

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 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 seventeenth day of April, 2008 in regular-session convened. The President called the meeting to order with the following members present: President Mr. G. "Jerry" Thomas Arbour; 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. Mr. Jonathan C. Augustine, Vice-President, was absent.

Others present were: Mrs. Charlotte D. Placide, Superintendent; Mr. Robert Stockwell, Chief Academic Officer; 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. 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 Phil Woodland, University United Methodist Church, gave the invocation. JROTC Cadet Corporal Dujay Revon Dozier, Robert E. Lee High School, and Major (U.S. Army Retired) Francis Toomey, Senior Army Instructor, led the pledge of allegiance.

**Approval of School Board
Minutes of March 13, 2008**

By Dr. Spell

Resolved, That, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meeting of March 13, 2008 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
March 13, 2008**

By Mr. Smith

Resolved, That, the changes in personnel since the School Board Meeting of March 13, 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 Dr. Spell

The vote on the motion was as follows:

**Yeas: (10) Mr. Arbour, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Black, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Hammatt,
 Mr. Lamana, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Smith, Dr. Spell and Mr. Winfield**

Nays: (0) None

Abstained: (1) Ms. Lee

Absent: (1) Mr. Augustine

The motion was declared adopted.

**Approval of Resolution Proclaiming
April 21-25, 2008 as "Administrative
Professionals Week"**

By Mr. Smith

Resolved, That the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a Resolution Proclaiming April 21-25, 2008 as "Administrative Professionals Week." **(A copy of the Resolution has been marked "Official Copy" and placed in the files of the Board.)**

Seconded by Dr. Spell

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

**Approval of Resolution Proclaiming
May 5-9, 2008 as "Child Nutrition
Employees' Appreciation Week"**

By Mr. Hammatt

Resolved, That the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a Resolution Proclaiming May 5-9, 2008 as "Child Nutrition Employees' Appreciation Week." **(A copy of the Resolution has been marked "Official Copy" and placed in the files of the Board.)**

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

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

**Approval of Consent Agenda
Items, Excluding Item #20**

By Mr. Lamana

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Consent Agenda items, excluding item #20.

Seconded by Dr. Spell

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Augustine 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:

Approval to waive a medical sabbatical leave for a teacher.

Approval to revise the following job description, as amended: Webmaster/Special Events Coordinator.

Approval of the following new job descriptions, as amended: Director of Data Information and *Instructional Data Coordinator.

The Above Approved Items are from the Personnel Services Committee Minutes of April 3, 2008.

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

Authorization for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications and make the award of a contract for the purchase and setup of ten (10) modular classroom buildings at locations to be designated at a later date and 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.

The Above Approved Items are from the School Operations Committee Minutes of April 2, 2008.

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

Acceptance of the following grants under \$50,000: a) Target Field Trip Grant - \$1,000; and b) The Can! Academy High School's Credit Recovery Grant - \$32,170.

Acceptance of the K-12 Accountability Rewards Grant - \$182,172.

Acceptance of the Reading First Grant - \$1,338,084.

Approval of the Classroom Based Technology Funds Program Application and Budget.

Approval to deny the request from The Community School for Apprenticeship Learning (CSAL) to increase enrollment to accommodate a ninth grade class.

Approval of a Proposed Plan to Serve the Needs of Overage Middle School Students.

Approval of the Proposed 2008-2011 Math Initiative.

The Above Approved Items are from the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee Minutes of April 3, 2008.

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

Approval to award AIG Retirement the administration of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System's 403(b) and 457 plans.

Approval of the Revised 2007-2008 General Fund Budget for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

The Above Approved Items are from the Finance Committee Minutes of April 2, 2008.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

**Approval of the Proposed Contract
Renewal for Postlethwaite & Netterville**

By Mr. Hammatt

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Proposed Contract Renewal for External Auditing Services performed by Postlethwaite & Netterville for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, 2009, and 2010 for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee Minutes of March 6, 2008.)**

Seconded by Mr. Black

Discussion followed. The following substitute motion was made:

By Mr. Winfield

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Proposed Contract Renewal for External Auditing Services performed by Postlethwaite & Netterville for the period of one (1) year at which time the East Baton Rouge Parish School System will put out a Request for Proposals for the following year.

Seconded by Dr. Spell

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

**Yeas: (8) Mr. Arbour, Mr. Hammatt, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Smith, Dr. Spell and Mr. Winfield**

Nays: (3) Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Black and Ms. Dyason

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (1) Mr. Augustine

The substitute motion was declared adopted.

**Approval of a Resolution Authorizing
the Removal of the "Monument to Education"**

By Dr. Spell

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a resolution authorizing the removal of the "Monument to Education" currently located at Westdale Middle School from the property of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System. **(A copy of the Resolution has been marked "Official Copy" and placed in the files of the Board.)**

Seconded by Ms. Lee

Discussion followed. The following substitute motion was made:

By Mr. Hammatt

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a resolution authorizing the removal of the "Monument to Education" currently located at Westdale Middle School from the property of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System with modifications to Section I as follows: This school board does hereby authorize staff, under the direction of the Superintendent, to encourage the East Baton Rouge Parish Fire Department to further attempt to incorporate the "Monument to Education" in its ongoing plans, or to move the "Monument to Education" to an appropriate site, or ultimately to remove the "Monument to Education". All attempts should be made to incorporate the "Monument to Education" in the East Baton Rouge Parish Fire Department's ongoing plans or to move the monument, allowing this process to continue through June 15, 2008. **(A copy of the Resolution has been marked "Official Copy" and placed in the files of the Board.)**

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

Yeas: (5) Mr. Black, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Hammatt, Mr. Robertson, and Mr. Smith

Nays: (5) Mr. Arbour, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee and Dr. Spell

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (1) Mr. Augustine

Mr. Winfield did not vote.

The substitute motion failed.

The vote on the original motion was as follows:

Yeas: (8) Mr. Arbour, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Black, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mr. Smith, Dr. Spell, and Mr. Winfield

Nays: (3) Ms. Dyason, Mr. Hammatt, and Mr. Robertson

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (1) Mr. Augustine

The original motion was declared adopted.

The President requested that Item #25 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.

**Review of Superintendent's
Recommendation for Expulsion
Of Two (2) Students**

The President asked the Board members to indicate whether or not they had the opportunity to review the two (2) cases. 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 request to schedule a hearing before the Board, the Superintendent's recommendation regarding the expulsion of the Student at Southeast Middle School and the Student at Greenbrier Elementary School stands.

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

**Charlotte D. Placide
Secretary/Treasurer to the Board**