

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2014

6:55 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 6:55 p.m. on the seventh day of August 2014, in regular-session convened. The President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mr. David Tatman, President; Mr. Tarvald A. Smith, Vice President; Mr. G. Thomas "Jerry" Arbour; Mrs. Connie Bernard; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; Mrs. Barbara Freiberg; Mrs. Mary Lynch; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; and Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson. Mr. Craig Freeman was absent.

Others present were: Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr., Superintendent; Mr. Michael Hagen, Deputy Superintendent for Innovation and Reform; 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.

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

Approval to Take Items #2, #3, and #8 Out of Order

School Board Member, Barbara Freiberg, requested Items #2, #3, and #8 be taken out-of-order. There was no objection to the request.

Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

By Mrs. Freiberg

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorize staff to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to seek proposals to provide Architectural Design Consulting Services for Career Academy in the Ardendale area of the parish.

Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (9) **Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mrs. Freiberg, Ms. Lee, Mrs. Lynch, Vice President Smith, President Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson**

Nays: (0) **None**

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

Absent: (1) **Mr. Freeman**

The motion was favorably recommended to the full Board.

Renewal of Agreement

By Ms. Dyason

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to renew the Student Health Services Agreement with Health Centers in Schools (HCS), in the amount of \$2,250,000.00, for a period of five (5) years and to provide for related matters.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

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

Renewal of Membership

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 2014-2015 library system membership with the Louisiana Resource Center for Educators for 77 schools in the amount of \$26,950.00. (Funding Source: HEAP Grant).

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

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

Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire

By Vice-President Smith

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 2013-2014 financial audit of 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. (Mr. Freeman was absent.)

Purchase of Computers

By Ms. Lee

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to purchase computers from Dell via the current state contract, execute the Dell Rebate Agreement, and to provide for related matters.

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

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

Professional Services Contract

By Ms. Lee

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 Educational Professional Services to handle all matters related to E-Rate federal and state requirements at a cost not to exceed \$18,000.00 per calendar year. (Funding Source: General Fund – Department of Technology).

Seconded by Vice-President Smith

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

Professional Services Contract

By Mrs. Lynch

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 Reliance Communications for its SchoolMessenger services in the amount of \$63,000.00. (Funding Source: General Fund).

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

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

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

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 New Teacher Project, Inc., in the amount of \$11,900.00.

Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson

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

Professional Services Contract

By Ms. Dyason

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to renew a professional services contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) for the period of July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, in the amount of \$87,000.00. (Funding Source: General Fund).

Seconded by Mrs. Lynch

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

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

By Ms. Lee

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 Northshore Technical Community College as it relates to dual enrollment programs.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

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

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

By Ms. Dyason

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Baton Rouge Community College as it relates to dual enrollment programs.

Seconded by Mrs. Lynch

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

Extern Agreements

By Ms. Ware-Jackson

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of two (2) Extern Agreements between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Louisiana State University & Agricultural and Mechanical College for school psychology externs to assist in the following departments: I CARE and Exceptional Student Services.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

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

Amendments to Pupil Progression Plan

By Vice-President Smith

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of amendments to the Pupil Progression Plan for 2014-2015.

Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson

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