

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2012

5:50 P.M.

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board met at the School Board Office at 1050 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 5:50 p.m. on this the sixteenth day of August, 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; 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 School 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; Mr. Chris Trahan, Director of Communications/Community Engagement; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

School Board Member, Randy Lamana, gave the invocation. JROTC Cadet Captain Dantrey Johnson, Scotlandville Magnet High School, and First Sergeant Devlin Stevenson, Senior Army Instructor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of School Board Minutes of the August 2, 2012, Committee of the Whole meeting, July 9, 2012, (special) School Board meeting, and the July 19, 2012, (regular) School Board meetings

By Ms. Lee

Resolved, that, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meeting of the August 2, 2012, Committee of the Whole meeting, July 9, 2012, (special) School Board meeting, and the July 19, 2012, (regular) School Board meetings, be dispensed with and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Adoption of a Resolution Proclaiming the Week of September 9-15, 2012, as "Arts in Education Week"

By Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt a resolution proclaiming the week of September 9-15, 2012, as "Arts in Education Week."

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Adoption of a Resolution Proclaiming the Month of October 2012, as "I CARE Red Ribbon Month"

By Ms. Dyason

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt a resolution proclaiming the month of October 2012, as "I CARE Red Ribbon Month."

Seconded by Ms. Lee

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Adoption of a Resolution to Adopt and Levee Adjusted Rates

By Mr. Smith

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt a resolution to adopt and levee adjusted rates as certified by the Legislative Auditor, so that tax revenues are not increased as a result of the reassessment recently completed by the Office of the Assessor.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Adoption of a Resolution to Increase the Millage Rate

By Mr. Smith

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt a resolution to increase the millage rate as authorized by LA.R.S. 47:1705(B). An increase (roll forward) in the millage rates is allowed, but not in excess of the prior year's maximum authorized millage rate. A roll forward may be levied by two-thirds (2/3) thirds vote of the total membership of a taxing

authority without further voter approval, but only after a public hearing held in accordance with the open meetings law.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

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

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

The motion was declared adopted.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items, Excluding Item #12c

By Dr. Nelson-Smith

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Consent Agenda items, excluding Item #12c.

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

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.

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 following new job description: Youth Advocate Specialist.

Acceptance of the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, in the matter of: Letonya Rowe, Individually and as Natural Tutrix of her Minor Child, Da’Cia Rowe v. EBRPSB, Climeatean Montague, Carrie Mealy, and Coregis Insurance Company, Suite No: 560,926, Section 8, 19th JDC, Parish of East Baton Rouge.

Approval of the following items in globo: a) contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Pediatric Services of America, Inc., d/b/a PSA Healthcare for the period August 8, 2012, through May 21, 2013, for an amount not to exceed \$160,000.00; b) contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Healing Hands Home Health, Inc. for the period August 8, 2012, through May 21, 2013, for an amount not to exceed \$98,000.00.; c) proposed 2012-2013 Radio Training Program (RTP) Budget; d) proposed 2012-2013 Tax Plan Budgets for Propositions 2 and 3; e) 2011-2012 Adult Education Local Budget; and f) 2011-2012 Adult Education YouthBuild Budget.

Approval of the following items in globo: a) grants under \$50,000.00: Elmer’s Teacher Tool Kit grant in the amount of \$5,000.00. (Recipient – Ms. Cecilia Flores, Kindergarten Teacher, LaBelle Aire Elementary; Pets in the Classroom grant in the amount of \$50.00. (Recipient – Ms. Cecilia Flores – Kindergarten Teacher, LaBelle Aire Elementary); and School Grants for Healthy Kids grant in the amount of \$2,000.00. (Recipient – Ms. Courtney Comeaux, Teacher – Shenandoah Elementary); b) Louisiana Virtual School (LVS) Agreement between the State Department of Education and the East Baton Rouge Parish School System; and d) Memorandum of Agreement for AMI Kids, Inc. for Valley Park Alternative School for the 2012-2013 school year.

Approval of the 2012-2013 Pupil Progression Plan.

Approval of a contract for consulting services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Successful Schools, Inc.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Defer the Adoption of a Resolution

By Ms. Dyason

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School System does hereby defer the adoption of a Resolution that qualifies the East Baton Rouge Parish School System to apply for the 2013 Magnet Schools Assistance Program Grant to the September 6, 2012 Committee of the Whole. There will be a workshop and then a special meeting before the Committee of the Whole.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mr. Tatman

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School System does hereby approve the adoption of a Resolution that qualifies the East Baton Rouge Parish School System to apply for the 2013 Magnet Schools Assistance Program Grant.

Seconded by Mrs. Ware-Jackson

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

Yeas: (7) Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (4) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, and Mr. Lamana

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

The substitute motion was declared adopted.

Approval of Board Policy

By Mr. Tatman

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve school board policy updates.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Nays: (1) Mr. Arbour

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

The motion was declared adopted.

Approval of Contract

By Mrs. Bernard

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a contract for professional services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Education Foundations, L.L.C.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Approval to Expend Race to the Top (Phase 3) Grant Funds

By Ms. Dyason

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give approval to expend the Race to the Top (Phase 3) grand funds.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Approval of Letter of Agreement

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a Letter of Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and the Louisiana Resource Center for Educators (LRCE) for the 2012-2013 membership.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

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

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