

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2009

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 eighteenth day of June, 2009 in regular-session convened. The President called the meeting to order with the following members present: President Mr. G. Thomas "Jerry" Arbour; Mr. Jonathan C. Augustine, Vice-President; Mr. Greg Baldwin; Mr. William P. "Bill" Black; Ms. Jill Dyason; Mr. Randy Lamana; Ms. Vereta T. Lee; Mr. Darryl Robertson; Mr. Tarvald A. Smith and Mr. W. T. Winfield. Mr. Noel Hammatt and Derrick W. Spell, M.D. were absent.

Others present were: Mrs. Charlotte D. Placide, Superintendent; Ms. Angela Lee, Special Assistant to the Superintendent; Dr. Herman Brister, Interim Chief Academic Officer and Associate Superintendent for Instructional Support Services; Ms. Catherine Fletcher, Chief Business Operations Officer; Mr. James Crochet, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Paula Fabre, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area I; Ms. Katie Blunski, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area II; 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 Bland Washington, Allen Chapel African Methodist Church, gave the invocation. Cadet Captain Keonna Collins, Scotlandville Magnet High School and Lieutenant Colonel (U.S. Army Retired) Dana M. Mangham, Senior Army Instructor, led the pledge of allegiance.

**Approval of School Board
Minutes of May 21 (Regular)
and June 3 (Special), 2009
School Board Meetings**

By Mr. Lamana

Resolved, That, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meetings of May 21 (Regular) and June 3 (Special), 2009 be dispensed with, and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

Seconded by Mr. Robertson

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
May 21, 2009, Excluding
Items #3, Page 9, A-1, Page 15,
A-#7-3, Page 12**

By Mr. Lamana

Resolved, That, the changes in personnel since the School Board Meeting of May 21, 2009, excluding items #3, Page 9, A-1, Page 15, A-#7-3, Page 12, 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

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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| Yeas: (6) | Mr. Arbour, Mr. Augustine, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Black, Mr. Lamana and Ms. Lee |
| Nays: (4) | Ms. Dyason, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Smith and Mr. Winfield |
| Abstained: (0) | None |
| Absent: (2) | Mr. Hammatt and Dr. Spell |

The motion failed.

Discussion continued.

The following motion was made:

By Mr. Smith

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby reconsider the motion to approve changes in personnel since the School Board Meeting of May 21, 2009, excluding items #3, Page 9, A-1, Page 15, A-#7-3, Page 12, 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. Robertson

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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| Yeas: (8) | Mr. Arbour, Mr. Augustine, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Black, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Lamana, Mr. Robertson and Mr. Smith |
| Nays: (1) | Mr. Winfield |

Abstained: (1) Ms. Lee

Absent: (2) Mr. Hammatt and Dr. Spell

The motion was declared adopted.

**Approval of Consent Agenda
Items, Excluding Items #12,
13 and 14**

By Mr. Lamana

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Consent Agenda items, excluding items #12, 13 and 14.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Augustine, Mr. Hammatt and Dr. Spell were 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:

Personnel Services Committee did not meet during the month of July, 2009.

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

Approval for staff to be given authority to select The Advocate as the Official Journal of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System for the 2009-2010 school year, which will be used for the publication of the Board's proceedings, financial statements, legal advertisements, and any other advertising requirements.

Approval for staff to be given authority through June 2010 to advertise, receive and award bids for materials, supplies and/or services to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications and all requirements of the Invitation to Bid.

The Above Approved Items are from the School Operations Committee Minutes of June 3, 2009.

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

Approval of the 2009-2010 Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook and the Discipline Policy.

The Above Approved Items are from the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee Minutes of June 6, 2009.

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

Approval of the 2008-2009 Fund 29 – Special Revenue Fund, Gustav Budget for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

Approval to authorize the administration to approve the most cost effective Property and Casualty Insurance Program Policy renewal package for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Approval of the attached Resolution authorizing the Board President and Superintendent to execute and sign all documents to reject Uninsured Motorist Coverage in connection with the East Baton Rouge Parish School System’s automobile liability coverage and its Self Insured Retention Program for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Adoption of a Resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of Revenue Bonds (Table QSCB), in one or more series, of the Parish School Board of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana.

Approval of the 2009-2010 proposed I CARE Budget and the Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention Program (ADAPP) Budget: I CARE and Title IV.

Approval of the 2009-2010 No Child Left Behind Consolidated Budgets: Title I, Title II, Title III, IDEA – Part B and IDEA – Preschool.

The Above Approved Items are from the Finance Committee Minutes of June 10, 2009.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of Lease Agreement

By Mr. Winfield

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the lease agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and J. K. Haynes Elementary Charter School.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Discussion continued.

The following substitution motion was made.

By Mr. Smith

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby defer the item to the special meeting of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board meeting scheduled for June 22, 2009.

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Augustine, Mr. Hammatt and Dr. Spell were absent.)

**Approval to Award Contract
Renewals for Five Years for
Facility Environmental and
Mechanical Systems Services**

By Mr. Robertson

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby authorize staff to award contract renewals for five years, effective July 1, 2009 through 2014 for Facility Environmental and Mechanical Systems Services to Corporate Mechanical Contractors, Johnson Controls Inc., and Star Service Inc. as stipulated in the Tax Plan Continuation.

Seconded by Mr. Black

Discussion continued.

The following substitution motion was made.

By Mr. Winfield

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby authorize staff to prepare and issue Request for Proposals of (RFPs) for Facility Environmental and Mechanical Systems Services.

Seconded by Mr. Baldwin

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

- Yeas: (4) Mr. Arbour, Mr. Baldwin, Ms. Lee and Mr. Winfield**
- Nays: (5) Mr. Black, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Lamana, Mr. Robertson and Mr. Smith**
- Abstained: (0) None**
- Absent: (3) Mr. Augustine, Mr. Hammatt and Dr. Spell**

The substitution motion failed.

The vote on the original motion was as follows:

- Yeas: (7) Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Black, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mr. Robertson and Mr. Smith**
- Nays: (2) Mr. Arbour and Mr. Winfield**
- Abstained: (0) None**
- Absent: (3) Mr. Augustine, Mr. Hammatt and Dr. Spell**

The original motion was declared adopted.

**Authorization for Staff to
Issue RFPS for Environmental
Services for Asbestos
Management Program**

By Mr. Winfield

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby authorize staff to prepare and issue approval for Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Environmental Services for the asbestos management program at all school sites, administrative centers, and auxiliary services sites owned or leased by the school system and other environmental services as may be required on an as needed basis.

Seconded by Mr. Baldwin

Discussion followed.

The following substitution motion was made.

By Mr. Black

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve for staff and legal counsel to exercise the three (3) year contract renewal option for the Environmental Services Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and CAM Environmental Services to provide environment management services for the asbestos management program at all school

sites, administrative centers, and auxiliary services sites owned or leased by the school system and other environmental services as may be required on an as needed basis, pending comparable pricing data information.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

Yeas: (6) Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Black, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Lamana, Mr. Robertson and Mr. Smith

Nays: (3) Mr. Arbour, Ms. Lee and Mr. Winfield

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (3) Mr. Augustine, Mr. Hammatt and Dr. Spell

The substitution motion failed.

The vote on the original motion was as follows:

Yeas: (3) Mr. Arbour, Ms. Lee and Mr. Winfield

Nays: (6) Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Black, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Lamana, Mr. Robertson and Mr. Smith

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (3) Mr. Augustine, Mr. Hammatt and Dr. Spell

The original motion failed.

Discussion followed.

The following motion was made.

By The Chair

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby reconsider the motion to approve for staff and legal counsel to exercise the three (3) year contract renewal option for the Environmental Services Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and CAM Environmental Services to provide environment management services for the asbestos management program at all school sites, administrative centers, and auxiliary services sites owned or leased by the school system and other environmental services as may be required on an as needed basis, pending comparable pricing data information.

Seconded by Mr. Smith

The vote on the motion to reconsider was as follows:

Yeas: (8) Mr. Arbour, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Black, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Lamana, Ms. Lee, Mr. Robertson and Mr. Smith

Nays: (1) Mr. Winfield

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (3) Mr. Augustine, Mr. Hammatt and Dr. Spell

The motion to reconsider was declared adopted.

**Approval of Proposed Options
for Recovery School District
(RSD) Student Assignments**

By Mr. Baldwin

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the proposed options for Recovery School District (RSD) student assignments as it relates to the following schools: Dalton Elementary, Lanier Elementary, Crestworth Middle, Glen Oaks Middle, Kenilworth Middle and Prescott Middle Schools.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Augustine, Mr. Hammatt and Dr. Spell were absent.)

**Approval of Proposed Concise
Management Agreement**

By Mr. Lamana

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Proposed Concise Management Agreement between the Louisiana Department of Education, through its Recovery School District, and the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board.

Seconded by Mr. Winfield

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Augustine, Mr. Hammatt and Dr. Spell were absent.)

Approval of Resolution

By Mr. Winfield

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a Resolution to declare a Reduction in Force for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System by category.

Seconded by Mr. Baldwin

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (7) Mr. Arbour, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Black, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Lamana, Mr. Robertson and Mr. Winfield

Nays: (2) Ms. Lee and Mr. Smith

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (3) Mr. Augustine, Mr. Hammatt and Dr. Spell

The original motion was declared adopted.

**Review of Superintendent's
Recommendation for Expulsion
Of a Student**

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.

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson with a second by Mr. Smith to schedule a hearing before the Board at the next regularly-scheduled School Board meeting as it relates to the student at Broadmoor High School.

A motion was made by Ms. Lee with a second by Mr. Winfield to schedule a hearing before the Board at the next regularly-scheduled School Board meeting as it relates to the student at Woodlawn High School.

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

Seconded by Mr. Baldwin

Unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. (Mr. Augustine, Mr. Hammatt and Dr. Spell were absent.)

Affirmation of Student Expulsion

Being that neither the student from Winbourne Elementary School nor one of the students from Delmont Elementary School, nor legal representation for either student was present, and there was no motion to modify the Superintendent’s recommendation, the Superintendent’s recommendations were affirmed, and the expulsions were upheld.

Modification of Student Expulsion

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 second Student at Delmont Elementary School.

Discussion followed with the following motion being made:

By Mr. Robertson

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby uphold the Student’s expulsion with modifications from the Superintendent.

Seconded by Mr. Smith

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (5) Mr. Baldwin, Ms. Lee, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Smith and Mr. Winfield

Nays: (3) Mr. Arbour, Ms. Dyason and Mr. Lamana

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (4) Mr. Augustine, Mr. Black, Mr. Hammatt and Dr. Spell

The motion failed.

Therefore, the Superintendent’s original recommendation was upheld.

Mr. Arbour asked if there was any motion to modify or reverse the Superintendent’s recommendation with respect to the Student at Istrouma High School.

Discussion followed with the following motion being made:

By Mr. Robertson

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby uphold the Student’s expulsion with modifications from the Superintendent.

Seconded by Mr. Smith

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (5) Mr. Baldwin, Ms. Lee, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Smith and Mr. Winfield

Nays: (3) Mr. Arbour, Ms. Dyason and Mr. Lamana

Abstained: (0) None

Absent: (4) Mr. Augustine, Mr. Black, Mr. Hammatt and Dr. Spell

The motion failed.

Therefore, the Superintendent's original recommendation was upheld.

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

Charlotte D. Placide
Secretary/Treasurer to the Board