

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2013

5:40 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 5:40 p.m. on the seventh day of November 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. 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, and Mr. David Tatman, President, were 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.

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

Audit Results for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System financial audit results for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

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

Settlement of a Law Suit

By Mrs. Freiberg

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: Phong Tran and Kim Tran Individually and on behalf of their minor daughter, Vanessa Tran v. Linda Bell Thompson, EBRPSB (for EBRPSS), ABC Insurance Company and DEF Insurance Company; Suit No.: 570,003, Section 27, 19th JDC, Parish of East Baton Rouge.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

Discussion followed.

The following motion was made.

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby go into Executive Session under the provisions of L.R.S. 42:17(A)(2) to discuss the following case: Phong Tran and Kim Tran Individually and on behalf of their minor daughter, Vanessa Tran v. Linda Bell Thompson, EBRPSB (for EBRPSS), ABC Insurance Company and DEF Insurance Company; Suit No.: 570,003, Section 27, 19th JDC, Parish of East Baton Rouge.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Discussion continued.

Mr. Arbour withdrew his motion and made the following substitute motion.

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby send the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, to the full Board without a recommendation in the matter of: Phong Tran and Kim Tran Individually and on behalf of their minor daughter, Vanessa Tran v. Linda Bell Thompson, EBRPSB (for EBRPSS), ABC Insurance Company and DEF Insurance Company; Suit No.: 570,003, Section 27, 19th JDC, Parish of East Baton Rouge.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Approved for referral to the Board without a recommendation by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Nelson-Smith and President Tatman were absent.)

Advertise, Accept Low Bid, and Award Contract

By Ms. Ware-Jackson

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 Classroom Renovations and Additions at Scotlandville High School; Classroom Improvements at Baton Rouge Prep; Classroom Improvements at Polk Elementary School, Glen Oaks High School, and University Terrace Elementary 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. Freiberg

Discussion followed.

The following friendly amendment was made by Ms. Dyason and accepted by the maker and seconder.

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 Classroom Renovations and Additions at Scotlandville High School; Classroom Improvements at Baton Rouge Prep; Classroom Improvements at Glen Oaks 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.

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

Advertise, Accept Low Bid, and Award Contract

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby send the following item to the full Board without a recommendation: authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications and make the award of a contract for the Classroom Renovations and Additions at Polk Elementary School, and University Terrace Elementary 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 Ms. Dyason

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby send the following item to the full Board without a recommendation: authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications and make the award of a contract for the Classroom Renovations and Additions at Polk Elementary School, and University Terrace Elementary 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. The awarding of the contract will be conditioned upon the Board approving the transfer from Baton Rouge FLAIM to Polk Elementary School and from Polk Elementary School to University Terrace Elementary School.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

Yeas: (8) **Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Vice President Smith, and Ms. Ware-Jackson**

Nays: (1) **Mrs. Bernard**

Abstained: (0) **None**

Absent: (2) **Dr. Nelson-Smith and President Tatman**

The substitute motion was referred to the full Board without a recommended.

Budgets

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following budgets: approval of the Proposed 2013-2014 Adult Education Local Budget, and the Preliminary Actual Semi-Annual 2012-2013 Financial Tax Plan update and Proposed 2013-2014 Tax Plan Budgets for Propositions 1, 2, and 3.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

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

Contracts

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following contracts: approval of School Leadership Center of Greater New Orleans to implement a multi-phase one-year Discovery Walks Program designed to improve instruction by supporting the Diocese of Baton Rouge schools for an amount of \$35,000.00. (Funding Source: Title II Diocese of Baton Rouge for 2013-2014), and City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana to provide adult education classes at the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison for an amount of \$114,000.00. (Funding Source: City Parish Grant).

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.)

Contract

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a request to authorize the Superintendent and General Counsel to negotiate and execute a contract for Computer Assisted Policy Service (CAPS) with Forethought Consulting and related matters.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

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

Policy Updates

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the following School Board policy updates: ABCDA, AE, BBBC, BCB, DFD, EBBC, EBC, EE, EGA, EGAA, GAMJ, GBN, IDDF, IDE, IDFA, IKDC, JCDAF, JGC, II.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

Discussion continued.

The following friendly amendment was made by Ms. Dyason and accepted by the maker and seconder.

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the following School Board policy updates with the exception of Policy BCB: ABCDA, AE, BBBC, DFD, EBBC, EBC, EE, EGA, EGAA, GAMJ, GBN, IDDF, IDE, IDFA, IKDC, JCDAF, JGC, II.

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

Policy BCB Updates

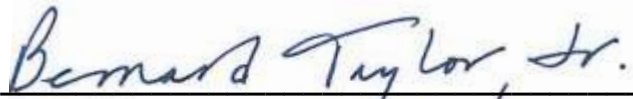
By Mrs. Freiberg

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby send the following item to the full Board without a favorable recommendation: approval of School Board Policy BCB updates.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

Approved for referral to the Board without a recommendation by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Arbour, Dr. Nelson-Smith and President Tatman were absent.)

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bernard Taylor, Jr." is positioned above a horizontal line.

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