

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

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2009**

**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 this the fifteenth day of January, 2009 in regular-session convened. The President called the meeting to order with the following members present: President Mr. G. Thomas "Jerry" Arbour; Mr. Jonathan C. Augustine, Vice-President; Mr. Greg Baldwin; Mr. William P. "Bill" Black; Ms. Jill Dyason; Mr. Noel Hammatt; Mr. Randy Lamana; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Mr. Darryl Robertson; Mr. Tarvald A. Smith; Derrick W. Spell, M.D. and Mr. W. T. Winfield.

Others present were: Mrs. Charlotte D. Placide, Superintendent; Ms. Angela Lee, Special Assistant to the Superintendent; Dr. Herman Brister, Interim Chief Academic Officer and Associate Superintendent for Instructional Support Services; Ms. Catherine Fletcher, Chief Business Operations Officer; Mr. James Crochet, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Paula Fabre, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area I; Ms. Katie Blunski, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area II; Mr. Emmanuel Caulk, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area III; Ms. Paula Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area IV; Dr. Liz Duran Swinford, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources; Ms. Millie Williams, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Lizabeth Frischhertz, Chief Officer of Accountability, Assessment and Evaluation; Mr. Jesse Noble, Chief Technology Officer; Mr. Carlos Sam, Director of Magnet Programs; Mr. Lee Dixon, Director of Exceptional Student Services; Mr. Richard Capps, Administrative Director of Federal Programs; Mr. Chris Trahan, Director of Communications and Community Engagement; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

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Ms. Angela Lee gave the invocation. JROTC Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Hope R. Williams, Tara High School and Major (U.S. Army Retired) Leslie G. Martin Sr., Senior Army Instructor, led the pledge of allegiance.

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**Election of President**

Mr. G. Thomas "Jerry" Arbour, President, opened the floor for nominations for President of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board.

**Mr. Winfield nominated Mr. Arbour.**

**Mr. Robertson nominated Mr. Hammatt.**

**A motion by Mr. Lamana and seconded by Mr. Winfield to close the proceedings was approved.**

**The vote was as follows:**

**Mr. Arbour: (9)**

**Mr. Arbour, Mr. Augustine, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Black, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Dr. Spell and Mr. Winfield**

**Mr. Hammatt: (3)**

**Mr. Hammatt, Mr. Robertson and Mr. Smith**

**Abstained: (0)**

**None**

**Absent: (0)**

**None**

Mr. G. Thomas "Jerry" Arbour was appointed to serve as President of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board for a two year term.

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**Election of Vice-President**

Mr. G. Thomas "Jerry" Arbour, President, opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board.

**Dr. Spell nominated Mr. Jonathan C. Augustine.**

**A motion by Mr. Winfield and seconded by Mr. Lamana to close the proceedings was approved.**

Mr. Jonathan C. Augustine was appointed by acclamation to serve as Vice President of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board for a two year term.

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**Approval of School Board**  
**Minutes of December 18, 2008**

**By Mr. Lamana**

Resolved, That, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meeting of December 18, 2008 be dispensed with, and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

**Seconded by Ms. Dyason**

**Comments were requested from the audience and from the Board. No comments were forthcoming, and therefore the minutes were accepted and declared to be approved.**

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**Approval of Personnel Changes  
Since School Board Meeting of  
December 18, 2008**

**By Mr. Hammatt**

Resolved, That, the changes in personnel since the School Board Meeting of December 18, 2008, be, and they are, hereby approved. **(A copy of the Changes has been marked "Official Copy" and placed in the files of the Board.)**

**Seconded by Mr. Winfield**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.**

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**Approval of Consent Agenda  
Items, Excluding Item #10**

**By Ms. Dyason**

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Consent Agenda items, excluding item #10.

**Seconded by Mr. Lamana**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Spell was absent.)**

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***The following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda:***

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**Resolved, That, as recommended by the Personnel Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the following items:**

The Personnel Services Committee Did Not Meet During the Month of January, 2009.

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**Resolved, That, as recommended by the School Operations Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the following items:**

Approval for staff and legal counsel to develop a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Department for use of approximately two (2) acres of existing School Board property in the area of Northeast High School on which the Sheriff's Office would locate a new substation.

Approval of the architectural site plan of the proposed Staff Development Center and the High School Career Academy on the southside of the existing Sharp Station Building.

**The Above Approved Items are from the School Operations Committee Minutes of January 7, 2009.**

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**Resolved, That, as recommended by the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the following items:**

Acceptance of the following grants: a) 2008-2009 8(g) Pre-School Grant - \$718,025; and b) 2008-2009 LA 4 Pre-School Grant - \$5,599,500.

**The Above Approved Items are from the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee Minutes of January 8, 2009.**

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**Resolved, That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the following items:**

The Finance Committee Met on January 7, 2009. There Were No Items for Board Action.

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***END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS***

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**Approval to Defer the Lease Agreement to District Operations Committee**

**By Mr. Smith**

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby defer the lease agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and the School for a New Millennium, dba, Children's Charter School and Children's Charter Middle School to the newly created District Operations Committee to study all property building leases.

**Seconded by Mr. Winfield**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Robertson and Dr. Spell were absent.)**

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**Approval of Resolution**

**By Mr. Robertson**

Resolve, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a resolution to potentially authorize litigation related to the placement of EBR schools into the state's Recovery School District and related matters.

**Seconded by Mr. Smith**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Spell was absent.)**

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**Review of Superintendent's  
Recommendation for Expulsion  
Of Three (3) Students**

The President asked the Board members to indicate whether or not they had the opportunity to review the three (3) cases. Upon affirmation by the Members, the President inquired as to whether or not any Member wished to request a hearing of the cases.

A motion was made by Mr. Baldwin with a second by Mr. Robertson to schedule a hearing before the Board at the next regularly-scheduled School Board meeting as it relates to the student at Westdale Middle School.

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson with a second by Mr. Smith to schedule a hearing before the Board at the next regularly-scheduled School Board meeting as it relates to the student at Scotlandville School.

Since there was no request to schedule a hearing before the Board, the Superintendent's recommendation regarding the expulsion of the student at Woodlawn Middle School stands.

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**Executive Session:**

**By Mr. Smith**

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby go into Executive Session under the provisions of L.R.S. 42:6.1 (A)(2) to discuss pending litigation regarding the following cases: 1) Central Community School Bd. v. East Baton Rouge Parish School Bd., 2008-0036 (La. App. 1 Cir. 6/6/08), 991 So.2d 1102, writ denied (La. 12/12/09); 2) East Baton Rouge Parish School Bd. v. Wilson, 2008-0536 (La. App. 1 Cir. 6/6/08), 992 So.2d 537, writ denied (La. 12/12/09); and 3) Central Community School Bd. v. Gautreaux, Docket No. 574044, 19th Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana.

**Seconded by Mr. Hammatt**

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

<b>Yeas: (11)</b>	<b>Mr. Arbour, Mr. Augustine, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Black, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Hammatt, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Smith and Mr. Winfield</b>
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<b>Nays: (0)</b>	<b>None</b>
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<b>Abstained: (0)</b>	<b>None</b>
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<b>Absent: (1)</b>	<b>Dr. Spell</b>
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**The motion was declared adopted.**

**Return from Executive Session**

**The Board came out of Executive Session and reconvened. No action was taken in or after the Executive Session.**

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

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**Charlotte D. Placide**  
**Secretary/Treasurer to the Board**