

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

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

School Board Member, Mary Lynch, gave the invocation. School Board Member Evelyn Ware-Jackson, 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:

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 contract for Professional Services between East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Fusion Architecture, APC for Insurance Statement of Values for properties owned by East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, for an amount not to exceed \$5,000 per facility.

Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson

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

Mrs. Freiberg requested that Item #12 be taken "out-of-order". There was no objection.

Contract for Professional Services

By Mrs. Freiberg

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a contract for Professional Services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School District and Core Advancement, LLC to develop an academic scope and sequence for Lee High School and a professional development scope and sequence to increase the number of secondary teachers certified to offer Advanced Placement and dual enrollment courses in all district high schools to be presented for consideration by March 1, 2015 for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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| Yeas: (6) | Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mrs. Freiberg, Mrs. Lynch, Vice President Smith, and Ms. Ware-Jackson |
| Nays: (0) | None |
| Abstained: (1) | Ms. Lee |
| Absent: (4) | Mr. Arbour, Mr. Freeman, Dr. Nelson-Smith, and President Tatman |

The motion was favorably recommended to the full Board.

Audit Results

By Mrs. Lynch

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System financial audit results for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

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

Preliminary Actual Semi-Annual 2013-2014 Financial Tax Plan Update and Proposed 2014-2015 Tax Plan Budgets for Propositions 1, 2, and 3

By Mrs. Freiberg

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Preliminary Actual Semi-Annual 2013-2014 Financial Tax Plan Update and the Proposed 2014-2015 Tax Plan Budgets for Propositions 1, 2, and 3.

Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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| Yeas: (6) | Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mrs. Freiberg, Mrs. Lynch, Vice President Smith, and Ms. Ware-Jackson |
| Nays: (0) | None |
| Abstained: (1) | Ms. Lee |
| Absent: (4) | Mr. Arbour, Mr. Freeman, Dr. Nelson-Smith, and President Tatman |

The motion was favorably recommended to the full Board.

Renewal of Contract

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to renew a contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and the EBR City Parish Government in the amount of \$132,610.00 to provide adult education classes for inmates at the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison. (Funding Source: City Parish Grant).

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

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

Budget

By Mrs. Freiberg

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the proposed budget for the AdvancED External Review Team visit in February 2015 in the amount of \$20,000.00. (Funding Source: Department of Accountability, Assessment and Evaluation).

Seconded by Mrs. Lynch

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

Authorization for Staff to Advertise, Accept the Low Bid, and Award a Contract

By Ms. Lee

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

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

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

Authorization for Staff to Advertise, Accept the Low Bid, and Award a Contract

By Mrs. Freiberg

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

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

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

Authorization for Staff to Advertise, Accept the Low Bid, and Award a Contract

Ms. Lee requested that Item #8 and Item #9 be combined. There was no objection.

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 favorable recommendation**: authorization for the staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications and make the award of a contract for the Classroom Improvements at Riveroaks Elementary School and Wedgewood Elementary School or reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law; Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 38; Chapter 10.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

The motion was approved for referral to the Board without a favorable recommendation by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Arbour, Mr. Freeman, Dr. Nelson-Smith and President Tatman were absent.)

Mrs. Bernard requested that Item #13 be taken "out-of-order". There was no objection.

Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA)

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 Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the City/Parish of East Baton Rouge to provide for the construction of a new fire station in the Chaneyville Fire Protection District #7 and related matters.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

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

Authorization for Staff to Advertise, Accept the Low Bid, and Award a Contract

By Mrs. Lynch

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

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

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

Authorization for Staff to Advertise, Accept the Low Bid, and Award a Contract

By Mrs. Bernard

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

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

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

Policy

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of School Board policy revisions as follows: School board Meeting Rules of Procedure (BCB); Notification of School Board Meetings (BCBA); Minutes of Board Meetings (BCBG); Executive Sessions (BCBK); Substitute Personnel (BGRJ); Curriculum (ID); Instructional Materials (IFA); School Admission (JBC); and Employee Discipline (GBK) and related matters.

Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Arbour, Mr. Freeman, Dr. Nelson-Smith 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: Rushika Chatman v. East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, et al; Suit No.: 600,709; Division: D; 19th JDC.

Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson

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

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bernard Taylor, Jr." written in a cursive style.

**Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr.
Secretary/Treasurer to the East Baton
Rouge Parish School Board
Committee of the Whole**