

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2006

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 fourteenth day of December, 2006 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. William P. "Bill" Black; Mr. Dalton "Jay" Devall; Ms. Jill Dyason; Mr. G. "Jerry" Thomas Arbour; Mrs. Ingrid Kelley; Mr. Roger Moser; Mr. Warren Pratt; Mr. Darryl L. Robertson, and Mr. Tarvald A. Smith. Dr. C. H. Thornton, Jr. was absent.

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; Mr. Carlos Sam, Director of Magnet Programs; 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.

Reverend Frank Rideau, Jr., New Bethel Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

**Approval of School Board Minutes
of November 16 (Special Meeting),
November 16 (Regular Meeting) and
December 5 (Special Meeting), 2006**

By Mr. Hammatt

Resolved, That, the reading of the minutes of the November 16 (Special Meeting), November 16 (Regular Meeting) and December 5 (Special Meeting), 2006 be dispensed with, and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

Seconded by Mr. Devall and Mr. Pratt

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
November 16, 2006**

By Mr. Hammatt

Resolved, That, the changes in personnel since the School Board Meeting of November 16, 2006, 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. Pratt

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

**Approval of
Consent Agenda
Items**

By Ms. Dyason

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

Seconded by Mr. Robertson

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Arbour, Mr. Smith and Dr. Thornton were absent.)

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

**Approval of New Job
Descriptions**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Personnel Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the following new job descriptions: Exceptional Student Services Program Specialist; Exceptional Student Services Behavior Specialist; Exceptional Student Services Hotline Monitor; and Data Specialist I. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Personnel Services Committee Minutes of December 5, 2006.)**

**Approval of New Job
Description**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Personnel Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the following new job description: Director of Discipline Centers & Pre-GED/Options Programs. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Personnel Services Committee Minutes of December 5, 2006.)**

**Approval of Revised Job
Description**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Personnel Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the following revised job description: Workbased Learning Coordinator. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Personnel Services Committee Minutes of December 5, 2006.)**

Approval of a Policy

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Personnel Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the following policy: Administrative Procedures for Hiring Degreed Non-Certified Teachers. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Personnel Services Committee Minutes of December 5, 2006.)**

Approval of an Additional Staffing Supervisor and Personnel Specialist II for Human Resources

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Personnel Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give approval for an additional Staffing Supervisor and Personnel Specialist II for the Office of Human Resources. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Personnel Services Committee Minutes of December 5, 2006.)**

Approval to Change a Job Description

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Personnel Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give approval to change the following job description: Department of Library Services and Instructional Technology – Steno Clerk I. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Personnel Services Committee Minutes of December 5, 2006.)**

**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 case: Betty P. Reed v. Coregis Ins. Co., EBRPSB & Sandra K. Burton, Docket No. 534,814, Sect. "23;" 19th JDC. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the School Operations Committee Minutes of December 6, 2006.)**

**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 case: Barbara Palmer: Claim #:011145-006075-WC-01, Suit No.: 529,826, Section "25;" 19th JDC. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the School Operations Committee Minutes of December 6, 2006.)**

**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 case: W.R. Grace & Company Bankruptcy, Case No. 01-1139, United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the School Operations Committee Minutes of December 6, 2006.)**

**Approval of Revised Use
of Facilities Policy**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the School Operations Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the revised Use of

Facilities Policy and Request for Use of School Building Facilities application form, as per the attachments. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the School Operations Committee Minutes of December 6, 2006.)**

**Acceptance of the Entergy
Open Grant**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept the Entergy Open Grant, \$500. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee Minutes of December 7, 2006.)**

**Acceptance of the BR Area
Foundation Hurricane Katrina
Educational Grants**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept the Baton Rouge Area Foundation Hurricane Katrina Education Grants, up to \$27,919. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee Minutes of December 7, 2006.)**

**Authorization to Conduct Medicare
Referendum and Approval of Medicare
Coverage Agreement and Resolution**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give authorization to conduct a Medicare Referendum and approval of the Medicare Coverage Agreement and Resolution. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Finance Committee Minutes of December 4, 2006.)**

**Authorization for Staff to
Provide a One-Time Supplement
to Eligible Employees**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby authorize staff to provide a one-time supplement of \$700 to all eligible employees with the following distribution guidelines: Eligible employees must be full-time and employed as of December 8, 2006 and supplements distributed on December 21, 2006. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Finance Committee Minutes of December 4, 2006.)**

**Approval of Additional Positions
for the Office of Human Resources**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the following additional positions for the Office of Human Resources: (1) Staffing Supervisor for Middle Schools and (1) Personnel Specialist II. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Finance Committee Minutes of December 4, 2006.)**

**Approval of Recommended Policy
and Administrative Procedures**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Recommended Policy and Administrative Procedure for Hiring Degreed Non-Certified Teachers. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Finance Committee Minutes of December 4, 2006.)**

**Approval of Reclassification of
Steno I to Steno II Position in
Division of Library Services
and Instructional Technology**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give approval to eliminate the position of Steno I in the Division of Library Services and Instructional Technology and subsequent reclassification of Steno I positions to Steno II. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Finance Committee Minutes of December 4, 2006.)**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Authorization for Superintendent to Sign Agreement for District Magazine

By Ms. Dyason

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby authorize the Superintendent to sign an agreement regarding the publication of a district magazine.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

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

Authorization for Superintendent to Negotiate an Agreement with an Education Service Provider

By Mr. Hammatt

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby authorize the Superintendent to negotiate an agreement with an education service provider as a result of B.E.S.E.'s action on December 7, 2006 to transfer Capitol Pre-College Academy for Boys & Girls to the Recovery School District.

Seconded by Mr. Arbour
Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Dr. Thornton was absent.)

Approval of Renewing Employment Contract for General Counsel

By Mr. Pratt

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give approval to renewing the employment contract for Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

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

Approval of Renewing Employment Contract for Chief Academic Officer

By Mr. Black

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give approval to renewing the employment contract for Mr. Robert Stockwell, Chief Academic Officer.

Seconded by Mr. Robertson

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

Executive Session:

By Mr. Devall

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 character or professional competence of the employee.

Seconded by Mr. Smith

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

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

**Review of Superintendent's
Recommendation for Expulsion
Of Five (5) Students**

The President asked the Board members to indicate whether or not they had the opportunity to review the five (5) 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 Mrs. Smith to schedule a hearing before the Board at the next regularly-scheduled School Board meeting as it relates to a student at Scotlandville Magnet 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 Park Forest Middle School, the Student at Tara High School, the Student at Istrouma High School and the Student at LaSalle Elementary School stands.

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

Charlotte D. Placide
Secretary/Treasurer to the Board