

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 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 third day of August 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 Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson.

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.

School Board Vice-President, Tarvald Smith, asked for a moment of silence. School Board Member, Jerry Arbour, 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:

Advertise, Accept the Low Bid Meeting Specifications and Make the Award of a Contract

By President Tatman

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 bid meeting specifications and make the award of a contract for the Lee High School Project, 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. Freiberg

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mr. Arbour

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 bids received and refer to the full board for approval of the contract in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law; Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 38; Chapter 10.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

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

The substitute motion was favorably recommended to the full Board.

Renewal of Contract

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the AlwaysCare contract renewal for voluntary, fully-insured dental and vision insurance for a period of January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2015.

Seconded by President Tatman

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (10)	Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Vice President Smith, President 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.

Professional Services Agreement

By Mr. Lamana

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 Board and the Intercultural Development Research Association regarding external evaluation services for the English as a Second Language (ESL) program in the amount of \$25,000.00. (Funding Source: Title III).

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

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

School Name Changes

By Mr. Freeman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to submit the following school name changes to the Louisiana Department of Education, in compliance with Board policy for naming schools:

- North Banks Middle School (formerly Banks Elementary)
- East Baton Rouge Readiness Superintendent’s Academy (formerly Valley Park)
- Christa McAuliffe Superintendent’s Academy (formerly Christa McAuliffe Center)
- Staring Superintendent’s Academy (formerly Staring Education Center)
- Eden Park Superintendent’s Academy (formerly Mohican Center)
- Beechwood Superintendent’s Academy (formerly Scotlandville Middle Magnet)
- Northdale Superintendent’s Academy (formerly Northdale Magnet Academy)

Seconded by President Tatman

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 to submit the following school name changes to the Louisiana Department of Education, in compliance with Board policy for naming schools:

- North Banks Middle School (formerly Banks Elementary)
- East Baton Rouge Readiness Superintendent’s Academy (formerly Valley Park)
- Christa McAuliffe Superintendent’s Academy (formerly Christa McAuliffe Center)
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- Eden Park Superintendent’s Academy (formerly Mohican Center)
- Beechwood Superintendent’s Academy (formerly Scotlandville Middle Magnet)
- Northdale Superintendent’s Academy (formerly Northdale Magnet Academy)

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Approved for referral to the Board without a recommendation by a vote of all the members.

Request to Accept Items #5, #6, and #7 In Globo

By Mrs. Freiberg

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby take up Items #5, #6, and #7 *in globo*.

Being no objection, the motion passed.

Items #5, #6, and #7 In Globo

By Mrs. Freiberg

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

- Item #5:** approval of the Education Excellence Fund (EEF) Application to expend and/or withdraw project funds from the EEF account to support the following areas: assessment and curriculum, school and teacher collaboration, observation and feedback, instructional technology, and leader and teacher goal-setting.
- Item #6:** approval of the Cecil Picard LA 4 Early Childhood Grant in the amount of \$4,946,400.00.
- Item #7:** approval of the National FFA Foundation Living to Serve: Environmental Grant in the amount of \$2,000.00. (Recipient: Milton Wall – Northeast High School)

Seconded by Mr. Freeman and President Tatman

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

Executive Session

By Ms. Ware-Jackson

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish Committee of the Whole does hereby go into Executive Session under the provisions of L.R.S. 42:17(A) (2).

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

Unanimously adopted by vote of the members present.

The East Baton Rouge Parish Committee of the Whole came out of Executive Session and reconvened. No action was taken in the Executive Session.

Litigation and File Any Claims on Behalf of the School Board

By President Tatman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of litigation and a request from the Board's General Counsel to file any claims on behalf of the School Board in the matter of the cross claim filed by MAPP Construction, LLC, in the matter of Bernhard Mechanical Contractors, Inc. v. MAPP Construction, LLC, et al, Suit No. 615,513, Sec. 26; 19th JDC, and to pursue and file any claims against Chenevert Architects and Remson-Haley-Herpin Architects, APAC, a Joint Venture, LLC, and their insurers arising out of the construction of Baton Rouge Magnet High School.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason 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**