

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 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 sixteenth day of February, 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; Mr. Tarvald A. Smith and Dr. C. H. Thornton, Jr..

Others present were: Mrs. Charlotte 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 Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area IV; Ms. Paula Fabre, Director of Equal Educational Opportunities; 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; Mr. Michael Watson, Director of Communications and Community Engagement; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

Mr. Warren Pratt gave the invocation.

Approval of School Board
Minutes of January 19, 2006

By Mr. Hammatt

Resolved, That, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meeting of January 19, 2006 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.

**Approval of Personnel
Changes Since School
Board Meeting of
January 19, 2006**

By Mr. Moser

Resolved, That, the changes in personnel since the School Board Meeting of January 19, 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. Arbour, Mrs. Kelley and Mr. Devall

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

**Approval of
Consent Agenda
Items**

By Mr. Black

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

Seconded by Mr. Moser

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

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

Approval of 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: Reading Coordinator (Pre-K-3). **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Personnel Services Committee Minutes of February 7, 2006.)**

Approval of 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: Steno Clerk III – Homeless Program (Federal Programs). **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Personnel Services Committee Minutes of February 7, 2006.)**

Approval of New Principal Mentor Program

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Personnel Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the New Principal Mentor Program. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Personnel Services Committee Minutes of February 7, 2006.)**

**Acceptance of Recommendation
From Legal Counsel**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the School Operations Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept legal counsel's recommendation regarding the following case: Mary West vs. East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, OWC Docket No. 04-08231, District "5." **(Information regarding this item is attached to the School Operations Committee Minutes of February 1, 2006.)**

**Acceptance of Recommendation
From Legal Counsel**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the School Operations Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept legal counsel's recommendation regarding the following case: William Russell, Claim No.: 011145-004601-WC-01. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the School Operations Committee Minutes of February 1, 2006.)**

**Acceptance of Recommendation
From Legal Counsel**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the School Operations Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept legal counsel's recommendation regarding the following case: Marilyn Robinson, Individually and as Natural and/or Legal Tutor of the Minor, Jane Doe vs. East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, Coregis Insurance Company, Mary McManus and Latasha Clay, Suit No: 495,094, Division I. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the School Operations Committee Minutes of February 1, 2006.)**

**Authorization for Staff
to Issue a RFQ**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the School Operations Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby authorize staff to issue a

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to seek proposals to provide Architectural Design Consulting Services for the upcoming Baton Rouge Magnet High School Major Renovations. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the School Operations Committee Minutes of February 1, 2006.)**

Approval of Servitude Agreement

Resolved, That, as recommended by the School Operations Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a Servitude Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. located on the Shenandoah Elementary School Campus. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the School Operations Committee Minutes of February 1, 2006.)**

Approval of 2006 Headstart Lease Contract

Resolved, That, as recommended by the School Operations Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the 2006 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. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the School Operations Committee Minutes of February 1, 2006.)**

Approval of School Bus Leases

Resolved, That, as recommended by the School Operations Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve school bus leases, on an as needed basis, between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Sunshine Bus Sales, Inc. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the School Operations Committee Minutes of February 1, 2006.)**

Acceptance of Grants

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept the following grants: a) Best Buy Teach Emergency Response Grant, up to \$5,000; b) Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation's Baseball/Softball Equipment Grant, \$20,000; c) American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) Hurricane Help Grant, \$400; d) Louisiana Council for Exceptional Children (LA-CEC) Mini-Grant, \$500; and e) Target Stores Early Childhood Reading Grant, \$3,000. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee Minutes of February 2, 2006.)**

Acceptance of Grants

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept the following grants: a) 2005-2006 8(g) Superior Textbooks Grant, \$59,334; and b) 2005-2006 LEAP 21 Remediation Program Grant, \$1,342,220. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee Minutes of February 2, 2006.)**

Approval of "Going the Distance for Math Enrichment Camp"

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the "Going the Distance for Math Enrichment Camp" to be held at Baton Rouge Magnet High School from June 5, 2006 through July 13, 2006. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee Minutes of February 2, 2006.)**

Approval of LA4/TANF Pre-Kindergarten Sliding Scale Policy

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the LA4/TANF Pre-Kindergarten Sliding Scale Policy. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Finance Committee Minutes of February 8, 2006.)**

Approval of New Position

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a new position in the Transportation Department of Driver Training and Safety Officer. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Finance Committee Minutes of February 8, 2006.)**

Approval of Fiscal Agent

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give approval for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System to become the Fiscal Agent for the final year of funding for the Math Science Partnership (MSP) Program, Project SCIENCE, for three districts: Pointe Coupee, West and East Feliciana. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Finance Committee Minutes of February 8, 2006.)**

Approval of the Revised NCLBA Title III 2005-06 Budget

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the revised NCLBA Title III 2005-2006 Budget. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Finance Committee Minutes of February 8, 2006.)**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Review of Superintendent's Recommendation for Expulsion Of Two Students

The President asked the Board members to indicate whether or not they had the opportunity to review the cases of the students at Winbourne Elementary School. Upon affirmation by the Members, the President inquired as to whether or not any Member wished to request a hearing of the cases.

Since there was no motion to schedule a hearing before the Board, the Superintendent's recommendations regarding the expulsion of the two (2) Students at Winbourne Elementary School stand.

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

Charlotte D. Placide
Secretary/Treasurer to the Board