

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

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 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 fifteenth day of November 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. Marvin Trotter, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent for Parent/Community Engagement; Mr. Michael Haggen, Deputy Superintendent for Innovation and Reform; Catherine Fletcher, Chief Business Operations Officer; Mr. Jesse Noble, Chief Technology Officer; 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 First Sergeant Vauldes Jupiter, Tara High School, accompanied by Colonel Fulton Johnson, Senior Army Instructor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Approval of School Board Minutes of the October 18, 2012, (regular), and November 4, 2012, Committee of the Whole Meetings**

**By Mr. Tatman**

Resolved, that, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meetings of October 18, 2012, (regular), and November 1, 2012, Committee of the Whole, be dispensed with and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

**Seconded by Mr. Arbour**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.**

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**Approval of Consent Agenda Items, Excluding Item #21**

**By Ms. Lee**

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

**Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.**

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

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Authorization for the Program Management Team, CSRS/GPM, to proceed with the programming and design process for the demolition, site work, and construction of a new high school on the existing Lee High School site as stated in the Tax Plan.

Approval of a Servitude Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and the East Baton Rouge Sewerage Commission for a local Services Agreement/Cooperative Endeavor. The agreement serves as an acceptance of the transfer of property ownership for the cash offer of \$7,892.00 for city-wide and future Scotlandville Middle Pre-Engineering Academy sewer improvements.

Approval of a Servitude Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and the East Baton Rouge Sewerage Commission for a local Services Agreement/Cooperative Endeavor. The agreement serves as an acceptance of the transfer of property ownership for the cash offer of \$13,292.00 for city-wide and future J.K. Haynes/old Harding Elementary site sewer improvements.

Approval of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System financial audit results for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

Approval of Resolution to call a Tax Election (Millage Renewal) to be held April 6, 2013.

Approval of a renewal contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Mercer for a period of one (1) year, beginning January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013. Staff shall then issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a new contract.

Authorization for staff to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to seek East Baton Rouge Parish School System employee benefit coverage for Group Basic and Voluntary Life/AD&D, Group Voluntary Short Term Disability, and Group Voluntary Long Term Disability.

Approval of the payment of accreditation fees for the 2012-2013 school year in the amount of \$52,000.00 to AdvancED for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Council on Accreditation and School Improvement.

Approval of the Preliminary Actual Semi-Annual Financial Tax Plan Update and the Proposed 2012-2013 Tax Plan Budgets for Propositions 1, 2, and 3.

Approval of the following grant under \$50,000.00: Dow Promise Grant in the amount of \$17,000.00 – (Recipient – Brian St. George – Professional Engineer and Member of the Scotlandville Magnet High School’s Engineering Professions Advisory Team).

Approval of a contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and the Strategic Learning Initiatives for the purpose of implementing professional development and training at Glen Oaks High School.

Approval of a Service Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Delta Education, LLC for the refurbishment of science kits.

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**END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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**Approval of Revisions to EBRPSS Travel Policy**

**By Mr. Freeman**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School System does hereby approve the revisions to the East Baton Rouge Parish School System’s Travel Policy, as outlined in the 10/02/12 e-mail from Superintendent Taylor.

**Seconded by Ms. Lee**

**Discussion continued.**

**The following substitute motion was offered.**

**By Mr. Arbour**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School System does hereby approve the deletion of the provision for reimbursement for meals and lodging, as outlined in the 10/02/12 e-mail from Superintendent Taylor; thereby, reverting back to the May 17, 2012 approved “Travel Guidelines”. The Board also approves the provision the Superintendent recommended with regard to the mileage stating that “all Board members can request reimbursement from their place of employment to the Central Office, located at 1050 South Foster Drive.

**Seconded by Ms. Dyason**

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

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| <b>Yeas: (10)</b>     | <b>Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Tatman and Mrs. Ware-Jackson</b> |
| <b>Nays: (1)</b>      | <b>Mr. Smith</b>   |
| <b>Abstained: (0)</b> | <b>None</b>  |

**Absent: (0)            None**

**The substitute motion was declared adopted.**

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**Approval of Revised Reapportionment Plan**

**By Mr. Tatman**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the revised proposed Board reapportionment plan.

**Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith**

**Discussion followed.**

**A "friendly" amendment was offered by Mr. Arbour.**

Authorize General Counsel, Domoine Rutledge, to submit the Plan to the Justice Department for approval.

**The "friendly" amendment was accepted by the originator and seconder.**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.**

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**Adoption of Proposed Evaluation Instrument for Tax Plan Program Managers**

**By Mr. Lamana**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve adoption of the proposed evaluation instrument to be used in the evaluation of our current Tax Plan Program Managers: CSRS/Garrard.

**Seconded by Mr. Smith**

**Discussion followed.**

**A "friendly" amendment was offered by Mr. Arbour.**

This document will also have instructions for a self-evaluation piece.

**The "friendly" amendment was accepted by the originator and seconder.**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.**

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**Approval of Resolution**

**By Mr. Lamana**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a Resolution ordering and calling special elections to be held in Consolidated School District No. 1 of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, on April 6, 2013, to renew the levy and collection of special taxes therein; making application to the State Bond Commission; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

**Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.**

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**Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement**

**By Mr. Freeman**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Louisiana Department of Education and Scotlandville Magnet High School.

**Seconded by Ms. Lee**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.**

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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**