

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

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2014

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 fifteenth day of May 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; Mr. Craig Freeman; Mrs. Barbara Freiberg; Mrs. Mary Lynch; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; and Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson.

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, Connie Bernard, gave the invocation. Cadet Captain Kristin Heatley, Broadmoor High School, accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel Michael Stewart, Senior Army Instructor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes of the Rescheduled April 17, 2014, School Board Meeting, the April 24, 2014, Special Board Meeting, the May 1, 2014, Special Board Meeting, and the May 1, 2014, Committee of the Whole Meeting

By Mrs. Freiberg

Resolved, that, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meetings of the rescheduled April 17, 2014, School Board meeting, the April 24, 2014, Special Board Meeting, the May 1, 2014, Special Board Meeting, and the May 1, 2014, Committee of the Whole meeting, be dispensed with and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

Seconded by Vice-President Smith

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

Approval of Consent Agenda Items, Excluding Item #13

By Ms. Lee

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Consent Agenda items, excluding item #13.

Seconded by Mrs. Lynch

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

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

Approval of a grant for an Early Childhood Community Network Pilot in the amount of \$350,000.00.

Authorize staff to select The Advocate as the Official Journal of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System for the 2014-2015 school year, which will be used for the publication of the Board's proceedings, financial statements, legal advertisements, and any other advertising requirements.

Authorize staff through June 2015 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.

Approval of an addendum to the 2013-2014 Pupil Progression Plan regarding 4th and 8th grade promotion policies.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of Proposed 2015 Health Care Plan Premium

By Mrs. Freiberg

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Proposed 2015 East Baton Rouge Parish School System Health Care Plan premium rates for active employees and non-medicare eligible retirees from Mercer.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: (2) **Ms. Lee and Dr. Nelson-Smith**

Abstained: (0) **None**

Absent: (0) **None**

The motion was declared adopted.

Approval of Grant

By Vice-President Smith

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give approval of the 2014-2015 EBRPSS/LSU Math and Science MSP Partnership Project Grant in the amount of \$199,567.00.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (10) **Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Lynch, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Vice-President Smith, President Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson**

Nays: (0) **None**

Abstained: (0) **None**

Absent: (0) **None**

Recuse:(1) **Mrs. Freiberg**

The motion was declared adopted.

Adoption of Resolution

By Dr. Nelson-Smith

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt a Resolution in opposition of SB 636.

Seconded by Vice-President Smith

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (9) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Ms. Lee, Mrs. Lynch, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Vice-President Smith, and Ms. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (0) None

Abstained: (2) Mrs. Freiberg and President Tatman

Absent: (0) None

The motion was declared adopted.

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

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