

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2013

5:00 P.M.

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board met at the School Board Office at 1050 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 5:00 p.m. on this the twenty-first day of February 2013, in regular-session convened. The 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: Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr., Superintendent; Mr. Marvin Trotter, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent for Parent/Community Engagement; Mr. Michael Haggen, Deputy Superintendent for Innovation and Reform; Ms. Diane Atkins, Associate Superintendent for Instructional Support and Pupil Services; Mr. Carlos Sam, Associate Superintendent for School Leadership and Instruction; Dr. Herman Brister, Associate Superintendent for Student Support Services; Ms. Catherine Fletcher, Chief Business Operations Officer; Mr. Jesse Noble, Chief Technology 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. Cadet Command Sergeant Major Derek Huynh, Broadmoor High School, accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel Michael Stewart, Senior Army Instructor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of School Board Minutes of the January 17, 2013, (regular), and February 7, 2013, Committee of the Whole meetings

By Mr. Smith

Resolved, that, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meetings of January 17, 2013, (regular), and February 7, 2013, Committee of the Whole meeting, be dispensed with and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

Seconded Mr. Arbour

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mrs. Bernard was absent.)

Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming the Month of February 2013, as "National Magnet School Month"

By Mrs. Freiberg

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt a resolution proclaiming the month of February 2013, as "National Magnet School Month." **(A copy of the Resolution has been marked "Official Copy" and placed in the files of the Board.)**

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming the Month of March 2013, as "Music in our Schools Month"

By Ms. Ware-Jackson

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt a resolution proclaiming the month of March 2013, as "**Music in our Schools Month.**" **(A copy of the Resolution has been marked "Official Copy" and placed in the files of the Board.)**

Seconded by Mr. Smith

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (absent.)

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

By Dr. Nelson-Smith

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Consent Agenda items.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

The following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

Items approved by the Committee of the Whole for recommendation to the Board:

Acceptance of a recommendation by Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, in the matter of: Willie Carney v. EBRPSB d/b/a EBRPSS and Eddie Randolph, Docket No.: 593,290, Section 23, 19th JDC, Parish of East Baton Rouge.

Acceptance of the recommendation by Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, in the matter of: Chester Wyles v. East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, Suit No.: 08-22030, OWC, District 5.

Approval of Option #2 as a swing space for the Lee High School faculty and students. The Board also reserves the right to rename Valley Park.

Approval of a Lease Contract Renewal between The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board for a Low Level Windshear Alert System for the period of October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2028.

Approval of an agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Layne Heavy Civil, Inc. for full access and temporary use of a portion of the north parking lot at Lee High School until May 22, 2013.

Approval of a contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and ECRA Group, for professional development services, including data analysis and reporting as part of a Comprehensive Assessment Program, for the Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge, using Title II allocations in the amount of \$14,000.00 for the period of January – June, 2013.

Approve the renewal of the Retirement Manager Agreement with VALIC Retirement Services Company through June 30, 2015.

Approval of the following grants under \$50,000.00: (a) The Junior League of Baton Rouge Community Assistance Grant, \$1,600.00. (Recipient: Ms. Ashley Rodrigue, Teacher at Scotlandville Elementary School), (b) The Greater Baton Rouge Area Realtors Association Teachers' Grant, \$1,955.00. (Recipient: Ms. Katherine Coldwell, teacher at Twin Oaks Elementary - \$955.00 and Jamie Noel, teacher at Sherwood Middle School - \$1,000.00), and (c) The Target Field Trip Grants, \$1,400.00. (Recipient: Mark Zweig, a science teacher at Glasgow Middle School - \$700.00 and Genedi Shamburger, a French teacher at Woodlawn High School - \$700.00).

END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Authorization to Advertise, Accept Low Bid Meeting Specifications and Award Contract for Tax Plan Program Manager

By Mr. Smith

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby authorize staff to

advertise, accept the low bids meeting specifications and make the award of a contract for the request proposals for the provision of Tax Plan Program Manager services.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mrs. Bernard

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby authorize Superintendent Taylor and Board President Tatman to negotiate and execute an extension of the present contract with CSRS/Garrard Program Management for five (5) years.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

Discussion continued.

A "friendly amendment" was offered by Ms. Ware-Jackson.

The contract should include the following language:

Require CSRS/Garrard Program Management to make a "good faith" effort to increase DBE/WDBE participation

Require CSRS/Garrard Program Management to make a "good faith" effort to save the East Baton Rouge Parish School System dollars

An incentive/disincentive to be tied to accountability

The "friendly amendment" was accepted by the originator and seconder.

Discussion continued.

Call the Question

By Ms. Dyason

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby limit debate on the motion by calling for a vote on the question.

The vote on "call the question" was as follows:

- Yeas: (8)** **Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson**
- Nays: (3)** **Mr. Arbour, Mr. Lamana, and Mr. Smith**
- Abstained: (0)** **None**
- Absent: (0)** **None**

Ms. Lee did not vote.

"Call the question" failed.

Discussion continued.

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

Yeas: (6) Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (5) Mr. Arbour, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, and Mr. Smith

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

The substitute motion was declared adopted.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned by acclamation.

**Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr.,
Secretary/Treasurer to the Board**