

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

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 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 fifth day of September 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; and Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson. Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith was absent.

Others present were: Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr., Superintendent; Mr. Michael Hagen, Deputy Superintendent for Innovation and Reform; Ms. Diane Atkins, Associate Superintendent for Instructional Support and Pupil Services; Mr. Carlos Sam, Associate Superintendent; Dr. Herman Brister, Associate Superintendent for Student Support Services; Ms. Catherine Fletcher, Chief Business Operations 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.

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School Board Member, Randy Lamana, gave the invocation. School Board Member, Craig Freeman, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Recommendations from the BRMH School Foundation's Naming Committee**

**By Mr. Tatman**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the recommendations from the Baton Rouge Magnet High School Foundation's Naming Committee.

**Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

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

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**Professional Services 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 professional services agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Teach for America. (Funding Source: General Fund for a total amount of \$24,000.00, and Title I for a total amount of \$12,000.00).

**Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

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

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**Request to Accept Items #2, #3, #4 and #5 In Globo**

**By Mr. Arbour**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby take up Items #2, #3, #4, and #5 *in globo*.

**Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

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

- Yeas: (9)**                    **Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Vice President Smith, President Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson**
- Nays: (1)**                    **Ms. Lee**
- Abstained: (0)**            **None**
- Absent: (1)**                **Dr. Nelson-Smith**

**The motion passed.**

**Items #2, #3, #4, and #5 In Globo**

**By Mr. Arbour**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following items *In Globo*:

- Item #2:**    approval of the McKinney-Vento Title X Budget
- Item #3:**    approval of the renewal of a software licensing agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Media -X Systems (eWalk). (Funding Source: General Fund for a total amount of \$35,100.00)

**Item #4:** approval of the renewal of a licensing agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and eSchool Solutions. (Funding Source: General Fund for a total amount of \$21,619.50)

**Item #5:** approval of a new contract for professional services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Home Health Care 2000 for a one-year term, with the option to renew the contract for one additional year if services are warranted. (Funding Source: IDEA for an amount not to exceed \$58,240.00)

**Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

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

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**Request to Accept Items #6, #7, #8 and #9 In Globo**

**By Mr. Arbour**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby take up Items #6, #7, #8, and #9 *in globo*.

**Seconded by Mrs. Bernard**

**Being no objection, the motion passed.**

**Items #6, #7, #8, and #9 In Globo**

**By Mr. Arbour**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following items *In Globo*:

**Item #6:** approval of a new contract for professional services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Soliant Health for the provision of audio-logical services for at-risk students and students with disabilities for a one-year term, with the option to renew the contract for one additional year if services are warranted. (Funding Source: General Fund for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00).

**Item #7:** approval of the renewal of a contract for professional services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Pediatric Services of America, Inc. for nursing services for medically-fragile students' Individual Education Plans for a one-year term, with the option to renew the contract for one additional year if services are warranted. (Funding Source: IDEA-Part B for an amount not to exceed \$240,000.00).

**Item #8:** approval of the renewal of a contract for professional services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and the Deaf Resources Center of Greater Baton Rouge, LLC for the provision of sign language and interpreting to deaf and hard of hearing students with and without disabilities for a one-year term,

with the option to renew the contract for one additional year if services are warranted. (Funding Source: IDEA-Part B for a total amount of \$25,000.00).

**Item #9:** approval of the renewal of a contract for professional services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Healing Hands Home Health for the provision of nursing services identified for medically-fragile students' Individual Education Plans for a one-year term, with the option to renew the contract for one additional year if services are warranted. (Funding Source: IDEA-Part B for an amount not to exceed \$98,000.00).

**Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

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

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### **One-Year Membership**

**By Mr. Arbour**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a one-year membership with the Louisiana Resource Center for Educators. (Funding Source: HEAP Grant for a total amount of \$26,250.00).

**Seconded by Ms. Dyason**

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

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### **Membership Renewals**

**By Mr. Arbour**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of membership renewals with the following organizations:

- 12-a. Louisiana School Boards Association - \$28,063.00
- 12-b. CUBE/National Connection - \$14,425.00
- 12-c. Council of the Great City Schools - \$36,123.00

**Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg**

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

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**Request to Accept Items #13 and #14 In Globo**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby take up Items #13 and #14 *in globo*.

**Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg**

**Being no objection, the motion passed.**

**Items #13 and #14 In Globo**

**By Mr. Arbour**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following items *In Globo*:

**Item #13:** acceptance of the Title IV No Child Left Behind 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant in the amount of \$1,980,000.00 (\$660,000.00 per year for three years). Recipients: Highland Elementary, Villa del Rey Elementary, and Scotlandville Middle Pre-Engineering Academy.

**Item #14:** acceptance of the Kinder Morgan Foundation Grant in the amount of \$3,548.00. Recipient: Forest Heights Academy of Excellence – Susan Chernetz.

**Seconded by Mr. Freeman**

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

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

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