

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2015

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 sixth day of August 2015, in regular-session convened. The Vice President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mrs. Barbara Freiberg, Vice President; Mr. David Tatman, President; Mr. Mark Bellue; Mrs. Connie Bernard; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; Mr. Tarvald A. Smith; and Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson.

Others present were: H. Warren Drake, Jr., Superintendent; Dr. Michelle Clayton, Deputy Superintendent for Support Services; Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel; Ms. Adonica Pelichet-Duggan, Chief of Communication and Public Relations; Ms. Catherine Fletcher, Chief Business Operations Officer; Ms. Millie Williams, Chief Officer of Human Resources; Mr. Gary Reese, Chief of Student Support Services; and Mr. Adam Smith, Associate Superintendent of Academics.

School Board Member Evelyn Ware-Jackson gave the invocation. School Board Member Connie Bernard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Grant

By Mr. Smith

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Project Lead the Way Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the implementation of a PLTW engineering program at Capitol Middle School.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Bellue and Ms. Lee were absent.)

Grant

By Ms. Ware-Jackson

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: acceptance of the Farm to Family Consumer Science Grant with its Seed Change Initiative for the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Park Forest Middle School and teacher, Margo Williams.

Seconded by President Tatman

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Bellue and Ms. Lee were absent.)

Grant

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: acceptance of the Farm to Forever – Sustaining F2S Programs Grant for the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board with its Seed Change Initiative in the amount of \$5,000.00: a) Baton Rouge Foreign Language Immersion Magnet (BR FLAIM) (\$2,500.00), and b) The Dufrocq School (\$2,500.00), to sustain experiential learning activities in conjunction with school gardens.

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Bellue and Ms. Lee were absent.)

Grant

By Dr. Nelson-Smith

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: acceptance of the Kelly Gene Cook, Sr. Charitable Foundation, Inc., Deborah Rochelle Teacher Grant for the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board in the amount of \$14,290.00 to fund instructional, research-based projects providing direct instruction to students and to teachers at the following schools: a) Crestworth Elementary – Kacey Jackson (\$2,185.00); b) Scotlandville Magnet High – Lisa Nichols (\$3,500.00); c) Shenandoah Elementary – Erica Garrison (\$1,810.00) and Kathrin McGregor (3,300); and d) Westdale Heights Academic Magnet – Ellen Rayner (\$3,495.00).

Seconded by Mr. Smith

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Bellue and Ms. Lee were absent.)

Contract Renewal

By Ms. Dyason

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to renew a professional services contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Soliant Health in the amount of \$75,000.00 to provide audio-logical testing services to eligible students with disabilities. (Funding Source: General Fund).

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Bellue and Ms. Lee were absent.)

Mr. Bellue arrived for the meeting.

Membership Renewal

By President Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to renew the district’s 2015-2016 membership with the Louisiana Resource Center for Educators in the amount of \$26,950.00. (Funding Source: General Fund).

Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

Professional Services Contract Renewal

By Ms. Ware-Jackson

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to renew a professional services contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) for the period July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, for the following programs: a) EveryBody Reads - \$30,000.00; b) EveryOne Counts - \$10,000.00; c) Partners in Education - \$47,000.00; and d) General School Volunteers - \$25,000.00 for a total amount of \$112,000.00. (Funding Sources: General Fund and Title I).

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

Professional Services Contract Renewal

By President Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to renew a professional services contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Career Compass in the amount of \$75,000.00 per school year to provide consulting services to ten (10) schools. (Funding Source: General Fund).

Seconded by Mr. Bellue

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

Professional Services Contract Renewal

By Ms. Ware-Jackson

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to renew a professional services contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and City Year in an amount not to exceed \$716,800.00 to support the full-time service of six (6) teams of 64 AmeriCorps members to implement the Whole School, Whole Child Model in six (6) schools. (Funding Source: Education Excellence Fund and Title I).

Seconded by President Tatman

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

Professional Services Contract Renewal

By Mr. Smith

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to renew a professional services contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Big Buddy in the amount of \$70,225.00 to provide academic and enrichment services for Highland and Villa del Rey Elementary School students. (Funding Source: 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant).

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

By President Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Louisiana State University to implement a dual enrollment program. (Funding Source: Supplemental Course Allocation State Funds).

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

By President Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Baton Rouge Community College to implement a dual enrollment program. (Funding Source: Supplemental Course Allocation State Funds).

Seconded by Mr. Smith

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Southeastern Louisiana University to implement a dual enrollment program. (Funding Source: Supplemental Course Allocation State Funds).

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

Budgets

By President Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Proposed 2015-2016 Pre -K Early Childhood Community Networks – Cohort 2 Childcare and Development Fund (CCDF) and Cohort 2 State Budgets.

Seconded by Mr. Bellue

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

Budget

By President Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Proposed 2015-2016 Advanced Placement Test Fee Program Budget.

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

Budget

By Ms. Ware-Jackson

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Proposed 2015-2016 Community Network Childcare Classroom Expansion Budget.

Seconded by Mr. Bellue

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

Budget

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Proposed 2015-2016 Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) Budget.

Seconded by President Tatman

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

Budget

By President Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Proposed 2015-2016 21st Century Community Learning Centers Budget.

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

Professional Services Contract

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a professional services contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Dr. David K. Lerch Educational Consulting, Inc., to write a grant for the district for the upcoming 2016-2019 Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) cycle. (Funding Source: Magnet Funds/General Fund – Travel and Related Expenses and Contingency Fee if district is awarded the grant).

Seconded by President Tatman

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

Cooperative Agreement

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a Cooperative Agreement between the East Baton

Rouge Parish School Board and Capital Area Human Services District to provide behavioral health services and/or training.

Seconded by President Tatman

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mr. Smith

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 until staff provides additional information:** approval of a Cooperative Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Capital Area Human Services District to provide behavioral health services and/or training.

Seconded by President Tatman

Discussion continued.

The following "friendly amendment" was offered by Ms. Ware-Jackson and accepted by the originator and seconder.

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 until staff provides additional information:** approval of a Cooperative Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Capital Area Human Services District to provide behavioral health services and/or training. All services are to continue until the re-evaluation is completed and brought before the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board.

Approved for referral to the Board without a recommendation by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

Cooperative Agreement

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a Cooperative Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and East Baton Rouge Truancy Assessment Inc., and related budget for the Elementary School TASC program.

Seconded by President Tatman

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

Agreements

By Mr. Bellue

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Louisiana Department of Education’s Data Sharing Agreements for the following: a) Pacific Metrics; b) Computer Aid, Inc.; and c) Red e Set Grow, LLC.

Seconded by President Tatman

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

Memorandum of Agreement Renewal

By Dr. Nelson-Smith

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to renew a Memorandum of Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and AMIkids Baton Rouge, Inc., the attached resolution, and to provide for related matters. (Funding Source: General Fund).

Seconded by Mr. Bellue

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

Professional Services Contract Renewal

By President Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to renew a professional services contract with F.A. Richard and Associates (FARA) to provide Third Party Administrative Services, effective October 1, 2015, and to provide for related matters.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

Cooperative Endeavor Agreement

By Mr. Smith

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and the State of Louisiana to authorize the receipt of Capital Outlay funding to assist with the renovation of Istrouma High School.

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Lee was absent.)

Ms. Lee arrived for the meeting.

Policy IDE Revision

By Mr. Bellue

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to revise School Board Policy IDE regarding eligibility requirements for participation in extracurricular activities.

Seconded by President Tatman

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

Settlement of a Law Suit


By President Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby accept the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, in the matter of: Desiree Felton, Individually and/on behalf of Jane Doe vs. EBRPSB and Donald Bordelon; Suit No.: 618,467; Section 22; 19th JDC; Parish of East Baton Rouge.

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

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

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



H. Warren Drake, Jr.
Secretary/Treasurer to the East Baton
Rouge Parish School Board
Committee of the Whole