

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

MONDAY, JULY 9, 2012

5:00 P.M.

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board met at the School Board Office at 1050 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 5:00 p.m. on the ninth day of July 2012, in special-session convened. The President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mrs. Barbara Freiberg, President; Mr. Tarvald A. Smith, Vice-President; Mr. G. Thomas "Jerry" Arbour; Mrs. Connie Bernard; Ms. Jill C. Dyason; Mr. Randy Lamana; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith; Mr. David Tatman; and Mrs. Evelyn Ware-Jackson. Mr. Craig Freeman was absent.

Others present were: Dr. Herman Brister, Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Diane Atkins, Associate Superintendent for Instructional Support Services; Ms. Catherine Fletcher, Chief Business Operations Officer; Ms. Millie Williams, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Lizabeth Frischhertz, Chief Officer of Accountability, Assessment and Evaluation; Mr. Chris Trahan, Director of Communications and Community Engagement; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

School Board Member, Randy Lamana, gave the invocation. School Board Member, Vereta Lee, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of 2013 EBRPSS Health Care Plan and Ancillary Benefit Plan

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby request Mercer Human Resources Consulting to return at a time and date to be determined and give us the options of reducing benefits, increasing co-pays, and raising premiums to keep us within our budget that we have already set for our health insurance. The Board will also have the option to choose between this information, Option #1 and Option #2. If Option #2 is not available, then so be it.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mrs. Bernard

Resolved, that the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve "Option #2" presented by Mercer Human Resources Consulting.

Discussion continued.

A "friendly amendment" was offered by Ms. Dyason.

That "Option #2" be a pilot program and a report would be presented to the Board every six (6) months. The "friendly amendment" was accepted by the maker and therefore Ms. Dyason seconded the substitute motion.

Discussion continued.

Call the Question

By Mr. Arbour

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

Yeas: (3) Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (7) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tatman

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (1) Mr. Freeman

The substitute motion failed.

The vote on the original motion was as follows:

Yeas: (9) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tatman

Nays: (1) Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (1) Mr. Freeman

The original motion passed.

Approval of Agreements

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give approval of Shared Success Agreements for the following schools: Capitol Elementary, Capitol Middle, Park Elementary, and Winbourne Elementary.

Seconded by Mr. Tatman

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Freeman was absent.)

Approval of Pilot Program to Create Gifted/Talented Openings

By Mr. Smith

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give approval of a proposal to plan and possibly implement a pilot program to create gifted/talented openings at Wildwood Elementary School as soon as feasibly possible, but no later than the 2013-2014 school year.

Seconded by Mrs. Bernard

Discussion followed.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give approval of a proposal to plan and possibly implement a pilot program to create gifted/talented openings at Wildwood Elementary School as soon as feasibly possible, but no later than the 2013-2014 school year, provided the system can identify the students this year for this program for 2013-2014 school year.

Seconded by Dr. Nelson-Smith

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

Yeas: (4) Mr. Arbour, Ms. Lee, Dr. Nelson-Smith, and Mr. Lamana

**Nays: (6) Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman
and Mrs. Ware-Jackson**

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (1) Mr. Freeman

The substitute motion failed.

Discussion continued.

The following substitute motion was made.

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give approval of a proposal to plan and possibly implement a pilot program to create gifted/talented openings at Wildwood Elementary School as soon as feasibly possible, but no later than the 2013-2014 school

year. Students must be identified by the date the MFP Report is due to the State Department of Education.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

Yeas: (4) Mr. Arbour, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (5) Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tatman

Abstained: (1) Dr. Nelson Smith

Absent: (1) Mr. Freeman

The substitute motion failed.

The vote on the original motion was as follows:

Yeas: (9) Mr. Arbour, Mrs. Bernard, Ms. Dyason, Mrs. Freiberg, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tatman, and Mrs. Ware-Jackson

Nays: (0) None

Abstained: (1) Dr. Nelson Smith

Absent: (1) Mr. Freeman

The original motion passed.

Approval of 2012-2013 Student Rights & Responsibilities Handbook

By Mr. Tatman

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the 2012-2013 Student Rights & Responsibilities Handbook and Discipline Policy.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Freeman was absent.)

Approval of Servitude Agreement

By Ms. Lee

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve 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 to accept a transfer of property ownership for the cash offer of \$30,631.00 for citywide and future Arlington Preparatory Academy sewer improvements.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Freeman was absent.)

Approval of Contracts for Professional Services

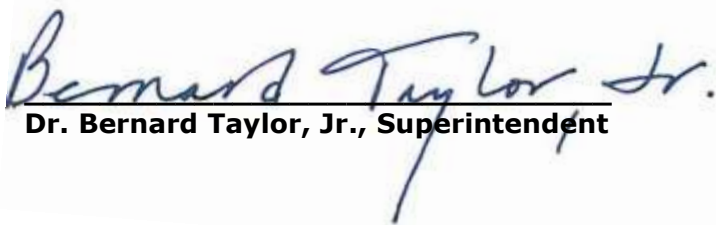
By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, that, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve contracts for professional services between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and The Great Books Foundation for the following schools: Baton Rouge Center for Visual & Performing Arts, Parkview Elementary, Twin Oaks Elementary, Westdale Heights Academic Magnet, and Westminster Elementary.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Freeman was absent.)

There being no further business, the Board adjourned by acclamation.



Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr., Superintendent