

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 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 December 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; Mr. Craig Freeman; Mr. Randy Lamana; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; and Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson. Ms. Jill C. Dyason and Mrs. Barbara Freiberg 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.

School Board Member, Randy Lamana, gave the invocation. School Board Member, Evelyn Ware-Jackson, 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:

Request for Proposal (RFP)

By Mr. Freeman

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 Improvements at Polk 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 President Tatman

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (6) **Mr. Freeman, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Vice President Smith, President Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson**

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

Abstained: (2) **Mr. Arbour and Mr. Lamana**

Absent: (2) **Ms. Dyason and Mrs. Freiberg**

The motion was favorably recommended.

Request for Proposal (RFP)

By Mr. Freeman

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 anticipated Classroom Improvements at Brookstown Elementary, 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 President Tatman

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (7) **Mr. Freeman, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Vice President Smith, President Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson**

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

Abstained: (1) **Mr. Arbour**

Absent: (2) **Ms. Dyason and Mrs. Freiberg**

The motion was favorably recommended.

Approval of Budget

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Proposed 2013-2014 Safe and Supportive Schools Budget.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason and Mrs. Freiberg were absent.)

Approval of 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) for dual enrollment between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and Baton Rouge Community College.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason and Mrs. Freiberg were absent.)

Approval to Accept a Donation of Cosmetology Equipment and Supplies

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to accept a donation of cosmetology equipment and supplies.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason and Mrs. Freiberg were absent.)

Request for Proposal (RFP)

By Mr. Freeman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorize the administration to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to federally-qualified health centers for the provision of mental health services, inclusive of psychiatric social work and case management, for students enrolled in a pilot group of elementary, middle, high, and alternative schools.

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason and Mrs. Freiberg were absent.)

Acceptance of Grant

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: acceptance of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) Farm to School Planning Grant in the amount of \$44,999.99.

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

Favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason and Mrs. Freiberg were absent.)

Authorization for Staff to Provide a One-Time Supplement of \$300 to Eligible Employees

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: authorization for staff to provide a one-time supplement of \$300.00 to all eligible employees, not receiving the one-time stipend for certificated classroom teachers as required by the 2013 Regular Legislative Session regarding the 2.75% increase in the Minimum Foundation Program.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

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 that a Special School Board meeting be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. to vote on the following item: authorization for staff to provide a one-time supplement of \$300.00 to all eligible employees, not receiving the one-time stipend for certificated classroom teachers as required by the 2013 Regular Legislative Session regarding the 2.75% increase in the Minimum Foundation Program.

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

Discussion continued.

The substitute motion was withdrawn by the originator and seconder.

The original motion was favorably recommended to the full Board by a vote of the members present. (Ms. Dyason and Mrs. Freiberg were 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**