

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 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 twenty-first day of June, 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; Ms. Jill Dyason; Ms. Vereta T. Lee, and Mr. Tarvald A. Smith. Mr. Darryl Robertson and Derrick W. Spell, M.D. were absent.

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; Dr. Herman Brister, Associate Superintendent for Instructional Support Services; Mr. Richard Capps, Administrative Director of Federal Programs; Ms. Paula Fabre, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area I; Mr. John McCann, 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; Mr. Jesse Noble, Chief Technology Officer; Mr. Lee Dixon, Director of Exceptional Student Services; Mr. Chris Trahan, Director of Communication and Community Engagement; and Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel.

Pastor Errol Domingue, Elm Grove Baptist Church, gave the invocation. JROTC Cadet Battalion Security Officer, Cadet Captain Rahsaan H. Nahar, Robert E. Lee High School and Senior Army Instructor, Major (U.S. Army Retired) Francis Toomey lead the pledge of allegiance.

**Approval of School Board
Minutes of May 17, 2007**

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, That, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meeting of May 17, 2007 be dispensed with, and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

Seconded by Mr. Hammatt

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 17, 2007**

By Mr. Hammatt

Resolved, That, the changes in personnel since the School Board Meeting of May 17, 2007, 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

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

**Approval of
Consent Agenda
Items, Excluding Item #11**

By Mr. Black

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Consent Agenda items, excluding Item #11.

Seconded by Mr. Hammatt

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

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

**Approval of New Job
Description with Amendments**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Personnel Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the following new job descriptions, with amendments: Adolescent Literacy Coordinator/Trainer (6-12) and Literacy Coach. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Personnel Services Committee Minutes of June 5, 2007.)**

Approval of Leave Without Pay

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Personnel Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a leave without pay for one semester for: Carol White, Speech Pathologist. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Personnel Services Committee Minutes of June 5, 2007.)**

**Acceptance of Recommendation
From General Counsel**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the School Operations Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept General Counsel's recommendation regarding the following case: Shantelle Whitfield, et al v. Val Duffel & East Baton Rouge Parish School Board; Docket No. 524,427, Sect. "25;"

19th JDC. (Information regarding this item is attached to the School Operations Committee Minutes of June 6, 2007.)

Approval of the Naming of the Elementary School Being Constructed on Antioch Road

Resolved, That, as recommended by the School Operations Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve naming the new elementary school being constructed on Antioch Road, behind Woodlawn High School, as follows: School Name: Woodlawn Elementary School; School Colors: Purple and Kelly Green (White as Accent Color, if Desired); and School Mascot: Cubs. (Information regarding this item is attached to the School Operations Committee Minutes of June 6, 2007.)

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, through June 2008, 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. (Information regarding this item is attached to the School Operations Committee Minutes of June 6, 2007.)

Authorization to Select The Advocate as the Official Journal of EBRPSS

Resolved, That, as recommended by the School Operations Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give authorization to select The Advocate as the Official Journal of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System for the 2007-2008 school year, which will be used for the publication of the Board's

proceedings, financial statements, legal advertisements, and any other advertising requirements. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the School Operations Committee Minutes of June 6, 2007.)**

Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement Between EBRPSS and Recreation and Park Commission (BREC)

Resolved, That, as recommended by the School Operations Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge (BREC) to house a discipline center at Monte Sano Park for the period of August 10, 2007 – May 22, 2008. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the School Operations Committee Minutes of June 6, 2007.)**

Approval of Agreement for the Donation of Leftover Food Items

Resolved, That, as recommended by the School Operations Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Agreement for the Donation of Leftover Food Items to the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank as required by the State Department of Education. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the School Operations Committee Minutes of June 6, 2007.)**

Acceptance of Grant

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept the K-12 Literacy Plan: Middle Grades' Accelerated Reading Grant in the amount of \$200,000. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee Minutes of June 7, 2007.)**

Acceptance of 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: 8(g) Louisiana Virtual School Grant, \$3,000. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee Minutes of June 7, 2007.)**

Approval of "Camp Wiz Kids"

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the "Camp Wiz Kids" to be held at Westdale Heights Academic Magnet Elementary School. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee Minutes of June 7, 2007.)**

Approval of "Summer Arts Camp"

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the "Summer Arts Camp" to be held at Baton Rouge Center for Visual and Performing Arts. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee Minutes of June 7, 2007.)**

Approval of "Summer Basketball Camp"

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the "Summer Basketball Camp" to be held at Scotlandville High School. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee Minutes of June 7, 2007.)**

Approval of a Pre-K Summer School

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a Pre-K Summer School to be held at Children's Charter, Crestworth, Greenbrier, Greenville, North Highlands, Southdowns, Villa del Rey, Wedgewood, Westminster, Wildwood and Wyandotte Schools. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee Minutes of June 7, 2007.)**

Approval of Budget

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the I-CARE Title IV and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Program (ADAPP) budgets for the 2007-2008 school year. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee Minutes of June 7, 2007.)**

Approval of the Renewal of Charter School Contracts

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the renewal of charter school contracts for the following schools: Children's Charter School; Community School for Apprenticeship Learning; and J. K. Haynes Charter School. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Instructional/Pupil Services Committee Minutes of June 7, 2007.)**

Authorization to Approve the Most Cost Effective Property and Casualty Insurance Program Policy Renewal Package

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby 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 2007-2008 fiscal

year. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Finance Committee Minutes of June 13, 2007.)**

Approval of Resolution

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the attached Resolution authorizing the Board President and the 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 2007-2008 fiscal year **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Finance Committee Minutes of June 13, 2007.)**

Approval of the Renewal of J. K. Haynes Charter School Contract

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Charter School Contract Renewal between the J. K. Haynes Charter School and the East Baton Rouge Parish School System. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Finance Committee Minutes of June 13, 2007.)**

Approval of the Renewal of Children's Charter School Contract

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Charter School Contract Renewal between the Children's Charter School and the East Baton Rouge Parish School System. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Finance Committee Minutes of June 13, 2007.)**

**Approval of the Renewal of
Community School for Apprenticeship
Learning Charter School Contract**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Charter School Contract Renewal between the Community School for Apprenticeship Learning and the East Baton Rouge Parish School System. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Finance Committee Minutes of June 13, 2007.)**

Approval of Budgets

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the 2007-2008 Proposed Title IV (I-CARE) Budget and the Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention Program (ADAPP) Budget. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Finance Committee Minutes of June 13, 2007.)**

**Acceptance of the Actual December
2006 Semi-Annual Financial Tax Plan
Update and Approval of the Revised
2006-2007 Tax Plan Budgets**

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby accept the Actual December 2006 Semi-Annual Financial Tax Plan Update and approval of the Revised 2006-2007 Tax Plan Budgets for Propositions 1, 2, and 3. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Finance Committee Minutes of June 13, 2007.)**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

**Approval of New Job Descriptions,
with Amendments, for Capitol
Pre-College Academies**

By Mr. Black

Resolved, That, as recommended by the Personnel Services Committee, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the following new job descriptions, with amendments, for the Capitol Pre-College Academies: Capitol Pre-College Academy Literacy Coach; Capitol Pre-College Academy Content Coach – Mathematics; Capitol Pre-College Academy Content Coach – English/Language Arts; Capitol Pre-College Academy Content Coach – Social Studies; Capitol Pre-College Academy Content Coach – Science; Capitol Pre-College Academy Community Liaison; Capitol Pre-College Academy Facilitator of Support Services; Capitol Pre-College Academy Parent Involvement Facilitator; and Capitol Pre-College Academy Social Worker. **(Information regarding this item is attached to the Personnel Services Committee Minutes of June 5, 2007.)**

Seconded by Mr. Arbour

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: (9) Mr. Arbour, Mr. Augustine, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Black, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Hammatt, Mrs. Sanford, Mr. Smith and Mrs. Smith

Nays: (0) None

Abstained: (1) Ms. Lee

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

The motion was declared adopted.

**Approval of Item A - Resolution,
Item B - Agreement and
Item C - Request for Mediation**

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby request that the administration sever agenda Items (A), (B) and (C) of Item #34 of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Agenda.

Seconded by Mr. Smith

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

Approval of a Resolution

By Mr. Hammatt

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a Resolution regarding the transfer of immovable and movable property to the Central Community School Board in conformance with L.R.S. 17:66 and the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and the Central Community School Board. **(A copy of the Resolution has been marked "Official Copy" and placed in the files of the Board.)**

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

Discussion followed.

A substitute motion was offered.

By Mr. Arbour

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a Resolution regarding the transfer of immovable and movable property to the Central Community School Board in conformance with L.R.S. 17:66 and the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and the Central Community School Board with the following modification being added to Paragraph #2: The transfer of 27 EBRPSS school buses, three (3) spare school buses and one (1) lift gate school bus.

Seconded by Mr. Smith

The vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

Yeas: (10) **Mr. Arbour, Mr. Augustine, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Black, Ms. Dyason, Mr. Hammatt, Ms. Lee, Mrs. Sanford, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Smith**

Nays: (0) **None**

Abstained: (0) **None**

Absent: (2) **Mr. Robertson and Dr. Spell**

The substitute motion was declared adopted.

Executive Session:

By Mr. Arbour

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)(2) to discuss the following matter: Proposed Intergovernmental Agreement between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and the Central Community School Board, potential litigation items, and related matters.

Seconded by Mr. Smith

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

The Board came out of Executive Session and reconvened. No action was taken in or after the Executive Session.

**Review of Superintendent's
Recommendation for Expulsion
of Three (3) Students**

The President asked the Board members to indicate whether or not they had the opportunity to review the three (3) 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 Ms. Dyason to schedule a hearing before the Board at the next regularly-scheduled School Board meeting as it relates to a student at Woodlawn High School.

Since there was no request to schedule a hearing before the Board, the Superintendent's recommendation regarding the expulsion of the Student at Park Forest Middle School and the Student at Scotlandville Magnet High School stands.

**Affirmation of
Student Expulsion**

Being that neither the three (3) students from Delmont Elementary School, the Student from Riveroaks Elementary School nor the Student from Scotlandville Elementary nor legal representation were present, and there was no motion to modify the Superintendent's recommendation, the Superintendent's recommendations were affirmed, and the expulsions were upheld.

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

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