

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2008

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 twentieth day of November, 2008 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.

Reverend Johnny A. Johnson, Rose of Sharon Baptist Church, gave the invocation. JROTC Cadet Major Kimberly C. Robert, Tara High School and Major (U.S. Army Retired) Leslie G. Martin Sr., Senior Army Instructor, led the pledge of allegiance.

**Approval of School Board
Minutes of October 16 (Regular)
and November 5 (Special), 2008
School Board Meetings**

By Dr. Spell

Resolved, That, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meetings of October 16 (Regular) and November 5 (Special), 2008 be dispensed with, and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

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.

**Approval of Personnel Changes
Since School Board Meeting of
October 16, 2008**

By Mr. Hammatt

Resolved, That, the changes in personnel since the School Board Meeting of October 16, 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. Smith

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

**Approval to Rename
Dufrocq Elementary**

By Mr. Winfield

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give approval to rename the newly renovated Dufrocq Elementary to: "The Dufrocq School."

Seconded by Dr. Spell

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

**Approval of Consent Agenda
Items, Excluding Item #15**

By Mr. Hammatt

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

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

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

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

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

Personnel Services Committee did not meet in the month of November, 2008.

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

Acceptance of the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School System, in the matter of: Malcolm M. Caillier v. Brenda Hamilton & EBRPSB, Docket No. 564,050, Sect. "24;" 19th JDC.

Acceptance of the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School System, in the matter of: Barbara Smith v. Carla Thomas & EBRPSB, Docket No. 559,879, Sect. "24;" 19th JDC.

Acceptance of the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School System, in the matter of: Clare B. Rochester vs. Debra Wicker and East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, Suit No. 550,093, Section 26, 19th JDC, Parish of EBR.

Approval of a Right-of-Way Services Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and the East Baton Rouge Parish Department of Public Works for a right-of-way and acceptance of transfer of property ownership for the cash offer of \$4,235 for the necessary traffic improvements along Highland Road.

Authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bids meeting specifications and make the award of contracts for the construction of Health Care Centers at Broadmoor High School and Glasgow Middle School or reject any and all bids for just cause in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law; Louisiana Revised Statutes; Title 38; Chapter 10.

The Above Approved Items are from the School Operations Committee Minutes of November 5, 2008.

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

The Instructional/Pupil Services Committee did not meet during the month of November, 2008.

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

Approval of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System financial audit results for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008.

Acceptance of the Semi-Annual Financial Tax Plan Update and approval of the Proposed 2008-2009 Tax Plan Budgets for Propositions 1, 2, and 3.

The Above Approved Items are from the Finance Committee Minutes of November 12, 2008.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Approval to Defer Program Management Agreement and Staff Prepare Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for Program Managers

By Mr. Robertson

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give approve to defer for one hundred twenty (120) days the approval of the Program Management Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and CSRS/The Facility Group to provide Program Management Services commencing on December 1, 2008 and concluding on November 30, 2020 in order for staff to prepare requests for proposals (RFPs) for Program Managers.

Seconded by Mr. Smith

Discussion followed.

A substitute motion was offered.

By Dr. Spell

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board employ CSRS/The Facility Group (Garrard Program Management, LLC) to manage, as Program Managers, the implementation of the Tax Plan construction projects adopted by this Board on January 17, 2008, pending the negotiation

of a final contract with staff under the direction of the Superintendent to specifically include the following:

1. A diversity plan that addresses having diversity in the provision of services at every level associated with the implementation of this tax plan to the extent allowed by law.
2. A reporting requirement that evidences compliance with the diversity plan.
3. A program manager’s fee.
4. A contract term that shall not exceed 5 years to include the identification of projects to be undertaken during said term.
5. CSRS/The Facility Group (Garrard Program Management, LLC) is required to present a quarterly report on the program management of the DBE Policy (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Procurement Policy) to the full East Baton Rouge Parish School Board.

Seconded by Mr. Augustine

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

Yeas: (8)	Mr. Arbour, Mr. Augustine, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Black, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Hammatt, Mr. Lamana and Dr. Spell
Nays: (3)	Ms. Lee, Mr. Robertson and Mr. Smith
Abstained: (1)	Mr. Winfield
Absent: (0)	None

The substitute motion was declared adopted.

Approval to Engage AdvancED Accreditation to Conduct a Review for District-Wide SACS Accreditation

By Ms. Dyason

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give approval to Engage AdvancED Accreditation to conduct a review for district-wide SACS accreditation.

Seconded by Mr. Hammatt

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Black, Mr. Lamana and Dr. Spell were absent.)

Executive Session:

By Mr. Hammatt

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)(1) to discuss the professional performance of the Superintendent.

Seconded by Mr. Smith

Discussion followed.

The motion was withdrawn at the request of the Superintendent.

**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. Smith 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 student #1 and student #2 at Broadmoor High School.

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

**Approval of the Results
to the Addendum to the
Superintendent's Contract
and Approval of Supplemental
Pay for the Superintendent**

By Mr. Winfield

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the results of the Addendum to the Superintendent's Contract and approval of the supplemental pay for the Superintendent.

Seconded by Mr. Baldwin

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

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

Charlotte D. Placide
Secretary/Treasurer to the Board