

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 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 first 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. Marvin Trotter, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent for Parent/Community Engagement; Mr. Michael Haggen, 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. Lizabeth Frischhertz, Chief Officer of Accountability, Assessment and Evaluation; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

School Board Member, Mr. Lamana, gave the invocation. School Board Member, Mr. 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:

Revisions to the Local Personnel Accountability Plan - Evaluators

By Mr. Arbour

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of recommended revisions to the Local Personnel Accountability Plan – Evaluators.

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

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

Revised Budget

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 2012-2013 Adult Education Local Budget Revision.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

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

Contract Renewal

By Mrs. Freiberg

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a contract renewal for professional services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) for the period of July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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| Yeas: (10) | Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson |
| Nays: (1) | Dr. Nelson-Smith |
| Abstained: (0) | None |
| Absent: (0) | None |

The motion was favorably recommended.

Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as required for the financial audit of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

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

Request for Proposals (RFP)

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of staff's recommendation of a firm selected, via a Request for Proposals (RFP), to perform GASB 45 actuarial services for the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board for the period of July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

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

Renewal Contract

By Mrs. Bernard

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a contract renewal between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Mercer for a period of two (2) years, beginning January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2015, for an amount of \$125,000.00 annually.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

The vote on the motion was as follows:

- Yeas: (7)** **Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Ms. Ware-Jackson**
- Nays: (4)** **Mr. Arbour, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, and Dr. Nelson-Smith**
- Abstained: (0)** **None**
- Absent: (0)** **None**

The motion was favorably recommended.

Grants

By Mr. Lamana

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Kelly Gene Cook Charitable Foundation's Deborah Rochelle Teacher Grants (5) in the total amount of \$16,063.00.

Seconded by Mrs. Freiberg

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

Agreement

By Mr. Freeman

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of an Interagency Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish Head Start Program and the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

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

Pupil Progression Plan of 2013-2014

By Mrs. Freiberg

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the proposed Pupil Progression Plan for 2013-2014.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mrs. Bernard

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 of the proposed Pupil Progression Plan for 2013-2014.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

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

The substitute motion was approved for referral to the Board without a recommendation.

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**