

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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 seventeenth day of September, 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. 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.

Others present were: Mr. John L. Dilworth, 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. Angela Lee, 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 Ronald Williams, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, gave the invocation. Cadet Captain Terrencia V. Polk, Scotlandville Magnet High School, and Lieutenant Colonel Dana Mangham, Senior Army Instructor, led the pledge of allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes of August 20, 2009
School Board Meeting and September 3,
2009 Committee of the Whole**

By Mr. Lamana

Resolved, That, the reading of the minutes of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board Meeting of August 20, 2009 and September 3, 2009 Committee of the Whole meeting be dispensed with, and that they be approved as published in the Official Journal.

Seconded by Ms. Lee

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.

Dr. Spell entered the meeting.

**Approval of Personnel Changes
Since School Board Meeting of
August 20, 2009**

By Dr. Spell

Resolved, That, the changes in personnel since the School Board Meeting of August 20, 2009, 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. Winfield

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

Mr. Augustine entered the meeting.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

By Mr. Hammatt

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

Seconded by Ms. Dyason

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

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

Item approved by the Committee of the Whole for recommendation to the Board:

Acceptance of the recommendation of Mr. Domoine Rutledge, General Counsel, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, in the matter of: Sadie Evans v. Latashia Jarvis, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and All State Insurance Company, Docket No.: 540,068, Sect. "23," 19th JDC.

Acceptance of the Lowe’s Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF) grant for \$100,000.00. Recipient: Twin Oaks Elementary (Playground Renovation Project) – Christa Bordelon, Principal.

Acceptance of the Kelly Gene Cook Charitable Foundation’s Deborah Rochelle Teacher Grant Program award in the amount of \$6,016.00 for two schools. Recipients: Anita Martin Holiday, Interactive Math (Westdale Middle School) for \$3,500.00 and Karen Glasscock-Ford, Read 180: A Strategic Component of the EBRPSS Literacy Achievement Initiative (Glen Oaks High School).

Acceptance of the Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Grant in the amount of \$456,733.00. Recipients: Patricia Friedrich (Project Coordinator) and Sandra Smith (Project Director).

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

Approval of the Proposed 2009-2010 Fund 29 – Special Revenue Fund, Gustav Budget for the East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

Approval of the 2009-2010 Radio Training Program (RTP) budget.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

**Approval for Staff to Advertise,
Accept the Low Bid Meeting
Specifications and Make Award
of a Contract**

By Mr. Hammatt

Resolved, That, as referred by the Committee of the Whole, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby give approval for staff to advertise, accept the low bid meeting specifications and make the award of a contract for the asbestos abatement and demolition of Claiborne 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.

Seconded by Mr. Black

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

**Approval of a Third Party
Administrator Contract**

By Mr. Winfield

Resolved, That, as referred by the Committee of the Whole, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve a third party administrator contract for worker's compensation and liability insurance claims.

Seconded by Mr. Baldwin

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

Adoption of Resolution

By Mr. Lamana

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt a Resolution authorizing the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the lease of 0.918 acres (40,000 square feet) tract of East Baton Rouge Parish School Board property to the Pride Fire Protection District No. 8 of East Baton Rouge Parish adjacent to the Northeast Elementary School.

Seconded by Mr. Hammatt

Unanimously adopted by a vote of all the members.

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

John L. Dilworth
Secretary/Treasurer to the Board