

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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 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 first day of October 2015, in regular-session convened. The Vice President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mrs. Barbara Freiberg, Vice President; Mr. Mark Bellue; Mrs. Connie Bernard; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Mr. Tarvald A. Smith; and Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson. Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith and Mr. David Tatman, President, were absent.

Others present were: H. Warren Drake, Jr., Superintendent; Dr. Michelle Clayton, Deputy Superintendent; 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.

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School Board Member Evelyn Ware-Jackson gave the invocation. School Board Member Mark Bellue 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:**

**Renew a 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 to renew a professional services contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Reliance Communications for its SchoolMessenger services in the amount of \$47,250.00. (Funding Source: General Fund, DTS)

**Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson**

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

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**Renewal of a Contract**

**By Ms. Lee**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to renew a contract between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and the EBR City Parish Government in the amount of \$134,110.00 to provide adult education classes for inmates at the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison from January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016. (Funding Source: City Parish Grant).

**Seconded by Mr. Bellue**

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

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**Renewal of a Professional Services Contract**

**By Mr. Bellue**

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 Education Foundations, LLC, in the amount of \$16,000.00 for equitable services for remediation for the 2015-2016 school year. (Funding Source: Title I – Non-public)

**Seconded by Mr. Smith**

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

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**Renewal of a Professional Services Contract**

**By Ms. Lee**

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 School Leadership Center of Greater New Orleans, in the amount of \$12,100.00 for coaching, mentoring, and leadership development. (Funding Source: Title II-Non-public)

**Seconded by Mr. Bellue**

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

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**Contract**

**By Mr. Smith**

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 Soliant Health in the amount of \$12,500.00 for orientation and mobility evaluation and training to visually impaired students in the district. (Funding Source: IDEA-Part B).

**Seconded by Ms. Lee**

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

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**Consulting Contract**

**By Ms. Lee**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a consulting contract with DiStefano & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$75,000.00. This consulting contract is to provide training, leadership, support, and professional development for the Montessori Program. (Funding Source: Magnet).

**Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson**

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

- Yeas: (6)                    Mr. Bellue, Ms. Dyason, Vice President Freiberg, Ms. Lee, Mr. Smith, and Ms. Ware-Jackson**
- Nays: (0)                    None**
- Abstained: (1)            Mrs. Bernard**
- Absent: (2)                Dr. Nelson-Smith and President Tatman**

**The motion was favorably recommended to the full Board.**

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**Revised Job Description**

**By Ms. Ware-Jackson**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to revise the following job description: Magnet Lead Teacher to Magnet Site Coordinator.

**Seconded by Mr. Bellue**

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

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**Job Description**

**By Ms. Lee**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the following job description: Truancy Officer.

**Seconded by Mr. Smith**

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

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**Job Description**

**By Mr. Smith**

Superintendent Drake requested the following item be deleted from the agenda: Approval of a job description for Executive Director for Counseling and Intervention.

**Seconded by Ms. Lee**

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

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**Contract Extension**

**By Mr. Smith**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a contract extension between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and ARAMARK Management Services Limited Partnership to provide management services for custodial and facility maintenance for sixteen (16) months beginning March 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017.

**Seconded by Mr. Bellue**

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

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**Grants**

**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 Arizona State University Innovation through Design Thinking Program Grant (iDT) for the following schools: (a). Twenty thousand dollar (\$20,000.00) and fifty (50) mobile devices from the Verizon Foundation from September 4, 2015, through September 4, 2016, for McKinley High School educators to learn how to teach design-thinking, innovation, entrepreneurship, and STEM skills; (b). Twenty thousand dollar (\$20,000.00) and ten (10) mobile devices from the Verizon Foundation from September 4, 2015, through September 4, 2016, for Scotlandville Magnet High School educators to learn how to teach design-thinking, innovation, entrepreneurship, and STEM skills.

**Seconded by Mr. Smith**

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

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**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 between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and the Recovery School District of Louisiana regarding the return of Istrouma High School and related matters.

**Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson**

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

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**Settlement of a Law Suit**

**By Mr. Bellue**

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: Carlton Keller vs. Berkley Ins. Co., EBRPSS, Cynthia M. Anderson and USAA, Suit No.: 629,054; Section: 27; 19th JDC.

**Seconded by Mr. Smith**

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

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

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