

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2011

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 the sixteenth day of June 2011 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: Mr. John L. Dilworth, Superintendent; Dr. Herman Brister, Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Catherine Fletcher, Chief Business Operations Officer; Mr. James Crochet, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Shirl Gilbert, Executive Director of Turnaround Schools; Ms. Mary Nell Dominique, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area I; Ms. Katie Blunschi, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area II; Mr. David Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area III; Ms. Kathleen Smith, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area IV; Ms. Millie Williams, Interim Executive Director of Human Resources; Ms. Lizabeth Frischhertz, Chief Officer of Accountability, Assessment and Evaluation; Mr. Jesse Noble, Chief Technology Officer; Mr. Carlos Sam, Director of Magnet Programs; Mr. Lee Dixon, Director of Exceptional Student Services; Mr. Richard Capps, Administrative Director of Federal Programs; Mr. Chris Trahan, Director of Communications and Community Engagement; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

Reverend Derrick Hill, St. Mark United Methodist Church, gave the invocation. Cadet Jasmine Gaines-Bell, Glen Oaks High School, and Master Sergeant (Retired) Thomas Jordon, Army Instructor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of School Board Minutes of May 19, 2011, Regular School Board meeting, June 2, 2011, Committee of the Whole meeting, June 2, 2011, Special Board meeting, and June 8, 2011, Special Board meeting

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meeting of May 19, 2011, Regular School Board meeting, June 2, 2011, Committee of the Whole meeting, June 2, 2011, Special Board meeting, and June 8, 2011, Special Board meeting, be dispensed with and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason and Mr. Smith were absent.)

Approval of Personnel Changes Since School Board Meeting of May 19, 2011, Excluding the Item on Page 5, Section III, Item #2

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the changes in personnel since the School Board Meeting of May 19, 2011, excluding the item on Page 5, Section III, Item #2, be, and they are, hereby approved. **(A copy of the Changes has been marked "Official Copy" and placed in the files of the Board.)**

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason and Mr. Smith were absent.)

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

By Mrs. Bernard

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

Seconded by Mr. Smith

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith was absent.)

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

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

Approval of two waivers for medical sabbatical leaves.

Acceptance of the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, in the matter of: Calvin Hatch, et al, v. Yvonne Henderson, Suit No.: 593,469; Section 26; 19th JDC.

Acceptance of the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, in the matter of: Jonathan Veal v. Dinika Brown, EBRPSB & ACE American Insurance Co., Suit No.: 594,110, Section 26; 19th JDC, Parish of East Baton Rouge.

Authorization for staff to select The Advocate as the Official Journal of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System for the 2011-2012 school year, which will be used for the publication of the Board's proceedings, financial statements, legal advertisements, and any other advertising requirements.

Authorization given to staff through June 2012 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 staff's recommendation to reject all proposals for reuse of Alsen Elementary School and demolish all buildings to return the site to open green space until such time as the lease with the City of Baton Rouge expires on June 30, 2015, or the early termination of the lease is exercised.

Authorization for the administration to approve the most effective Property and Casualty Insurance Program Policy renewal package for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

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 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Approval of an Extension Agreement for Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) for the upcoming year.

Approval of the proposed 2011-2012 Budget for Vocational Education – Carl Perkins Basic Grant.

Approval of the 2011 Summer Opportunity for Academic Remediation (SOAR) Elementary Summer School budget.

Approval of the Arts Education Program Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge in the amount of \$35,000.

Approval of the following grant under \$50,000.00: a) USA Track and Field Foundation Youth Programs grant in the amount of \$2,000.00, (Recipient: Coach Paul Jackson, EBR Lab Academy).

END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of Revised Position Description

By Mr. Freeman

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the revised position description for the Executive Director for School Turnaround.

Seconded by Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith was absent.)

Approval of the Student Rights & Responsibilities Handbook and Discipline Policy for the 2011-2012 school year

By Ms. Lee

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give approval of the Student Rights & Responsibilities Handbook and Discipline Policy for the 2011-2012 school year for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System, with noted changes.

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith was absent.)

Approval of a Search Process for Superintendent of Schools and Related Matters

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve of a search process for Superintendent of Schools and related matters.

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith was absent.)

Review of Superintendent's Recommendation for Expulsion of a Student

The President asked the Board members to indicate whether or not they had the opportunity to review the case of the student at McKinley High School. Upon affirmation by the Members, the President inquired as to whether or not any Member wished to request a hearing of the case.

Since there was no motion to schedule a hearing before the Board, the Superintendent's recommendation regarding the expulsion of the Student at McKinley School stands.

Executive Session:

By Ms. Bernard

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby go into Executive Session under the provisions of L.R.S. 42:6.1 (A) (7) to conduct an appeal hearing regarding the expulsion of a student.

Seconded by Mr. Smith

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: (1) Ms. Lee

Abstained: (1) None

Absent: (1) Dr. Nelson-Smith

The motion was declared adopted.

Affirmation of Student Expulsion

The Board came out of Executive Session and reconvened. Mrs. Freiberg asked if there was any motion to modify or reverse the Superintendent's recommendation with respect to the Student at Westdale Middle School. There being no such motion, the Superintendent's recommendation was affirmed, and the expulsion was upheld.

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

John L. Dilworth
Secretary/Treasurer to the Board