

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

**THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 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 seventeenth day of March, 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; Mrs. 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. Diane Atkins, Associate Superintendent for Instructional Support Services; Ms. Catherine Fletcher, Chief Business Operations Officer; Mr. James Crochet, Chief Financial Officer; 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, 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.

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Associate Pastor Brad Franklin, First United Methodist Church, gave the invocation. Cadet Sergeant First Class Matthew Chilastri, Woodlawn High School, and Lt. Colonel (Retired) William Peoples, Senior Army Instructor, led the pledge of allegiance.

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**Approval of School Board Minutes of February 17, 2011, School Board meeting, March 1, 2011, Special School Board meeting, and March 1, 2011, Committee of the Whole meeting**

**By Mr. Tatman**

Resolved, that, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board meeting of February 17, 2011, School Board meeting, March 1, 2011, Special School Board meeting, and March 1, 2011, Committee of the Whole meeting, be dispensed with and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

**Seconded by Mr. Smith**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)**

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**Approval of Personnel Changes Since School Board Meeting of February 17, 2011**

**By Mr. Smith**

Resolved, that, the changes in personnel since the School Board Meeting of February 17, 2011, 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. Lee was absent.)**

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**Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming March 21-25, 2011, as "Attendance Awareness Week"**

**By Ms. Lee**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt a resolution proclaiming March 21-25, 2011, as "Attendance Awareness Week." **(A copy of the Resolution has been marked "Official Copy" and placed in the files of the Board.)**

**Seconded by Mr. Lamana**

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

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**Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming April, 2011, as "School Library Media Month" and April 10-16, 2011, as "National Library Week"**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt a resolution proclaiming April, 2011, as "School Library Media Month" and April 10-16, 2011, as "National Library Week." **(A copy of the Resolution has been marked "Official Copy" and placed in the files of the Board.)**

**Seconded by Mr. Tatman**

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

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**Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

**By Ms. Dyason**

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

**Seconded by Mrs. Bernard**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Lamana was absent.)**

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

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

Acceptance of the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, in the matter of Nadine Joseph on behalf of her minor son, Joseph Chambers, v. Tara High School and EBRPSB, Suit No.: 564,273, Section 24, 19th JDC, Parish of East Baton Rouge.

Authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications, and make the award of a contract for the Abatement/Demolition of the old Winbourne Elementary School and the construction of the main drive with a monument sign for the new Winbourne Elementary School, or reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law; Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 38; Chapter 10.

Authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications, and make the award of contracts for the 2010 Qualified School Construction Bonds Projects at the locations specified and funded from the Qualified School Construction Bonds, or reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law; Louisiana Revised Statutes; Title 38, Chapter 10.

Approval for staff/consultant to collect administrative fee proposals from medical administrative services organizations and conduct a network discount analysis.

Approval of the following grants under \$50,000.00: a) National Education Association (NEA) Learning and Leadership Grant in the amount of \$2,000.00, (Recipient: Ms. Christina Faulk, Mathematics/Algebra Teacher at McKinley High School); b) Greater Baton Rouge Area Realtors Association (GBRAR) Teacher Grants in the amount of \$3,000.00, (\$1,000.00/each), (Recipients: Ms. Phyllis Cisneros and Crystal Lange, Fourth Grade Teachers at Brownfields Elementary School, Earlisha Whitfield, Third Grade Teacher at Ryan Elementary School, and Jennifer Dobbs, Pre-K Teacher at Westdale Heights Academic Magnet); and c) Target Field Trip Grant in the amount of \$700.00, (Recipient: Mr. Mark Zweig, Science Teacher at Glasgow Middle School).

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**END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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**Adopt a Resolution for the Purpose of Levying Millages**

**By Mr. Smith**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt the Resolution, as required by law, for the Office of the Assessor no later than June 1, 2011, for the purpose of levying millages effective on the 2011 Assessment Roll.

**Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

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

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

**Nays: (1) Mr. Arbour**

**Abstained: (0) None**

**Absent: (1) Mr. Lamana**

**The motion was adopted.**

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**Approval of to Submit an Application for a Grant**

**By Mr. Arbour**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give approval to submit an application for the High Performance School Initiative Competitive 1003(g) Grant for eight (8) eligible East Baton Rouge Parish Schools.

**Seconded by Ms. Lee**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Lamana was absent.)**

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**Approval of New Job Description**

**By Mr. Smith**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a new job description for Executive Director for School Turnaround and Charter Schools.

**Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

**Discussion followed.**

**A substitute motion was offered.**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a new job description for Executive Director for School Turnaround and Charter School but eliminate any "Essential Duties and Responsibilities" job description items that pertain to "collective bargaining".

**Seconded by Mrs. Ware-Jackson**

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

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

**Nays: (1)**                      **Mr. Smith**

**Abstained: (0)**              **None**

**Absent: (1)**                  **Mr. Lamana**

**The substitute motion passed.**

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**Approval of a Resolution**

**By Mr. Arbour**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a Resolution regarding a Reduction in Force.

**Seconded by Ms. Lee**

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

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

**Nays: (1)**                      **Mr. Freeman**

**Abstained: (0)      None**

**Absent: (1)        Mr. Lamana**

**The motion passed.**

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**Affirmation of Student Expulsions**

The parent of the student from Istrouma High School submitted a written statement withdrawing the request for a hearing before the School Board regarding her child's expulsion. Consequently, the expulsion is affirmed.

The parent of the student from Capitol Middle School submitted a written statement withdrawing the request for a hearing before the School Board regarding her child's expulsion. Consequently, the expulsion is affirmed.

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

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**John L. Dilworth**  
**Secretary/Treasurer to the Board**