

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

MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2008

5:45 P.M.

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board met at the School Board Office at 1050 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 5:45 p.m. on this the twenty-third day of June, 2008 in special-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; Derrick W. Spell, M.D. and Mr. W. T. Winfield. Mr. Noel Hammatt was absent.

Others present were: Mrs. Charlotte D. Placide, Superintendent; Mr. Robert Stockwell, Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Angela Lee, Special Assistant to the Superintendent; Dr. Herman Brister, Associate Superintendent for Instructional Support Services; Ms. Catherine Fletcher, Chief Business Operations Officer; Ms. Paula Fabre, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Area I; 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.

**Adoption of a Plan Document
and Resolution**

By Mr. Black

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt a 403 (B) Plan Document and Resolution authorizing individuals, the Service Provider Agreement with AIG Retirement Services Company and addendum, the Custodian Agreement designating AIG Federal Savings Bank and the Loan Policy and authorizing the Board President and Superintendent to sign the various documents and related items to implement the Plan.

Seconded by Mr. Winfield

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

Adoption of a Plan Document

and Resolution

By Dr. Spell

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby adopt a Voluntary 457 (b) Plan Document and Resolution authorizing individuals, the Service Provider Agreement with AIG Retirement Services Company, the Custodian Agreement designating AIG Federal Savings Bank and the Loan Policy and authorizing the Board President and Superintendent to sign the various documents and related items to implement the Plan.

Seconded by Mr. Robertson

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

**Approval of Amendment and Reinstatement
of a Plan Document and Resolution**

By Dr. Spell

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve an amendment and reinstatement of FICA Alternative Deferred Compensation Plan Document and Resolution authorizing individuals, the Service Provider Agreement with AIG Retirement Services Company and addendum, the Custodian Agreement designating AIG Federal Savings Bank and authorizing the Board President and Superintendent to sign the various documents and related items to implement the Plan.

Seconded by Mr. Robertson

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

**Approval of Transitioning the
Baton Rouge CAN! Academy**

By Mr. Black

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve transitioning the Baton Rouge CAN! Academy to an alternative school for overage high school students.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

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

**Approval of the Proposed 2008-2009
General Fund Budget, the Budget**

**Resolution and the 2008-2009
Salary Schedules**

By Mr. Augustine

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the Proposed 2008-2009 General Fund Budget, the Budget Resolution and the 2008-2009 Salary Schedules.

Seconded by Mr. Lamana

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

Discussion followed and the following modifications were made.

By Mr. Augustine

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the following modifications to the Proposed 2008-2009 General Fund Budget, the Budget Resolution and the 2008-2009 Salary Schedules: Speech Pathologists and Audiologists completing the requirements to obtain National Board Certification will receive a stipend of \$2,000; The National Board Certification Stipend for Teachers, Librarians, Guidance Counselors, Psychologist and Social Workers receive an annual stipend increase of \$500 for a total annual supplement of \$3,500; Increase part-time degreed teachers pay to \$25 per hour; one time allocation to selected high schools with an Athletic Department in the amount of \$10,000 and selected middle schools in the amount of \$2,500.

Seconded by Mr. Black

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

**Approval of Recommendation from
General Counsel**

By Mr. Robertson

Resolved, That, the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board does hereby approve the recommendation from General Counsel, Domoine D. Rutledge, regarding the Ad Valorem and Tax Plan Litigation with the Central Community School System. Central Community School Board v. East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, 2008 CA 0036 (La. App.1 Cir. 6/6/2008), _So.2d_, 2008 WL2329723; East Baton Rouge Parish School Board v. Wilson, et al., 2008 CA 0536 (La. App. 1 Cir.6/6/08), _So,2d_,2008 WL 2330197.

Seconded by Dr. Spell

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

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

Charlotte D. Placide
Secretary/Treasurer to the Board