

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2012

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 June 2012, 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; Dr. Herman Brister, Chief Academic Officer; Mrs. Diane Atkins, Associate Superintendent for Instructional 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; Mr. Chris Trahan, Director of Communications and Community Engagement; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

School Board Member, Randy Lamana, gave the invocation. Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Tia Revels, Belaire High School, and Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Ronald L. Logan, Senior Army Instructor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of School Board Minutes of the May 17, 2012 (regular), June 7, 2012 (special), June 11, 2012 (special) School Board meetings and the June 7, 2012, Committee of the Whole meeting

By Mr. Tatman

Resolved, that, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meetings of the May 17, 2012 (regular), June 7, 2012 (special), June 11, 2012 (special) School Board meetings and the June 7, 2012, Committee of the Whole 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 17, 2012

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the changes in personnel since the School Board Meeting of May 17, 2012, 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 Three (3) Reassignments/Promotions

By Mr. Tatman

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does approve of the three (3) reassignments/ promotions: (a) Associate Superintendent for School Leadership and Instruction (Pre-K-12) Administration, (b) Associate Superintendent for Student Support Services; and (c) Confidential Assistant to the Superintendent.

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, Excluding Items #18 and #21

By Ms. Dyason

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Consent Agenda items, excluding items #18 and #21.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

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:

Approval of the charter school ten-year contract between the J. K. Haynes Charter School and the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board. The Superintendent of Schools will finalize the contract.

Approval of the charter school ten-year contract renewal between the Children's Charter School and The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board.

Approval of the Certificated and Professional Local Personnel Evaluation and Accountability Plan.

Acceptance of the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, in the matter of: Samuel J. Cooper v. Prentiss L. Wellington and the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, Suit No. 583,596; Section 22; 19th JDC and Anthony Ramsey v. EBRPSB and Prentiss Wellington, Suit No. 585,622; Division D; 19th JDC.

Authorization for staff to select *The Advocate* as the Official Journal of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System for the 2012-2013 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 2013 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.

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 2012-2013 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 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Approval for staff to award the East Baton Rouge Parish School System's Fiscal Agent Contract to Capital One Bank and Neighbors Federal Credit Union for a period of two years, beginning October 1, 2012, through September 30, 2014, with an optional two-year extension.

Approval for staff to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for External Auditing Services. Services will continue through the 2011-2012 audit from Postlethwaite & Netterville.

Authorization for staff to negotiate a contract with Unemployment Compensation Control Systems, L.L.C., based upon the submitted proposal and return to the Board for approval.

Approval of the Actual December 2011 Semi-Annual Financial Tax Plan Update and the Revised 2011 2012 Tax Plan Budgets for Propositions 1, 2, and 3.

Approval of the 2012 East Baton Rouge Parish Prison Budget for Adult Education Services.

Approval of the ABC123, L.L.C. contract in the amount of \$10,500.00 for a Summer Summit for professional development for administrators and staff.

Approval of the following grant under \$50,000.00: a) Fuel Up to Play 60 grant in the amount of \$1,700.00. (Recipient – Ms. Amy Simoneaux, Teacher at Twin Oaks Elementary School).

Approval of the following items *In Globo*: (a) a revision to the Board Internet and Network Usage Policy to include verbiage mandated by the Federal Communications Commission Order No. 11-125; (b) a contract for consulting services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Career Compass of Louisiana; (c) a contract for professional services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and the Douglas Manship, Sr. Theater Complex Holding, Inc. (Manship Theatre) and

(d) a contract for professional services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge (Arts Council).

END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of 2013 EBRPSS Health Care Plan and Ancillary Benefit Plan

By Mr. Tatman

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the 2013 East Baton Rouge Parish School System Health Care Plan and Ancillary Benefit Plan recommendations from Mercer Human Resources Consulting.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

Discussion followed.

A substitute motion was made.

By Mr. Smith

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve to defer the decision on this item to the next regular scheduled board meeting of July 19, 2012.

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Approval of 2012-2013 Child Nutrition Program Budget

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the 2012-2013 Child Nutrition Program Budget for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (8) Mr. Arbour, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (3) Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason and Mr. Smith

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

The motion was declared adopted.

Approval of Plan #4 Regarding Attendance Zones and Grade Configurations for Lee High School for 2012-2013 School Year

By Mr. Tatman

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve Plan #4 regarding attendance zones and grade configurations for the 2012-2013 school year.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Ms. Dyason

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve Plan #5 the attendance zones and grade configurations for Lee High School for the 2012-2013 school year.

The substitute motion died for lack of a second.

The following "friendly" amendment was offered.

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve Plan #4 of the attendance zones and grade configurations for Lee High School for the 2012-2013 school year with rising sophomores.

The "friendly" amendment was accepted by the originator.

Discussion continued.

Call the Question

By Mr. Arbour

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

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

Nays: (2) Mrs. Bernard and Ms. Dyason

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

The motion was declared adopted.

The vote on the motion to approve Plan #4 was as follows:

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

Nays: (1) Ms. Dyason

Abstained: (1) Mrs. Freiberg

Absent: (0) None

The motion was declared adopted.

Authorization for Superintendent to Finalize Contract

By Mrs. Bernard

Resolve, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give authorization for the Superintendent to finalize the contract between THRIVE Baton Rouge Charter School and the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (10) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (1) Dr. Nelson-Smith

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

The motion was declared adopted.

Approval to Consolidate Agenda Items #31, #32, and #33

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve consolidating agenda Items #31, #32, and #33.

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (8) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (3) Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, and Mr. Smith

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

The motion was declared adopted.

Approval of Items #31, #32, and #33

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve consolidating agenda Items #31, #32, and #33. Item #31: Approval of the following new job descriptions – Office of Human Resources: (a) Principal, (b) Associate Principal, (c) Assistant Principal, (d) School Counselor, (e) Classroom Teacher, and (f) Librarian. Item #32: Approval of the following revised job descriptions: 32-a. Office of Federal Programs: (1) Coordinator of Title I and (2) School-Wide Program Monitor. 32-b.General Fund: (1) Dean and (2) Administrative Dean. Item #33: Approval of the following new job descriptions: 33-a. Office of Exceptional Student Services: (1) Instructional Support Specialist, (2) Behavior Strategist, and (3) Program Facilitator. 33-b. Executive Director for School Leadership.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Approval of Agreement

By Mr. Lamana

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Health Centers in Schools (HCS) Interagency Agreement for the Medicaid Hospital Supplemental Payment Program with Our Lady of the Lake, Health Centers in Schools, and the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. The Superintendent is given authorization to make any final adjustments to the agreement.

Seconded by Mr. Smith

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Approval of Revised Amendment #2 to Contract

By Mr. Smith

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Revised Amendment #2 to the original contract between Louisiana State University (LSU) College of Education and the East Baton Rouge Parish School System as it relates to the Robert Noyce Scholarship Program for the National Science Foundation.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Approval of Contract Addendums

By Mrs. Bernard

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the following: (a) Addendum to a contract with Catapult Learning, L.L.C. and (b) Addendum to a contract with Education Foundations, L.L.C.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (10) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (0) None

Abstained: (1) Dr. Nelson-Smith

Absent: (0) None

The motion was declared adopted.

Approval of a Contract

By Mr. Smith

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Unemployment Compensation Control Systems, L.L.C. (UCCS) for a period of two (2) years, beginning July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2014.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Unemployment Compensation Control Systems, L.L.C. (UCCS) for a period of two (2) years, beginning July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2014. The wording "financial guarantee" in paragraph #12 shall be deleted from the contract and the wording "cash bond" shall be added.

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

Yeas: (6) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tatman

Nays: (4) Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Abstained: (1) Dr. Nelson-Smith

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**