By Ms. Dyason

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authority for staff through June 2017 to advertise, receive, and

award bids for materials, supplies, and/or services to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications and all requirements of the Invitation to Bid.

Seconded by Ms. Collins

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (President Freiberg was absent.)

Revised Job Description

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 revised job description: Speech Therapist.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Collins and President Freiberg were absent.)

Budget

By Mr. Tatman

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

- a) Proposed 2016-2017 No Child Left Behind Consolidated Application
- b) Proposed 2016-2017 Title X Education of Homeless Children and Youth
- c) Proposed Carl Perkins Basic Grant for Career and Technical Education (CTE)
- d) Proposed 2016-2017 Math and Science Partnership Grant - Consolidated
- e) Proposed 2016-2017 I CARE Budget and Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention Program (ADAPP)
- f) Proposed 2016-2017 Adult Education - Local
- g) Proposed 2016-2017 Radio Training Program (RTP)
- h) Proposed 2016-2017 Child Nutrition Program for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System
- i) Proposed 2015-2016 Semi-Annual Financial Tax Plan update and the Revised 2015-2016 Tax Plan budgets for Propositions 1, 2, and 3
- j) Proposed 2016-2017 budgets for Propositions 2 and 3
- k) Proposed 2016-2017 8(g) Early Childhood Program

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (President Freiberg was absent.)

Grant

By Ms. Collins

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

- a) Lowe’s Charitable and Educational Foundation 2016 Lowe’s Toolbox for Education grant in the amount of \$3,100.00 to purchase gardening supplies for a school learning garden at Magnolia Woods Elementary School.
- b) Consideration of a request for approval of the Allstate Foundation’s “A Helping Hands in the Community” grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 to assist Park Forest Middle School Marching Band.

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (President Freiberg was absent.)

Professional Services Contracts

By Mr. Bellue

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to renew the following professional services contracts between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board (Exceptional Student Services) and:

- a) Healing Hands Home Health, Inc., in the amount of \$385,000.00 (Funding Source: IDEA Part B).
- b) Soliant Health in the amount of \$12,500.00 (Funding Source: IDEA Part B).
- c) Deaf Resources Center of Greater Baton Rouge, LLC in the amount of \$80,000.00 (Funding Source: IDEA Part B).
- d) Sundry Behavioral Services/Dr. Kashunda L. Williams in the amount of \$30,000.00 (Funding Source: IDEA Part B).
- e) Pediatric Services of America, d/b/a PSA Healthcare in the amount of \$414,000.00 (Funding Source: IDEA Part B).

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (6)	Mr. Bellue, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Collins, Ms. Lee, Mr. Tatman, and Vice-President Ware-Jackson
Nays: (0)	None
Abstained: (1)	Ms. Dyason

Absent: (2) President Freiberg and Dr. Nelson-Smith

The motion was favorably recommended to the full Board.

Contracts

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to renew the following contracts, excluding a):

- b) City Year in the amount of \$537,600.00 (Funding Source: Education Excellence Fund and Title I).
- c) Manners of the Heart in the amount of \$182,937.75 (Funding Source: General Fund).
- d) Louisiana Resource Center for Educators in the amount of \$30,000.00 (Funding Source: General Fund).
- e) Volunteers in Public Schools: a) Partners in Education in the amount of \$47,000.00; b) Everybody Reads in the amount of \$30,000.00, and c) Everyone Counts in the amount of 10,000.00. (Funding Sources: General Fund and Title 1 - \$25,000.00 for volunteer management).
- f) Follett School Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 (Funding Source: General Fund – Textbook Budget).

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (President Freiberg and Dr. Nelson-Smith were absent.)

Contract

By Mr. Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to renew the following contract:

- a) AMIkids Baton Rouge, Inc., in the amount of \$713,850.00 (Funding Source: Tax Plan).

Seconded by Mr. Bellue

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Collins and President Freiberg were absent.)

Defer Wellness Policy and Initiatives

By Mr. Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby **defer** the following item until the July 7th Committee of the Whole: approval of the revised Wellness Policy and initiatives for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (President Freiberg was absent.)

Memorandum of Understanding

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and the National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI) for a College Readiness Program at Woodlawn High School. .

Seconded by Ms. Lee

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Collins and President Freiberg were absent.)

Cooperative Agreement

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a Cooperative Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Capital Area Human Services District Baton Rouge Mental Health Center/Children’s Behavioral Health Services for 2016-2017.

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Collins and President Freiberg were absent.)

Defer Resolution

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby **defer** the following item until the July 7th Committee of the Whole: adoption of a Resolution regarding Act 421 (HB 695) as it relates to the location for loading and unloading students.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (President Freiberg was absent.)

PACE Program

By Mr. Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the PACE (Providing Accelerated Curriculum Early) Program.

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (President Freiberg was absent.)

EBR Readiness to Wyandotte Location

By Dr. Nelson-Smith

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to move EBR Readiness to the Wyandotte location.

Seconded by Ms. Collins

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (President Freiberg was absent.)

Naming of Lee High School

By Mr. Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the recommendation of the Superintendent to naming the new Lee High School as Lee Magnet High School.

Motion failed for lack of second.

Discussion followed.

The following motion was made.

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the recommendation of the Superintendent to naming the new Lee High School as Lee High School and the mascot will be the Patriots.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

Discussion continued.

The following substitute motion was offered.

By Vice-President Ware-Jackson

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby direct the Superintendent to call for another meeting of the Naming Committee for additional names and input from the public.

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

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

Yeas: (4)	Mr. Bellue, Ms. Collins, Dr. Nelson-Smith, and Vice-President Ware-Jackson
Nays: (4)	Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Ms. Lee, and Mr. Tatman,
Abstained: (0)	None
Absent: (1)	President Freiberg

The motion failed.

Discussion continued.

The following motion was made.

By Mrs. Bernard

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 the recommendation of the Superintendent to naming the new Lee High School as Lee Magnet High School.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (5)	Mr. Bellue, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Tatman, and Vice-President Ware-Jackson
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Nays: (3) Ms. Collins, Ms. Lee, and Dr. Nelson-Smith

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (1) President Freiberg

The motion was approved for referral to the Board without a recommendation.

Employment Contract

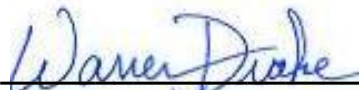
By Mr. Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of an employment contract for the Deputy Superintendent.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (President Freiberg was absent.)

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



Warren Drake, Jr.
Secretary/Treasurer to the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole