

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

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 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 twenty-first day of February, 2008 in regular-session convened. The President called the meeting to order with the following members present: President Mr. G. "Jerry" Thomas 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, and Mr. W. T. Winfield. Derrick W. Spell, M.D. was absent.

Others present were: Mrs. Charlotte D. Placide, Superintendent; Mr. Robert Stockwell, Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Angela Lee, Special Assistant to the Superintendent; Dr. Herman Brister, Associate Superintendent for Instructional Support Services; Ms. Catherine Fletcher, Chief Business Operations Officer; Mr. James Crochet, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Gail Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services; Ms. Paula Fabre, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area I; Dr. Maria Pitre, 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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Father Michael Thompson, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, gave the invocation. JROTC Cadet Major Nia'Ja S. Mack, Cadet Battalion Executive Officer at Glen Oaks High School, and Chief Warrant Officer (Ret) Roberta Spikes Cummings, Senior Army Instructor, led the pledge of allegiance.

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**Approval of School Board  
Minutes of December 20, 2007  
(Regular Meeting) and the  
January 17, (Regular),  
January 10 (Special), and  
February 13 (Special), 2008  
School Board Meetings**

**By Mr. Baldwin**

Resolved, That, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meeting of December 20, 2007 (Regular Meeting) and the January 17, (Regular), January 10 (Special), and February 13 (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.**

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**Approval of Personnel Changes  
Since School Board Meeting of  
January 17, 2008**

**By Mr. Hammatt**

Resolved, That, the changes in personnel since the School Board Meeting of January 17, 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. Baldwin**

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

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**Approval of Consent  
Agenda Items**

**By Mr. Smith**

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

**Seconded by Ms. Lee**

**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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### **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, as amended: Wide Area Network Specialist. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the School Operations Committee Minutes of February 11, 2008.)**

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### **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 descriptions: Director of Procurement & Warehousing Services; Buyer I; Coordinator of Purchasing; Technology Purchasing Specialist; Purchasing Specialist III; and Purchasing Specialist II. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the School Operations Committee Minutes of February 11, 2008.)**

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### **Authorization to Advertise, Accept Low Bids 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 relocation and setup of three (3) modular classroom buildings from Howell Park Elementary to Broadmoor Elementary to be funded from the General Fund Surplus 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 February 6, 2008.)**

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### **Acceptance of a Grant**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept the following grant under \$50,000.00: Quality Science and Math (QSM) Grant, \$750.00. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee Minutes of February 7, 2008.)**

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### **Acceptance of a Grant**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept the TANF – After School for All (ASFA) Grant, \$224,055.00. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee Minutes of February 7, 2008.)**

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**Acceptance of a Grant**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept the 2007-2008 LEAP Remediation Program Grant, \$1,334,406.00. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee Minutes of February 7, 2008.)**

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**Acceptance of a Grant**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept the 2007-2008 Home Instruction for Parents for Preschool Youngsters (HIPPIY) State Grant, \$100,698.00. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee Minutes of February 7, 2008.)**

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**Authorization to Amend an Agreement**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give authorization to amend the Education Excellence Fund Investment Agreement. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Finance Committee Minutes of February 13, 2008.)**

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***END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS***

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The President requested that Item #18 be pulled from the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Agenda. There being no objection from the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, the item was pulled.

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The President requested that Item #19 be deleted from the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Agenda. There being no objection from the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, the item was deleted.

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**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 Mr. Robertson to schedule a hearing before the Board at the next regularly-scheduled School Board meeting as it relates to the two (2) students at Kenilworth Middle School.

Since there was no request to schedule a hearing before the Board, the Superintendent's recommendation regarding the expulsion of the Student at Capitol Middle School, the Student at Northeast High School, and the Student at Southeast 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) (7) to conduct an appeal hearing regarding the expulsion of two (2) students.

Seconded by Mr. Baldwin

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

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**Affirmation of  
Student Expulsions**

The Board came out of Executive Session and reconvened. Mr. Arbour asked if there was any motion to modify or reverse the Superintendent's recommendation with respect to the Student at Woodlawn Middle School or Brownfields Elementary School. There being no such motion, the Superintendent's recommendation was affirmed, and the expulsions were upheld.

Being that neither the other student from Woodlawn Middle 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**