

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2015**

**5:15 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 5:15 p.m. on the second day of April 2015, in regular-session convened. The Vice President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mrs. Barbara Freiberg, Vice-President; Mr. David Tatman, President; Mr. Mark Bellue; Mrs. Connie Bernard; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; Mr. Tarvald A. Smith; and Ms. Evelyn Ware-Jackson.

Others present were: Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr., Superintendent; Mr. Michael Haggan, Deputy Superintendent for Innovation and Reform; 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.

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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:**

**Grant**

**By President Tatman**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Believe and Prepare Community of Development grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 to develop new teacher preparation programs for McKinley and Lee High Schools.

**Seconded by Ms. Ware-Jackson**

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

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**Extern Agreement**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of an Extern Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College in the amount of \$42,840.00 to employ two (2) LSU School Psychology externs to work with the I CARE department. (Funding Source: I CARE).

**Seconded by Mr. Bellue**

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

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**Professional Services**

**By Ms. Dyason**

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 ECRA Group Incorporated in the amount of \$14,019.15 to provide professional development to the Title II Non-Public School Diocese of Baton Rouge. (Funding Source: Title II 2014-15).

**Seconded by Mrs. Bernard**

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

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**Servitude Agreement**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a Servitude Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and the East Baton Rouge Sewerage Commission for a Local Services Agreement/Cooperative Endeavor. The agreement serves as an acceptance of the transfer of property ownership and temporary access of equipment for a cash offer of \$26,090.00 for city-wide and future Prescott Middle School sewer improvements.

**Seconded by President Tatman**

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

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**Third Party Evaluator**

**By Ms. Ware-Jackson**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of a Third Party Evaluator with educational, organizational, legal, and financial expertise to provide an independent evaluation of charter school applications for the 2016-2017 school year. The proposed cost of this service to be provided by New Millennium Education, LLC., is approximately \$12,000.00.

**Seconded by Mrs. Bernard**

**Discussion followed.**

**The following substitute motion was made.**

**By Ms. Dyason**

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 a Third Party Evaluator with educational, organizational, legal, and financial expertise to provide an independent evaluation of charter school applications for the 2016-2017 school year. The proposed cost of this service to be provided by New Millennium Education, LLC., is approximately \$12,000.00. Staff will seek input from incoming superintendent, Warren Drake.

**Seconded by President Tatman**

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

<b>Yeas: (5)</b>	<b>Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Vice-President Freiberg, Ms. Lee, and President Tatman</b>
<b>Nays: (1)</b>	<b>Mr. Bellue, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, and Ms. Ware-Jackson</b>
<b>Abstained: (0)</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Absent: (0)</b>	<b>None</b>

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

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**Consolidate Christa McAuliffe Superintendent’s Academy and Relocate Students**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to consolidate the Christa McAuliffe Superintendent’s Academy and relocate the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to the Northdale Superintendent’s Academy and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to the Greenville Superintendent’s Academy for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Seconded by President Tatman**

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

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**Close Wyandotte Site and Relocate Students**

**By Mr. Bellue**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to close and demolish the Wyandotte site, relocate the Greenville Alternative at Wyandotte students to the Beechwood Superintendent's Academy site, and consolidate the Beechwood Superintendent's Academy students with the Greenville Superintendent's Academy for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Seconded by Ms. Dyason**

**Discussion followed.**

**The following substitute motion was made.**

**By Ms. Ware-Jackson**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to close, but not demolish, the Wyandotte site and declare Wyandotte as a surplus property with a time-specific date to repurpose. It is also recommended that we consult with the Foundation for Historical Louisiana prior to moving forward and proceed with the movement of students as follows: relocate the Greenville Alternative at Wyandotte students to the Beechwood Superintendent's Academy site, and consolidate the Beechwood Superintendent's Academy students with the Greenville Superintendent's Academy for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Seconded by Mr. Smith**

**Discussion continued.**

**The following "friendly amendment" was offered by Ms. Dyason and accepted by the originator and seconder.**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval to close, but not demolish, the Wyandotte site and declare Wyandotte as a surplus property, have the property appraised and put out for public bid within a timeframe of 120 days. It is also recommended that we consult with the Foundation for Historical Louisiana prior to moving forward and proceed with the movement of students as follows: relocate the Greenville Alternative at Wyandotte students to the Beechwood Superintendent's Academy site, and consolidate the Beechwood Superintendent's Academy students with the Greenville Superintendent's Academy for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

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**Revised 2014-2015 General Fund Budget**

**By Mrs. Bernard**

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Committee of the Whole does hereby favorably recommend the following item: approval of the Revised 2014-2015 General Fund Budget for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

**Seconded by Mr. Smith**

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

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

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