

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

**THURSDAY, JULY 18, 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 eighteenth day of July 2013 in regular-session convened. The President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mr. David Tatman, President; Mr. G. Thomas "Jerry" Arbour; Mrs. Connie Bernard; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; Mr. Craig Freeman; Mrs. Barbara Freiberg; Mr. Randy Lamana; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; and Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson. Mr. Tarvald A. Smith, Vice-President, was absent.

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; 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.

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School Board Member, Randy Lamana, gave the invocation. Cadet Private First Class Justin Jones, Northeast High School, accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Shirley Sutton, Senior Army Instructor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Approval of School Board Minutes of the June 20, 2013, School Board Meeting**

**By Mr. Lamana**

Resolved, that, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meeting of June 20, 2013, be dispensed with and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

**Seconded Mrs. Freiberg**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mrs. Bernard, Dr. Nelson-Smith and Vice-President Smith were absent.)**

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**Point of Information**

Announcement of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Members who received credit hours for Act 705 for the year 2012: Jerry Arbour, Connie Bernard, Jill Dyason, Craig Freeman, Barbara Freiberg, Randy Lamana, Vereta Lee, Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith, Tarvald Smith, David Tatman, and Evelyn Ware-Jackson.

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**Approval of Settlement of a Law Suit**

**By Mrs. Freiberg**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, in the matter of: Sharonda Craig v. Pamela France and EBRPSB, Suit No. 602,888; Section 22; 19th JDC, Parish of East Baton Rouge.

**Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Vice-President Smith was absent.)**

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**Approval of Proposed 2013-2014 General Fund Budget, Budget Resolution and 2013-2014 Salary Schedules**

**By Mrs. Freiberg**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Proposed 2013-2014 General Fund Budget, the Budget Resolution, and the 2013-2014 Salary Schedules.

**Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

**Discussion followed.**

**A substitute motion was made.**

**By Mr. Lamana**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby defer approval of the Proposed 2013-2014 General Fund Budget, the Budget Resolution, and the 2013 2014 Salary Schedules until after a workshop is held. A date for approval on the budget will be agreed on by the Board after the workshop is held.

**Seconded by Mrs. Bernard**

**The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:**

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

**The substitute motion was declared adopted.**

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**Request to Accept Contracts *In Globo***

**By Mr. Freeman**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept the following budgets listed in Item #10 *in globo*. There was no objection from any Board member.

**Approval of Budgets**

**By Mr. Freeman**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the following budgets:

- 10-1. Proposed 2013-2014 I CARE Budget and Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention Program (ADAPP) budget.
- 10-2. Proposed 2013-2014 Radio Training Program (RTP) budget.
- 10.3. 2013-2014 Child Nutrition Program budget.
- 10-4. Proposed 2013-2014 Tax Plan Budgets for Propositions 2 and 3.

**Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg**

**Discussion followed.**

**The following amendment was made.**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the following budgets:

- 10-1. Proposed 2013-2014 I CARE Budget and Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention Program (ADAPP) budget.
- 10-2. Proposed 2013-2014 Radio Training Program (RTP) budget.
- 10.3. 2013-2014 Child Nutrition Program budget.

Budget Item #10-4, Proposed 2013-2014 Tax Plan Budgets for Propositions 2 and 3, will be placed on the agenda for the School Board Workshop.

**Seconded by Mr. Arbour**

**The originator and seconder of the original motion accepted the amendment.**

**The vote on the amended motion was as follows:**

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

**Nays: (1) President Tatman**

**Abstained: (0) None**

**Absent: (1) Vice-President Smith**

**The amended motion was declared adopted.**

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**Authorization for Superintendent and General Counsel to Address the Louisiana Department of Education’s Decision to Deny Proposed School Closures and Related Matters**

**By Mr. Freeman**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give authorization to the Superintendent and General Counsel to take those steps necessary, including the institution of appropriate legal action, to address the Louisiana Department of Education’s decision to deny proposed school closures and related matters.

**Seconded by Mr. Lamana**

**The vote on the motion was as follows:**

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

**Nays: (1) Ms. Dyason**

**Abstained: (0) None**

**Absent: (1) Vice-President Smith**

**The motion was declared adopted.**

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**Approval of Revised Job Description**

**By Mrs. Freiberg**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the following revised job description: Coordinator of Instruction for English Language Learners (ELL).

**Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Vice-President Smith was absent.)**

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**Request to Accept Grant/Donation *In Globo***

**By Mrs. Bernard**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept the following grant/donation listed in Item #15 *in globo*.

**Acceptance of Grant/Donation**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept the following grant/donation:

- 15-1. Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy Program Grant.
- 15-2. Junior Great Books donation from Parent Council to Westdale Heights Academic Magnet School for a period beginning August 2013, through May 2014, for an amount of \$21,173.27.

**Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Vice-President Smith was absent.)**

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**Approval of Renewals for Contracts/Memorandum of Understanding**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the renewals for the following contracts/Memorandum of Understanding:

- 16-1. City Year for a period beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014, for an amount of \$400,000.00.

**By Mrs. Freiberg**

**Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Vice-President Smith was absent.)**

- 16-2. Diplomas Now for a period of July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014, for an amount of \$85,000.00.

**By Ms. Dyason  
Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Vice-President Smith was absent.)**

- 16-3. Strategic Learning Initiatives as it relates to Glen Oaks High School for a period beginning July 1, 2013, for an amount of \$120,000.00.

**By Mrs. Freiberg  
Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Vice-President Smith was absent.)**

- 16-4. Delta Education, LLC for refurbishment of science kits for 2013-2014 for an amount of \$870,555.00.

**By Ms. Lee  
Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Vice-President Smith was absent.)**

- 16-5. Manship Theatre for an amount of \$40,000.00.

**By Ms. Bernard  
Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Vice-President Smith was absent.)**

- 16-6. Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge (General Fund) for an amount of \$35,000.00.

**By Mrs. Bernard  
Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Vice-President Smith was absent.)**

- 16-7. Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge (Magnet Funds) for an amount of \$20,450.00.

**By Mr. Lamana  
Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Vice-President Smith was absent.)**

- 16-8. New Millennium Education, LLC for a period of July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00.

**By Ms. Ware-Jackson  
Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg**

**The vote on the motion was as follows:**

**Yeas: (7) Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, President Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson**

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

**Abstained: (0) None**

**Absent: (1) Vice-President Smith**

**The motion was declared adopted.**

- 16-9. Edgenuity e(2020) for three (3) years as it relates to credit recovery, credit accrual, and course choice for a total amount of \$311,250.00.

**By Mrs. Freiberg  
Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Vice-President Smith was absent.)**

- 16-10. Memorandum of Understanding with AMI Kids Baton Rouge, Inc., for an increase of \$150,000.00.

**By Ms. Lee  
Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Vice-President Smith was absent.)**

- 16-11. Volunteers in Public Schools for the period of July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, for an amount of \$87,000.00.

**By Ms. Ware-Jackson  
Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Vice-President Smith was absent.)**

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**Request to Accept Contracts *In Globo***

**By Mrs. Freiberg**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept the following contracts between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Education Foundations, LLC for non-public programs funded through Title I listed in Item #17 *in globo*.

**Approval of Contracts**

**By Mrs. Freiberg**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the following contracts:

- 17-1. Jehovah-Jireh Christian Academy - \$13,847.00.
- 17-2. Baton Rouge Lutheran - \$13,176.00.
- 17-3. Brighter Horizons School of Baton Rouge - \$14,900.00.
- 17-4. Diocese of Baton Rouge - \$207,249.00.
- 17-5. Hosanna Christian Academy - \$114,494.00.

**Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Arbour and Vice-President Smith were absent.)**

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**Approval of Contracts**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the following contracts for curriculum and instruction/related matters:

- 18-1. ONCOURSE Systems for Education, LLC for an amount of \$68,000.00 (moving from site-based license to district license), pending final negotiations by General Counsel.

**By Mr. Freeman**

**Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson**

**The vote on the motion was as follows:**

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

**Nays: (1) Dr. Nelson-Smith**

**Abstained: (0) None**

**Absent: (2) Mr. Arbour and Vice-President Smith**

**The motion was declared adopted.**

- 18-2. Scholastic Services for an amount of \$945,978.00.



**By Mrs. Freiberg  
Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

**The vote on the motion was as follows:**

**Yeas: (7) Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, President Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson**

**Nays: (0) None**

**Abstained: (1) Dr. Nelson-Smith**

**Absent: (2) Mr. Arbour and Vice-President Smith**

**No Vote: (1) Ms. Lee**

**The motion was declared adopted.**

- 18-3. Architects of Achievement for staff development services as it relates to the new Lee High School for an amount of \$28,000.00.

**By Mrs. Freiberg  
Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson**

**The vote on the motion was as follows:**

**Yeas: (7) Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, President Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson**

**Nays: (0) None**

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

**Absent: (2) Mr. Arbour and Vice-President Smith**

**The motion was declared adopted.**

- 18-4. Measured Progress for test items and development for an amount of \$51,000.00.

**By Mr. Freeman  
Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson**

**The vote on the motion was as follows:**

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

**Nays: (0) None**

**Abstained: (1) Dr. Nelson-Smith**

**Absent: (2) Mr. Arbour and Vice-President Smith**

**The motion was declared adopted.**

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**Approval to Issue a Request for Proposals (RFP)**

**By Ms. Ware-Jackson**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give approval to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for services related to curriculum development, assessment, professional development, and coaching for the Common Core implementation and PARCC Assessment Readiness.

**Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg**

**The vote on the motion was as follows:**

**Yeas: (7) Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, President Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson**

**Nays: (1) Ms. Lee**

**Abstained: (1) Dr. Nelson-Smith**

**Absent: (2) Mr. Arbour and Vice-President Smith**

**The motion was declared adopted.**

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**Authorization for Mercer to Conduct a Performance Audit**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give authorization for Mercer to conduct a performance audit of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System's Health Care Plan Administrator, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Louisiana, for an amount of \$65,000.00.

**Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg**

**The vote on the motion was as follows:**

**Yeas: (7) Mrs. Bernard, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, President Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson**

**Nays: (1) Dr. Nelson-Smith**

**Abstained: (1) Ms. Dyason**

**Absent: (2) Mr. Arbour and Vice-President Smith**

**The motion was declared adopted.**

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**Authorization for Mercer to Conduct a Verification Audit**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give authorization for Mercer to conduct a verification audit on the Medicare status of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System's eligible retirees, for an amount of \$46,000.00.

**Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

**The vote on the motion was as follows:**

**Yeas: (7) Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, President Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson**

**Nays: (1) Ms. Lee**

**Abstained: (1) Dr. Nelson-Smith**

**Absent: (2) Mr. Arbour and Vice-President Smith**

**The motion was declared adopted.**

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**Approval of the Students Rights & Responsibilities Handbook and Discipline Policy for 2013-2014**

**By Mr. Lamana**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve *the Students Rights & Responsibilities Handbook and Discipline Policy for the 2013-2014* school year for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System with noted changes.

**Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Arbour and Vice-President Smith were absent.)**

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

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