

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

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2007**

**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 eighteenth day of January, 2007 in regular-session convened. The President called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mrs. Patricia H. Smith, President; Mr. Noel Hammatt, Vice-President; Mr. G. "Jerry" Thomas Arbour; Mr. Jonathan C. "Jay" Augustine; Mr. Greg Baldwin; Mr. William P. "Bill" Black; Mr. Dalton "Jay" Devall; Ms. Jill Dyason; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Mr. Darryl Robertson; Mr. Tarvald A. Smith, and Derrick W. Spell, M.D.

Others present were: Mrs. Charlotte D. Placide, Superintendent; Mr. Robert Stockwell, Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Catherine Fletcher, Chief Business Operations Officer; Mr. James Crochet, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Angela Lee, Special Assistant to the Superintendent; Mr. Herman Brister, Associate Superintendent for Instructional Support Services; Ms. Gail Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services; Mr. Richard Capps, Administrative Director of Federal Programs; Ms. Paula Fabre, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area I; Dr. Maria Pitre, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area II; Mr. John McCann, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area III; Ms. Paula Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area IV; Ms. Liz Duran Swinford, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources; Ms. Millie Williams, Director of Human Resources; Dr. Jennifer Baird, Assistant Superintendent of Accountability and Assessment; Mr. Jesse Noble, Chief Technology Officer; Mr. Lee Dixon, Director of Exceptional Student Services; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

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Dr. William J. Simon, New Bethel Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

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**Approval of School Board  
Minutes of December 13, 2006  
(Special), December 14, 2006  
(Regular), and January 7, 2007  
(Special)**

**By Mr. Robertson**

Resolved, That, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meetings of December 13, 2006 (Special), December 14, 2006 (Regular), and January 7, 2007 (Special) be dispensed with, and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

**Seconded by Mr. Hammatt**

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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**Adoption of Resolution  
Proclaiming February 5-9, 2007,  
as "School Counseling Week"**

**By Mr. Hammatt**

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt a resolution proclaiming February 5-9, 2007, as "School Counseling Week." **(A copy of the Resolution has been marked "Official Copy" and placed in the files of the Board.)**

**Seconded by Mr. Smith and Mr. Arbour**

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

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**Approval of Personnel Changes  
Since School Board Meeting of  
December 14, 2006, Including  
Modifications Page 2, II A, Item 1**

**By Mr. Arbour**

Resolved, That, the changes in personnel since the School Board Meeting of December 14, 2006, including modifications on page 2, II A, Item 1, 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. Devall**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Augustine and Mr. Hammatt were absent.)**

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**Approval of  
Consent Agenda  
Items, Excluding  
Items #14, #15, #17 and #19**

**By Mr. Robertson**

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Consent Agenda items, excluding items #14, #15, #17 and #19.

**Seconded by Dr. Spell**

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

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

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**Approval of Job Description Change**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Personnel Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the following change to a job description: Department of Business Operations and Budget Management – Graphic Arts Production Assistant. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Personnel Services Committee Minutes of January 9, 2007.)**

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**Acceptance of Recommendation  
From General Counsel**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the School Operations Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept General Counsel's recommendation regarding the following matter: Troy Carter, et al v. Gabriel M. Martin, EBRPSB & Coregis Insurance Co., Docket No. 528,425, Sect. "27," 19th JDC. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the School Operations Committee Minutes of January 10, 2007.)**

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**Acceptance of Recommendation  
From General Counsel**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the School Operations Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept General Counsel's recommendation regarding the following matter: Bertha Jackson v. Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, Sun Life Financial, Sun Life Assurance Company, USA and the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, Suit No. 526,992, Section "25," 19th JDC. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the School Operations Committee Minutes of January 10, 2007.)**

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**Authorization to Advertise,  
Accept Low Bid Meeting Specifications  
and Award Contract**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the School Operations Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby authorize staff to advertise, accept the low bids meeting specifications and make the award of contracts for the renovations to Baton Rouge Magnet High School as specified in the 2003 Tax Plan

Continuation, or reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law; Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 38, Chapter 10. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the School Operations Committee Minutes of January 10, 2007.)**

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**Approval of Headstart Lease Contract Between EBRPSB and City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the School Operations Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the 2007 Headstart Lease Contract for Alsen Elementary School between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and the City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge, with the understanding that the City of Baton Rouge would be allowed to charge a citizen's group a reasonable fee for reimbursement of the cost for the use of the facility, not to exceed the rate schedule specified on the *Request for Use of School Facilities Form* for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the School Operations Committee Minutes of January 10, 2007.)**

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**Approval to Seek Authorization from the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (B.E.S.E.) to Implement a Reconstitution Plan for Istrouma High School**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the request to seek authorization from the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (B.E.S.E.) to allow the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board an opportunity to implement a reconstitution plan for Istrouma High School. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee Minutes of January 11, 2007.)**

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**Approval of Job Description Change**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the following change to a job description: Graphic Arts Department – Assistant Position salary schedule from CL-6 to salary schedule MS-12. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Finance Committee Minutes of January 10, 2007.)**

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## ***END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS***

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### **Approval of the EBRPS Autonomous Schools Network Working Agreement with EBR Laboratory Academy School**

**By Mr. Black**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the East Baton Rouge Parish Schools Autonomous Schools Network Working Agreement with EBR Laboratory Academy School. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee Minutes of January 11, 2007.)**

**Seconded by Mr. Devall**

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

**Yeas: (10)      Mr. Arbour, Mr. Augustine, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Black, Mr. Devall, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Hammatt, Ms. Lee, Mrs. Smith and Dr. Spell**

**Nays: (2)      Mr. Robertson and Mr. Smith**

**Abstained:      None**

**Absent:      None**

**The motion was declared adopted.**

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**Approval of the EBRPS Autonomous Schools Network Working Agreement with the CAN Academies of EBRP**

**By Mr. Black**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the East Baton Rouge Parish Schools Autonomous Schools Network Working Agreement with The CAN Academies of EBRP operated by The AmericaCAN. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee Minutes of January 11, 2007.)**

**Seconded by Mr. Hammatt**

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

**Yeas: (11) Mr. Arbour, Mr. Augustine, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Black, Mr. Devall, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Hammatt, Ms. Lee, Mr. Robertson, Mrs. Smith and Dr. Spell**

**Nays: (1) Mr. Smith**

**Abstained: None**

**Absent: None**

**The motion was declared adopted.**

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**Approval of the 2007 EBRPSS Disease Management Program**

**By Mr. Robertson**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the 2007 East Baton Rouge Parish School System Disease Management Program recommendation from Mercer Human

Resources Consulting. (Information regarding this item is attached to the Finance Committee Minutes of January 10, 2007.)

**Seconded by Mr. Baldwin**

**Discussion followed.**

**The following substitute motion was offered.**

**By Mr. Arbour**

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby request that the vote on the Disease Management Program be postponed until the next scheduled School Board Meeting, February 15, 2007, so staff and Mercer Human Resources Consulting can arrange a meeting to persuade East Baton Rouge Parish companies to submit bids for the Disease Management Program.

**Seconded by Mr. Black**

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

**Yeas: (6) Mr. Arbour, Mr. Augustine, Mr. Black, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Hammatt and Ms. Lee**

**Nays: (6) Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Devall, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Smith and Dr. Spell**

**Abstained: None**

**Absent: None**

**The substitute motion failed.**

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

**Yeas: (10) Mr. Augustine, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Black, Mr. Devall, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Hammatt, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Smith and Dr. Spell**

**Nays: (2) Mr. Arbour and Ms. Lee**

**Abstained: None**

**Absent:           None**

**The original motion was declared adopted.**

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**Approval of Appropriation from  
General Fund to Support LEAP  
Tutoring**

**By Mr. Smith**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a request for an appropriation from the General Fund to support LEAP tutoring at the 4th and 8th Grades. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Finance Committee Minutes of January 10, 2007.)**

**Seconded by Mr. Augustine**

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

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**Approval of the Appointment  
of a School Director for EBR  
Laboratory Academy School**

**By Mr. Arbour**

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the recommendation regarding the appointment of a School Director for the East Baton Rouge Laboratory Academy School.

**Seconded by Mr. Devall**

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

**Yeas: (11)           Mr. Arbour, Mr. Augustine, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Black, Mr. Devall, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Hammatt, Ms. Lee, Mr. Robertson, Mrs. Smith and Dr. Spell**

**Nays:               None**

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

**Absent:             None**

**The motion was declared adopted.**

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**Approval to Submit Request to the  
Appropriate Election Officials  
to Withdraw two (2) EBRPSS  
Tax Renewal Propositions from  
March 31, 2007 Ballot**

**By Mr. Robertson**

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does give approval to submit a request to the appropriate election officials to withdraw two (2) East Baton Rouge Parish School System tax renewal propositions from the March 31, 2007 ballot.

**Seconded by Dr. Spell**

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

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**Review of Superintendent's  
Recommendation for Expulsion  
Of Six (6) Students**

The President asked the Board members to indicate whether or not they had the opportunity to review the six (6) 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 request was made by Ms. Lee to schedule a hearing before the Board at the next regularly-scheduled School Board meeting as it relates to

the two (2) students at Wildwood Elementary School and the student at Southeast Middle School.

A request was made by Mr. Augustine to schedule a hearing before the Board at the next regularly-scheduled School Board meeting as it relates to the two (2) students at McKinley Middle School.

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

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**Affirmation of  
Student Expulsion**

Being that neither the student from Scotlandville High School nor legal representation was present, and there was no motion to modify the Superintendent's recommendation, the Superintendent's recommendation was affirmed, and the expulsion was upheld.

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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**