

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2007**

**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 nineteenth day of April, 2007 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. G. "Jerry" Thomas Arbour; Mr. Jonathan C. Augustine; Mr. Greg Baldwin; Mr. William P. "Bill" Black; Mr. Dalton "Jay" Devall; Ms. Jill Dyason; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Mr. Darryl Robertson; Mr. Tarvald A. Smith, and Derrick W. Spell, M.D.

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; Mr. Jesse Noble, Chief Technology Officer; Mr. Lee Dixon, Director of Exceptional Student Services; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

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JROTC Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Jessica McDaniel led the pledge of allegiance.

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**Approval of School Board  
Minutes of March 15 (Regular  
Meeting) and March 20  
(Special Meeting), 2007**

**By Dr. Spell**

Resolved, That, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meeting of March 15 (Regular) and March 20 (Special), 2007 School Board meetings be dispensed with, and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

**Seconded by Mr. Smith**

**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  
March 15, 2007, Excluding  
Item A, #3, Page 10**

**By Mr. Arbour**

Resolved, That, the changes in personnel since the School Board Meeting of March 15, 2007, excluding Item A, #3, Page 10, 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 Ms. Lee**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.**

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**Adoption of Resolution  
Proclaiming May 7-11, 2007  
as "Teacher Appreciation Week"**

**By Mr. Hammatt**

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt a resolution proclaiming May 7-11, 2007 as "Teacher Appreciation Week." **(A copy of the Resolution 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.**

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

**By Ms. Dyason**

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

**Seconded by Mr. Augustine**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.**

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

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**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: Associate Principal. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Personnel Services Committee Minutes of April 3, 2007.)**

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**Approval of the Naming of  
the Elementary School on  
the Old Capitol Middle School  
Site**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the School Operations Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve naming the new elementary school on the old Capitol Middle School site as follows: School Name: Capitol Elementary School; School Colors: Blue and Gold; School Mascot: Jaguars; and Library/Media Center: Dedicated in Memory of Frank B. Millican. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the School Operations Committee Minutes of April 4, 2007.)**

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**Approval of a Policy and  
Request Form**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the School Operations Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a policy and request form for the "Use of a School Cafeteria or Kitchen." **(Information regarding this item is attached to the School Operations Committee Minutes of April 4, 2007.)**

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**Authorization to Advertise, Accept  
Low Bid 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 vent hood replacement projects for Broadmoor, Greenbrier, Ryan, and University Terrace Elementary Schools 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 April 4, 2007.)**

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**Authorization to Advertise, Accept  
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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 a contract for Year 9 Tax Plan Major Renovation Project for a classroom addition at Park Forest Elementary 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. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the School Operations Committee Minutes of April 4, 2007.)**

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**Authorization to Advertise, Accept  
Low Bid 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 a contract for Year 9 Tax Plan Major Renovation Projects-Classroom Renovations at Broadmoor High School and Park Forest 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. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the School Operations Committee Minutes of April 4, 2007.)**

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**Authorization to Advertise, Accept  
Low Bid 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 a contract for the relocation and setup of 12 existing modular buildings, the demolition of 2 existing modular buildings and the setup of 1 new modular building 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 April 4, 2007.)**

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**Authorization to Advertise, Accept  
Low Bid 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 a contract for the various renovation projects listed at Broadmoor High, Wyandotte Elementary, Northdale Academy, Mohican Alternative, Highland Elementary, Glen Oaks Middle, School Food Service Warehouse at Ardenwood, Capitol High and at least five (5) school electronic system replacements 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 April 4, 2007.)**

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**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 under \$50,000: NEA Foundation's Books Across America Library Books Awards - \$5,000, and 2006-2007 AmeriCorps HIPPIY Grant - \$8,150. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee Minutes of April 5, 2007.)**

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**Acceptance of Grant**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept the Lighthouse High Schools Program Grant - \$104,500. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee Minutes of April 5, 2007.)**

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**Acceptance of Grant**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept the GEE21 Remediation Grant - \$214,697. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee Minutes of April 5, 2007.)**

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**Acceptance of Grant**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept the 2006-2007 LEAP21 Remediation Program Grant - \$1,068,495. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee Minutes of April 5, 2007.)**

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**Approval of EBRPSS's  
Technology Plan**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the EBRPSS's Technology Plan. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee Minutes of April 5, 2007.)**

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**Approval of Resolution**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Resolution concerning proceeds from the timber sale on sixteenth section land. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Finance Committee Minutes of April 11, 2007.)**

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**Approval of 2007 Summer Feeding Salary Schedule**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the 2007 Summer Feeding Salary Schedule. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Finance Committee Minutes of April 11, 2007.)**

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**Approval of Budget**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the 2007 Summer Feeding Budget. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Finance Committee Minutes of April 11, 2007.)**

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**Approval of Budget**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the 2006-2007 Child Nutrition Program Revised Budget. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Finance Committee Minutes of April 11, 2007.)**

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**Approval of Resolution**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Resolution, as required by law for the Office of the Assessor no later than June 1, 2007, for the purpose of levying millages effective on the 2007 Assessment Roll. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Finance Committee Minutes of April 11, 2007.)**

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**Approval of Resolution**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Resolution amending the boundaries of Consolidated School District No. 1 of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

**(Information regarding this item is attached to the Finance Committee Minutes of April 11, 2007.)**

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**Approval of Resolution**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Resolution ordering and calling special elections to be held in Consolidated School District No. 1 of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, on July 21, 2007, to renew the levy and collection of special taxes therein; making application to the State Bond Commission; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

**(Information regarding this item is attached to the Finance Committee Minutes of April 11, 2007.)**

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**Approval of Revised 2006-2007  
General Fund Budget**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Revised 2006-2007 General Fund Budget for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Finance Committee Minutes of April 11, 2007.)**

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***END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS***

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**Point of Information**

Mr. Dalton Jay Devall, School Board representative for School District 11, announced his resignation from the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board effective April 30, 2007.

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**Authorization to Advertise, Accept  
Low Bids Meeting Specifications  
and Award Contract**

**By Mr. Black**

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby authorize staff to advertise, accept the low bids meeting specifications and make the award of a contract for Renovation Projects for the Autonomous Schools at Baton Rouge Preparatory Academy, Glen Oaks Middle School, Prescott Middle School, and Istrouma High 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. (Information regarding this item is attached to the School Operations Committee Minutes of April 4, 2007.)

**Seconded by Mr. Arbour and Mr. Devall**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.**

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**Authorization for President and  
Vice-President to Enter Negotiations  
with Superintendent**

**By Mr. Robertson**

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby authorize the President and Vice-President to enter negotiations with the Superintendent of Schools concerning the extension of her contract.

**Seconded by Mr. Smith**

**Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.**

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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 a student at Central 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 Scotlandville Elementary School, the Student at Woodlawn Middle School, the Student at Woodlawn High School and the Student at Scotlandville Magnet High School stands.

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**Executive Session**

By Mr. Robertson

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 appeal hearings regarding the expulsion of two (2) students.

Seconded by Dr. Spell

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present.

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**Affirmation of  
Student Expulsions**

**The Board came out of Executive Session and reconvened.**

**Being that neither the student from Central 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.**

**Mrs. Smith asked if there was any motion to modify or reverse the Superintendent's recommendation with respect to a Student at Belaire High School.**

Discussion followed with the following motion being made:

**By Mr. Robertson**

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby amend the Student's expulsion. The Student shall be allowed to return to Belaire High School where the Student will be provided with necessary counseling and/or education.

**Seconded by Ms. Lee**

**The vote on the motion was as follows:**

**Yeas: (4) Mr. Augustine, Ms. Lee, Mr. Robertson and Mr. Smith**

**Nays: (7) Mr. Arbour, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Black, Mr. Devall, Ms. Dyason, Mrs. Smith and Dr. Spell**

**Abstained: (0) None**

**Absent: (1) Mr. Hammatt**

**The motion failed.**

**Therefore, the Superintendent's recommendation 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**