

**EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2013

5:00 P.M.

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole met at the School Board Office at 1050 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 5:00 p.m. on the seventh day of March 2013, in regular-session convened. The Vice President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mr. Tarvald A. Smith, Vice President; 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 Mrs. Evelyn Ware-Jackson.

Others present: Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr., Superintendent; Mr. Marvin Trotter, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent for Parent/Community Engagement; 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 Student 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; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

School Board Member, Mr. Lamana, gave the invocation. School Board Member, Mrs. Freiberg, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Personnel Services

The following items were presented to the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole by the Superintendent and staff:

Non-renewal of administrative contracts were presented for information only and no discussion took place.

Salary Schedule Change

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: a salary schedule for the following: principals, assistant principals, teachers, and curriculum support staff.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

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 Ms. Ware-Jackson
Nays: (0)	None
Abstained: (1)	Dr. Nelson-Smith
Absent: (0)	None

The motion was favorably recommended to the full Board.

School Operations

The following items were presented to the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole by the Superintendent and staff:

Accept Low Bids and Award Contract

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bids meeting specifications, and make the award of a contract for the relocation and setup of seventeen (17) modular buildings from Lee High 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.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of all the members.

Finance

The following items were presented to the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole by the Superintendent and staff:

Contract

By Mr. Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Mercer/Express Scripts Pharmacy contract for the period of 02/01/13 through 02/01/16.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, and Dr. Nelson-Smith were absent.)

Employee Benefit Coverage

By Mr. Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of staff's recommendation for Lincoln Financial Group to provide 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.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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| Yeas: (8) | Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson |
| Nays: (0) | None |
| Abstained: (1) | Ms. Lee |
| Absent: (2) | Ms. Dyason and Dr. Nelson-Smith |

The motion was favorably recommended to the full Board.

Instructional/Pupil Services Items

The following items were presented to the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole by the Superintendent and staff:

Grant

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: The Quality Science and Math Grants in the amount of \$4,800.00. (Recipients: Lai T. Coa, Teacher at Baton Rouge Magnet High School, \$746.00; Angela Delaroderi, Teacher at Shenandoah Elementary School, \$750.00; Louisa Hodges, Teacher at Claiborne Elementary School, \$750.00; Lauren Hutchinson, Teacher at Woodlawn Middle School, \$712.00; Emily Jackson, Teacher at Glen Oaks High School, \$743.00; Maria Shingleton, Teacher at Villa del Rey Elementary School, \$400.00; and Mark Zweig, Teacher at Glasgow Middle School, \$699.00).

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith was absent.)

Magnet Program at Lee High School

By Mr. Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the implementation of a magnet program at Lee High School for the 2013-2014 school year.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mrs. Freiberg

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby refer the following item to the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board without a recommendation: approval of the implementation of a magnet program at Lee High School for the 2013-2014 school year.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith was absent.)

2013-2014 School Year Calendar

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the proposed 2013-2014 School Year Calendar.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith was absent.)

Other Items

The following items were presented to the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole by the Superintendent and staff:

Contract with LRG Prep, L.L.C.

By Mr. Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby refer the following item to the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board without a recommendation: authorization to finalize and execute a licensing contract for schools with LRG Prep, L.L.C.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith was absent.)

There being no further business, the Committee of the Whole adjourned by acclamation.

**Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer
to the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board
Committee of the Whole**