

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

FEBRUARY 15, 2007

**The Louisiana Purchase Room
Baton Rouge, LA**

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in regular session on February 15, 2007, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 9: 14 a.m. by Board President Linda M. Johnson and opened with a prayer by Ms. Frances Tarantino, Principal of St. Catherine of Sienna.

Board members present were: Mr. Dale Bayard, Ms. Glenny Lee Buquet, Ms. Penny Dastugue, Ms. Louella Givens, Ms. Leslie Jacobs, Ms. Linda M. Johnson, Mr. Walter Lee, Dr. James Stafford, and Ms. Mary A. Washington.

Ms. Polly Broussard and Dr. Edgar Chase were absent.

Paula Bruchhouse, 4th Grade Teacher at Prien Lake Elementary School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 5 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board approved the agenda as printed and disseminated, with the addition of Emergency Agenda Items 15 – 20, and adding Emergency Agenda Item 15. D. as follows:

15. D. Receive and refer to the Student and School Standards/Instruction Committee: Consideration of correspondence from Representative Mike Walsworth concerning school bus safety matters.

(Schedule 1)

Agenda Item 6 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the minutes of January 18, 2007.

Agenda Item 7 **Notices of Intent**

Notices of Intent duly advertised in the November 2006 issue of the Louisiana Register and ready for final adoption. (Schedule 2)

Agenda Item 7-A-1 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*: §301. School Performance Score Goal, §603. Determining a Cohort for a Graduation Index, and §708. Calculating a Graduation Rate.

- Agenda Item 7-A-2 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 118, *Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices*: §305. Test Security Policy, §1901. Overview, §1903. Introduction, §1905. Participation Criteria, §1907. Test Structure, §1909. Scoring, §1911. Achievement Levels, §1913. Performance Standards, §1915. Introduction, and §1917. LAA 1 Achievement Level Descriptors.
- Agenda Item 7-A-3 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §337. Written Policies and Procedures, §1121. Immunizations, §2301. Standards and Curriculum, §2319. Graduation Requirements, §2321. Carnegie Credit for Middle School Students, §2357. Physical Education, and §2363. Social Studies.
- Agenda Item 7-A-4 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §501. Criminal Background Checks.
- Agenda Item 7-A-5 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §2319. High School Graduation Requirements.
- Agenda Item 7-A-6 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*: §219. Minimum Requirements for Approved Blended General/Special Education Mild-Moderate Program for Grade Levels 1-5: Adopted September 14, 2004; Effective July 1, 2009. §221. Minimum Requirements for Approved Blended General/Special Education Mild-Moderate Program for Grade Levels 4-8: Adopted September 14, 2004; Effective July 1, 2009. §223. Minimum Requirements for Approved Blended General/Special Education Mild-Moderate Program for Grade Levels 6-12: Adopted September 14, 2004; Effective July 1, 2009.
- Agenda Item 7-A-7 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*: §305. Professional Level Certificates and §309. Out-of-State (OS) Certificate.
- Agenda Item 7-A-8 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 1530, *Louisiana's IEP Handbook for Students with Disabilities*, §905. Participation Criteria.

Agenda Item 7-A-9 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 1929, *Louisiana Accounting and Uniform Governmental Handbook*: §1301. Minimum Requirements for Lead School Business Administrator/Chief Financial Officer/Business Manager (Local School Districts and Charter Schools).

Notices of Intent duly advertised in the December 2006 issue of the Louisiana Register and ready for final adoption after March 20, 2007.
(Schedule 3)

Agenda Item 7-B-1 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*: §4302. District Responsibility Indicators, §4310. Subgroup Component AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress), §4311. Performance Labels, §4315. Progress Report, §4503. One Year Waiver for "Severe Impact" Schools and Districts, and §4517. District Performance Score Calculations with Displaced Students.

NOTE: The Department requested that revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*: §4301. Inclusion of All Districts and §4313. Corrective Actions, which appeared in the Notice of Intent published in the December 20, 2006, issue of the *Louisiana Register*, be excluded for final adoption as a Rule.

Agenda Item 7-B-2 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 1794, *State Textbook Adoption Policy and Procedure Manual*: §301. Definitions, §303. Textbook Approval, §319. Establish Procedures for Concerned Citizens' Involvement in the Review Process and a Procedure for Response by Textbook Publishers. §503. Local Planning, §723. Braille Accessibility, and §2001. National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard (NIMAS).

Agenda Item 8 **Report by the State Superintendent of Education**

On behalf of Superintendent Picard, Ms. Linda M. Johnson gave the Superintendent's report, which highlighted the following:

- Nearly 1,200 early childhood education teachers attended the two-day PreK and Kindergarten Conference recently held in Baton Rouge. This annual conference is vital to help our teachers compare notes, learn new techniques, and give Louisiana's children the head start that they need to succeed in the classroom. A wide variety of sessions were offered and the evaluation forms are overwhelmingly positive.

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- Ms. Johnson congratulated Dr. Mary Louise Jones, Ms. Janette

Haydell, and the entire Early Education staff for a job well done.

- Each year, the U.S. Department of Education honors schools that are either academically superior in their states or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement. In November 2006, five Louisiana schools were formally named Blue Ribbon Schools in Washington, D.C. Ms. Johnson presented Certificates of Achievement to the following schools in recognition of the honor:
 - Belle Chasse Primary School in Plaquemines Parish - Ms. Shelly Ritz and Ms. Patricia Haydel are Co-Principals; and Ms. Eva Jones is the Superintendent. Ms. Glenny Lee Buquet is their BESE member.
 - Patterson High School in St. Mary Parish - Mr. Michael Brocato is the Principal; Dr. Donald Aguillard is the Superintendent; and Ms. Catherine Vernon is a math teacher. Ms. Glenny Lee Buquet is their BESE member.
 - Shenandoah Elementary School in East Baton Rouge Parish - Ms. Janiene Batchelor is the Assistant Principal; Ms. Charlotte Placide is the Superintendent; and Ms. Dana Kelly is a teacher at the school. Ms. Polly Broussard and Ms. Linda Johnson represent East Baton Rouge.
 - Stockwell Place Elementary School in Bossier Parish - Mr. Timothy Thompson is the Principal; Dr. Kenneth Kruithof is the Superintendent; and Mr. Bill Byers is a 5th grade teacher. Mr. Walter Lee is their BESE member.
 - George Welch Elementary School in the City of Monroe School System was also recognized, but representatives were unable to be in attendance. Mr. Claude Smith is the Principal, and Dr. Robert Webber is the Superintendent. Dr. James Stafford is their BESE member.
- The National Title I Distinguished Schools were recently honored at a ceremony in Long Beach, California. Two Louisiana schools were named among the best in the nation. Ms. Johnson presented Certificates of Achievement to the following schools in recognition of the honor:

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- Forest Hill Elementary in Rapides Parish was honored for exhibiting

exceptional student performance for two or more years in reading and math. Ms. Nancy Rials is the Principal, and Mr. Gary Jones is the Superintendent. Dr. James Stafford is their BESE member.

- South Thibodeaux Elementary School in Lafourche Parish was honored for closing the achievement gap among all students. Diane Smith is the Principal; Ms. JoAnn Matthews is the Superintendent; Ms. Lisa Osborne is a teacher. Ms. Glenny Lee Buquet is their BESE member.
- The Department of Education and Pennington Biomedical Center presented Certificates of Recognition and a cash award of \$500 each to two schools who were honored for creating programs that make exercise fun, emphasize healthy eating, and have even gotten parents involved. Problems caused by obesity hit children even harder than adults. These programs were actually created in the 2004-2005 school year. Despite the long delay in receiving their recognition, these schools have continued to teach students the keys to living a healthy life. Ms. Johnson thanked the Pennington Biomedical Center for the sponsorship and cash rewards given to our School Health Program. The following schools are recipients of the School Health Awards:
 - Prien Lake Elementary School in Calcasieu Parish - Mr. Wayne Savoy is the Superintendent, and Ms. Irene Greathouse is the Principal. Mr. Dale Bayard is their BESE member.
 - St. Catherine of Sienna School in the Archdiocese of New Orleans - Ms. Frances Dee Tarantino is the Principal. Dr. Edgar Chase, Ms. Leslie Jacobs, and Ms. Louella Givens are their BESE members.

Agenda
Item 9-A

8(g) Committee

(Schedule 4)

9-A-1

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the following monitoring visit reports:

- a. recap reports for FY 2003-2004, FY 2004-2005, and 2005-2006;
- b. report of projects with no audit irregularities for FY 2005-2006;
- c. reports of project audits with irregularities and responses accepted for FY 2004-2005; and
- d. reports of project audits with irregularities awaiting a response for FY 2004-2005.

- 9-A-2 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the report on professional services contracts issued for statewide projects for FY 2006-2007.
- 9-A-3 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved a budget revision for the FY 2006-2007 statewide project, Louisiana Virtual School, (LDE), (S019).
- 9-A-4 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the report of the schedule of submissions for statewide proposals for FY 2007-2008.
- 9-A-5 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board authorized conducting the Eligibility Review of 8(g) Competitive Proposals for FY 2007-2008 with LDE staff and authorized Board staff to notify ineligible applicants of the appeals process.
- 9-A-6 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the program components of 8(g) Statewide projects for FY 2007-2008.
- 9-A-7 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the proposed program, budget, and guidelines for statewide project, High School Redesign 9th Grade Initiative, (S056), (LDE), for FY 2007-2008.
- 9-A-8 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the proposed program, budget, and guidelines for statewide project, Mini Grant Awards of Excellence, (S018), (BESE), for FY 2007-2008.
- Agenda **Accountability and Assessment Committee** (Schedule 5)
Item 9-B
- 9-B-1 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the following reports on LEAP, GEE, and iLEAP testing:
- Pretest Workshops and
 - Assessment Support.
- 9-B-2 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the monthly update on the public awareness campaign for accountability.
- 9-B-3 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on Distinguished Educators' activities.
- 9-B-4 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on the Regional Education Service Centers (RESC).

- 9-B-5 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report regarding state and federal guidelines and regulations related to LANA/DIG for schools in School Improvement and the current level of implementation for both of these processes, retained the item on the agenda, and directed the Department to meet with the districts that have concerns and to provide the Board with recommendations on how to better integrate those processes into Academic Assistance.
- 9-B-6 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report regarding the planned LDE systematic review of all exit data.
- 9-B-7 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved as a Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*: §3905. Inclusion of Alternate Assessment Results, §4302. District Responsibility Indicators, and §4313. Corrective Actions.
- 9-B-8 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the requests from the Evangeline Parish School System and the Concordia Parish School System to change the routing status of the following alternative schools, provided the districts submit any documentation required by the data collections staff:
- Evangeline Central School – Evangeline Parish and
Concordia Education Center – Concordia Parish.
- 9-B-9 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved as a Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §349. Complaint Procedures, which is an official complaint/hearing process related to Title I activities.
- Agenda Item 9-C1 **Board Administration/Relations Committee** (Schedule 6)
- 9-C1-1 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board received the status report on Board Advisory Council attendance.
- 9-C1-2 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board received the in-state travel for Board members to be reimbursed from the BESE budget.
- 9-C1-3 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board approved the out-of-state travel request for Ms. Leslie Jacobs to present at the 2007 National Charter Schools Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 24-27, 2007.

- 9-C1-4 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board received the travel reports for Department of Education employees' out-of-state expenditures.
- 9-C1-5 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board received the travel reports for out-of-state travel to be reimbursed by the Department of Education for non-employees.
- 9-C1-6 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board received the report on the mid-year/biannual progress report by the State Superintendent. The State Implementation Plan will be presented through the State Annual Report during the August 2007 Board Administration/Relations Committee meetings.
- 9-C1-7 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board approved the adoption of a shortened process for the appointment of State Superintendent of Education and that the appointment be made on or before May 1, 2007.

Process for the appointment of State Superintendent of Education:

- 1) The Board Administration/Relations Committee shall serve as the nominating and screening committee since this Committee manages the personnel matters of the Board.
 - 2) Individual Board members are to submit names of potential candidates to a member of the nominating committee by February 20, 2007.
 - 3) The nominating committee will propose 3 to 5 candidates to be recommended to the Board for the position of State Superintendent, and selection will be made at the Special Called Meeting in March 2007. Nominees will be contacted and screened prior to being put forth as candidates.
- 9-C1-8 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board approved, as recommended by the Department of Education, the nine (9) nonprofit corporations listed below to each operate a Type 5 charter school in the 2007-2008 school year, contingent upon the requirements set forth below and special considerations reflected in the Evaluation and Recommendation Summaries:

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- 1) Treme Charter School Association, Inc.;
 - 2) Esperanza Charter School Association, Inc.;
 - 3) KIPP New Orleans, Inc.;
 - 4) Algiers Charter Schools Association, Inc.;
 - 5) New Orleans College Preparatory Academies, Inc.;
 - 6) NOLA 180, Inc.;
 - 7) Broadmoor Charter School Board, Inc.;
 - 8) Advocates for Science and Mathematics Education, Inc.; and
 - 9) Pelican Educational Foundation, Inc.
- Final approval of each charter school application is contingent upon:
 - completion of a pre-opening checklist;
 - addressing the special considerations set forth in the Evaluation and Recommendation Summary recommendations;
 - meeting any other requirements contained in staff recommendations; and
 - execution of the charter contract no later than June 1, 2007.
 - The pre-opening checklist for Type 2 and Type 5 charter schools is approved.
 - The Board President is authorized to sign the charter contract only after verification from staff that items in the pre-opening checklist due on or before June 1, 2007, have been received.
 - Charter application final approval shall not be effective until the above referenced contingencies are met, including execution of the charter contract (signed by president of the non-profit corporation and the BESE President).
 - In order to be approved to operate in the 2007-2008 school year, a charter applicant must receive final approval by meeting all contingencies.

Further, the Board directed Department and BESE staff, with assistance from NACSA, to provide recommendations on how to establish a facilitative process and defined standards for existing charter schools to replicate and/or expand their existing charter school(s) through a charter amendment.

9-C1-9 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the application of The Maxine Giardina Charter School, Inc. to operate a Type 2 charter school contingent upon the requirements set forth below and special considerations reflected in the Evaluation and Recommendation Summaries:

- Final approval of each charter school application is contingent upon:
 - completion of a pre-opening checklist;
 - addressing the special considerations set forth in the Evaluation and Recommendation Summary recommendations;
 - meeting any other requirements contained in staff recommendations; and
 - execution of the charter contract no later than June 1, 2007.
- The pre-opening checklist for Type 2 and Type 5 charter schools is approved.
- The Board President is authorized to sign the charter contract only after verification from staff that items in the pre-opening checklist due on or before June 1, 2007, have been received.
- Charter application final approval shall not be effective until the above referenced contingencies are met, including execution of the charter contract (signed by president of the non-profit corporation and the BESE President).
- In order to be approved to operate in the 2007-2008 school year, a charter applicant must receive final approval by meeting all contingencies.

Ms. Givens was recorded as voting “No.”

9-C1-10 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board denied the application of D’Arbonne Woods Charter School, Inc. to operate a Type 2 charter school.

Ms. Dastugue and Mr. Lee were recorded as voting “No.”

9-C1-11 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board approved the recommendation to deny the Type 2 charter school applications of the following nonprofit corporations:

- 1) Northpoint Charter School, Inc.;
- 2) Community Charter School, Inc.; and
- 3) Community School for Apprenticeship Learning, Inc.

9-C1-12 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board directed that final approval of each charter authorized by the Board is contingent upon the following conditions:

- Final approval of each charter school application is contingent upon:
 - completion of a pre-opening checklist;
 - addressing the special considerations set forth in the Evaluation and Recommendation Summary recommendations;
 - meeting any other requirements contained in staff recommendations; and
 - execution of the charter contract no later than June 1, 2007.
- The pre-opening checklist for Type 2 and Type 5 charter schools is approved.
- The Board President is authorized to sign the charter contract only after verification from staff that items in the pre-opening checklist due on or before June 1, 2007, have been received.
- Charter application final approval shall not be effective until the above referenced contingencies are met, including execution of the charter contract (signed by president of the non-profit corporation and the BESE President).
- In order to be approved to operate in the 2007-2008 school year, a charter applicant must receive final approval by meeting all contingencies.

Further, the Board approved the pre-opening checklist for Type 2 and Type 5 charter schools. In addition, the Board directed that the Commissioner of Administration be notified of the Board's approval of any Type 2 charter applications and that he be requested to give consideration to the inclusion of funding for such schools in the FY 2007-2008 executive budget.

- 9-C1-13 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board directed that Type 5 charter school applications be subject to assignment of a facility as determined by the Recovery School District and the Department.
- 9-C1-14 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board received the report from Education Finance staff concerning charter school budgets and expenditure reports, including irregularities or concerns.
- 9-C1-15 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board deferred consideration of developing and implementing charter school authorizing policies and administrative procedures.
- 9-C1-16 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board received the Charter School Performance Report using the new evaluation framework.
- 9-C1-17 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board received the Scholastic Audit report on Milestone/SABIS Charter School and approved the recommendation that Milestone/SABIS should develop and submit a School Improvement Plan by February 28, 2007, and demonstrate implementation of the plan starting no later than March 1, 2007. Further, the Board directed that in April 2007 a status report be provided to the Board Administration/Relations Committee and, if implementation is not of sufficient quality, that a recommendation be made to the Board to consider revocation of the charter.
- 9-C1-18 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board received the Superintendent's report of personnel actions and approved the personnel actions requiring Board approval for the Special School District (SSD) and the Board Special Schools (BSS).
- Agenda **Board Administration/Relations Committee** (Schedule 7)
Item 9-C2
- 9-C2-1 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the monthly Recovery School District Update. Further, the Board directed that RSD Charter Schools be allowed to hold lotteries for the FY 2007-2008 enrollment period as early as April 1, 2007, and that the 2008-2009 application period be established and posted by the October 2007 BESE meeting.
- 9-C2-2 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board deferred consideration of recommendations regarding the role and the authority of BESE and the State Superintendent concerning the Recovery School District.

- 9-C2-3 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board deferred the request for amendment of the KIPP New Orleans, Inc. charter for the operation of E. H. Phillips Middle School and approved the extension of the KIPP New Orleans, Inc. lease of McNair Elementary School for the 2007-2008 school year.
- 9-C2-4 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board:
- 1) delegated the State Superintendent the authority to enter into lease agreements with any non-RSD school, including negotiation of the terms and conditions; and
 - 2) clarified that BESE must approve any school operating under the auspices of the RSD that is not directly run by RSD employees, such as a charter school, University Partnership School, contract school, school operated pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding, or any school awarded via a Request for Proposal.
- 9-C2-5 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the response for implementing the following recommendations pertaining to the Recovery School District and retained this item on the agenda:
- 1) limit class sizes to maximum of 15 students;
 - 2) reduce security forces and hire more counselors, social workers, and psychologists;
 - 3) comply with the federal and state laws protecting students with special learning needs; and
 - 4) suspend the high stakes requirements for LEAP and GEE tests for two years.
- 9-C2-6 **NOTE:** See motion 9-C2-4 above.
- 9-C2-7 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Dastugue the Board received the report and retained on the agenda "Consideration of recommendations to create a Recovery School District Advisory Committee that is an advisory committee to BESE, including composition, charge, and staffing."

Agenda
Item 9-D1

Finance/Audit Review Committee

(Schedule 8)

9-D1-1 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following BA-7s submitted by Board agencies/Department:

- a. LSD – BA-7 number 3 in response to the House Concurrent Resolution 290 of the 2006 Regular Session of the Legislature to provide a salary supplement for certificated and non-certificated unclassified staff and
- b. LSEC – BA-7 number 2 in response to the House Concurrent Resolution 290 of the 2006 Regular Session of the Legislature to provide a salary supplement for certificated and non-certificated unclassified staff.

9-D1-2 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and referred to the Parish Superintendents’ Advisory Council the Revised Fiscal Risk Assessment and development of regulations for Fiscal Administrator Statute and the addition of a process to include the Recovery School District.

9-D1-3 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the audit report from the Department of Education’s Director of Internal Audit.

Grants and Allocations

Disadvantaged or Disabled Student Support - Formula

9-D1-4 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deferred the following grant:

Allocation: Title III – English Language Acquisition State Grants
 Amount: \$ TBD
 Funding Period: 01/01/07 – 09/30/07
 Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of this grant is to focus on assisting school districts in teaching English to limited English proficient students and in helping students meet the challenging state standards required of all students.

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Basis of Allocation: This is a reallocation of FY 2005-2006 Title III funds allocated to Orleans Parish School Board. Allocations are distributed based upon the number of LEP students enrolled in LEAs based upon SIS counts taken on May 1, 2006. The Recovery School district within Orleans Parish will receive a distribution based upon the SIS enrollment counts taken on October 2, 2006. All LEAs will receive the same per pupil allocation multiplied by their respective enrollment counts.

Educators Support - Formula

9-D1-5 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deferred the following grant:

Allocation: Title II – Improving Teacher Quality State Grants
Amount: \$TBD
Funding Period: 01/01/07 – 09/30/07
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: This program combines the Eisenhower Professional Development State Grants and Class-Size Reduction programs into one program that focuses on preparing, training, and recruiting highly-qualified teachers.

Basis of Allocation: This is a reallocation of FY 2005-2006 Title II funds allocated to Orleans Parish School Board. Allocations are distributed based upon the number of displaced students enrolled in LEAs based upon SIS counts taken on 5/01/06. The Recovery School District within Orleans Parish will receive a distribution based upon the SIS enrollment counts taken on 10/02/06. All LEAs will receive the same per pupil allocation multiplied by their respective enrollment counts.

Educators Support - Formula

9-D1-6 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deferred the following grant:

Allocation: Title V – Innovative Education Program Strategies
Amount: \$TBD
Funding Period: 01/01/07 – 09/30/07
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: Title V funds are used to encourage comprehensive systematic school reform, upgrade instructional and professional development to align with high standards, strengthen accountability, and promote the coordination of resources to improve education for all children.

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Basis of Allocation: This is a reallocation of FY 2005-2006 Title V funds allocated to Orleans Parish School Board. Allocations are distributed based upon the number of displaced students enrolled in LEAs based upon SIS counts taken on 5/01/06. The Recovery School District within Orleans Parish will receive a distribution based upon the SIS enrollment counts taken on 10/02/06. All LEAs will receive the same per pupil allocation multiplied by their respective enrollment counts.

School and Community Support - Formula

9-D1-7 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deferred the following grant:

Allocation: Title IV – Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities
 Amount: \$TBD
 Funding Period: 07/01/06 – 09/30/07
 Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of this grant is to support programs designed to reduce drug, alcohol, and tobacco use and violence, through education and prevention activities in schools. This program is designed to prevent violence in and around schools and strengthen programs that prevent the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs; involve parents in these programs; and coordinate these activities with related federal, state, and community efforts and resources.

Basis of Allocation: This is a reallocation of FY 2005-2006 Title IV funds allocated to Orleans Parish School Board. Allocations are distributed based upon the number of displaced students enrolled in LEAs based upon SIS counts taken on 5/01/06. The Recovery School District within Orleans Parish will receive a distribution based upon the SIS enrollment counts taken on 10/02/06. All LEAs will receive the same per pupil allocation multiplied by their respective enrollment counts.

Educational Improvement & Assistance – Formula

9-D1-8 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: K-3 Reading and Math Initiative
 Amount: \$328,361.37
 Funding Period: 07/01/06 – 06/30/07
 Source of Funds: State

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Purpose: The Louisiana K-3 Reading and Math Initiative is to improve the reading and math skills of public school students in kindergarten through third grade by providing comprehensive and ongoing staff development to teachers so that they will learn and employ effective strategies for reaching children with diverse learning styles and special needs.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations are computed according to the total K-3 student enrollment.

Classroom Technology - Competitive

9-D1-9 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Educational Technology State Grant
Amount: \$263,935
Funding Period: 01/01/07 – 06/30/07
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: The ultimate goal of this initiative is to establish a growing cadre of comprehensively redesigned high schools that have met the Challenges of high poverty/high minority student populations and can serve as attainable models for other schools to explore ways to raise student achievement, reduce or prevent dropouts, significantly increase rates, and better prepare all students for postsecondary success.

Basis of Allocation: Grants were reviewed by an external team of reviewers. The grant award will be formula driven by three factors: 1) a base amount of \$150,000 for costs common to all sub-grantees, 2) a \$350 per pupil amount based upon the targeted school's enrollment, and 3) up to a maximum award of \$500,000 per grantee.

School and Community Support – Competitive Grants

9-D1-10 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deferred the following grant:

Allocation: Migrant Education
Amount: \$25,538
Funding Period: 01/01/07 – 09/30/07
Source of Funds: Federal

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Purpose: The purpose of this grant is to provide funding to programs to help migratory children to overcome education disruption, cultural language barriers, social isolation, and other factors that inhibit the ability of such children to do well in school. Sub-grantees address the purpose of the program through recruitment and advocacy strategies to benefit the migratory children in their area.

Basis of Allocation: Funding is based on supplemental allocations calculated on a performance-based formula.

School and Community Support – Competitive Grants

9-D1-11 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deferred the following grant:

Allocation: Migrant Education
Amount: \$184,736
Funding Period: 07/01/04– 09/30/07
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The grant provides funding to programs to help migratory children to overcome education disruption, cultural language barriers, social isolation, and other factors that inhibit the ability of such children to do well in school. Sub-grantees address the purpose of the program through recruitment and advocacy strategies to benefit the migratory children in their area.

Basis of Allocation: Orleans Parish is not able to utilize the carryover funds for the FY 2004-2005 within the funding period and is releasing the funds back to the State Department of Education to be redistributed.

School and Community Support – Competitive Grants

9-D1-12 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deferred the following grant:

Allocation: MEP Consortium Incentive Grants
Amount: \$86,623
Funding Period: 07/01/06 -09/30/07
Source of Funds: Federal

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Purpose: The MEP Consortium Incentive grants provide funding to programs to help children to overcome education disruption, cultural language barriers, social isolation, and other factors that inhibit the ability of such children to do well in school. Sub-grantees address the purpose of the program through recruitment and advocacy strategies to benefit the migratory children in their area.

Standards, Assessment & Accountability- Competitive Grants

9-D1-13 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Math and Science Partnerships
Amount: \$898,023
Funding Period: 06/01/06 – 09/30/07
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of the Math Science Partnership Projects, established under Title II, Part B, of the NCLB Act of 2001, is to assist districts as they create opportunities for enhanced and ongoing professional development for mathematics and science teachers. The MSP program has been designed to improve the academic achievement of students by enhancing content knowledge and teaching skills of classroom math and science teachers.

Basis of Allocation: Math Science Partnership subgrants will be awarded on a competitive basis to school systems who partner with the science, technology, engineering, and/or mathematics departments at institutions of higher learning. All districts were eligible to participate in a partnership. The amount of funds to be awarded to any district is based on the program proposals and review scores.

Standards, Assessment & Accountability- Competitive Grants

9-D1-14 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Math and Science Partnerships
Amount: \$1,608,647
Funding Period: 06/01/07 – 09/30/08
Source of Funds: Federal

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Purpose: The purpose of the Math Science Partnership Projects, established under Title II, Part B, of the NCLB Act of 2001, is to assist districts as they create opportunities for enhanced and ongoing professional development for mathematics and science teachers. The MSP program has been designed to improve the academic achievement of students by enhancing content knowledge and teaching skills of classroom math and science teachers.

Basis of Allocation: Math Science Partnership subgrants will be awarded on a competitive basis to school systems who partner with the science, technology, engineering, and/or mathematics departments at institutions of higher learning. All districts were eligible to participate in a partnership

Disadvantage or Disabled Student Support - Other

9-D1-15 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Title I School Improvement Grants
Amount: \$10,781,571
Funding Period: 01/01/07 – 09/30/08
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of these funds is to provide additional academic support and learning opportunities to help low-achieving children master challenging curriculum and meet state standards in core academic subjects. Only districts that have Title I schools in School Improvement 2 and above qualify for the Title I School Improvement funds.

Basis of Allocation: Every Title I School in SI 2 and above received a \$70,151 base plus a \$153 per pupil allocation.

Disadvantage or Disabled Student - Other

9-D1-16 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Title I School Improvement Grants
Amount: \$2,143,470
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 09/30/07
Source of Funds: Federal

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Purpose: The purpose of these funds is to provide additional academic support and learning opportunities to help low-achieving children master challenging curriculum and meet state standards in core academic subjects.

Basis of Allocation: The total is being allocated on a per pupil basis.

9-D1-17 **Educators Support**

On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: National Board Certified Teachers
Amount: \$20,000
Funding Period: 07/01/06 – 06/30/07
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: This formula provides an annual salary supplement for teachers who achieve National Board Certification and continue service in the Louisiana Public School System. This allocation provides for payments to public school systems employing National Board Certified Teachers during the SY 2006-2007.

Basis of Allocation: R.S.17:421.6 provides for a salary supplement of \$5,000 to be paid annually to full-time teachers or school administrators holding a valid Louisiana teaching certificate and a valid certificate issued by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards.

9-D1-18 **School Accountability and Improvement**

On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: K-12 Accountability Rewards
Amount: \$4,669,291
Funding Period: 01/01/07 – 06/30/07
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: The State School Rewards Fund is allocated to those schools that meet or surpass their Growth Target and when they show growth in the performance of students who are classified as high poverty students. School personnel shall decide how the monetary award shall be spent; however, the monetary award will not be used for salaries or stipends.

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Basis of Allocation: Schools that attained Exemplary Academic Growth (EAG) received a per pupil allocation with a minimum school allocation of \$5,000. Schools that attained Recognized Academic Growth (RAG) received a per pupil allocation with a minimum school allocation of \$2,500.

- 9-D1-19 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on the Community Development Block Grant Program funds and retained this item on the agenda.
- 9-D1-20 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the 2006-2007 Recovery School District (RSD) budget and retained this item on the agenda.
- 9-D1-21 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on the special education funding issues and deleted this item from the agenda.
- 9-D1-22 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the contracts \$25,000 and under approved by the State Superintendent.
- 9-D1-23 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following Recovery School District (RSD) contract approved by the State Superintendent and the Chair of Finance/Audit Review Committee:

Contractor:	Cayards, Inc.
Previous Contract:	No
Amount:	\$48,500
Contract Period:	12/06/06 - 06/30/07
Fund:	Restart – IAT

Description of Services: The contractor will assess identified schools within the Recovery School District (RSD) and develop a “scope of work” for a fully operational on-site kitchen. Assessments will be performed on 20 schools.

Action

School and Community Support

- 9-D1-24 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor:	Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals
Previous Contract:	Yes

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Amount: \$38,000
 Contract Period: 04/01/07 - 08/31/07
 Fund: Summer FSP Health Inspection FED

Description of Service: The contractor will conduct a pre-opening inspection of each food service site or preparation facility participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Written reports will be provided to include notice of required corrective action.

Student and School Performance

9-D1-25 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: MMCS Consulting, LLC
 Previous Contract: Yes
 Original Amount: \$545,800
 Amended Amount: \$60,844.70
 New Amount: \$606,644.70
 Contract Period: 05/01/04 - 04/30/2007
 Fund: SSP CRT LEAP ACCT Test G/F

Description of Services: The amendment is necessary to cover costs associated with revising the format of the school report cards, which must undergo changes in size to both the parent and principal reports. The amendment amount represents the additional cost of report design, programming, production, and distribution.

Special Consideration

Recovery School District

9-D1-26 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: National Association of Charter School Organizers (NACSA)
 Previous Contract: No
 Original Amount: \$589,964
 Amended Amount: \$14,000
 New Amount: \$603,964
 Contract Period: 02/28/06 - 06/30/07
 Fund: RSD Public Charter SCH ADM FED

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Description of Services: The amendment will improve the efficiency of the charter school application process. State statute requires that LDOE and the Recovery School District conduct a process for the review of charter school applications that meets the standards of NACSA.

9-D1-27 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor:	Linfield, Hunter, & Junius
Previous Contract:	No
Amount:	\$673,443
Contract Period:	01/11/07 - 01/10/08
Fund:	Restart – IAT

Description of Services: Contractor to perform services of an architect for the construction of modular school sites for the Recovery School District in regard to Project # 19D-682-06-EDU, Part 01 682.

9-D1-28 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor:	The New Teacher Project, Inc.
Previous Contract	No
Amount:	\$292,657
Contract Period:	01/26/07 - 1/25/08
Fund:	Restart – IAT

Description of Services: Contractor to provide a comprehensive application, screening, and placement process that will ensure good instruction and appropriate employment for teachers according to the contract and need for schools within the Recovery School District.

This contract is necessary because the available pool of certified teachers has been exhausted on the local and RSD levels during the last several months, requiring the RSD to explore providers that can produce degreed candidates that will seek alternative methods of certification in Louisiana.

School and Community Support

9-D1-29 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor:	CN Resources, LLC
Previous Contract:	Yes

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Original Amount: \$250,000
Amended Amount: \$250,000
New Amount: \$500,000
Contract Period: 05/01/2006
Original End Date: 04/30/07
Revised End Date: 04/30/08
Funds: Food & Nutrition Services 1.5% Audit ADM FED;
Child Care SAE FED

Description of Service: The amendment allows for continuation of the contract for the second year of services. Contractor will assist the LDOE in providing program assistance to sub recipients in the areas of program compliance reviews and training as required by USDA regulations.

9-D1-30 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: The Center for Child Development – University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$1,550,750
Amended Amount: \$150,000
New Amount: \$1,700,750
Contract Period: 01/02/08
Original End Date: 06/30/07
Revised End Date: 09/30/07
Funds: Project SERV Title IV/FED

Description of Service: The amendment provides for additional funds and extends the contract period to allow the contractor to provide technical assistance to the Coordinated School Health Program (CSHP) pilot sites. The technical assistance will support efforts to develop and support the implementation of sustainable mental health services.

9-D1-31 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$1,304,000
Amended Amount: (\$39,341.07)
New Amount: \$1,264,658.93
Contract Period: 07/01/04 - 12/31/07
Funds: Even Start Leadership FED; HIPPY Program IAT LT
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Description of Service: The amendment provides for an increase in services and funding for the contractor's evaluation of the HIPPY program. The amendment also provides for a decrease in services and funding related to the contractor's evaluation of the Even Start program. The amendment does not affect contract terms related to the LA 4 and Starting Points programs.

The contractor provides objective, comprehensive, and independent evaluation of programs serving young children.

Student and School Performance

9-D1-32 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Dr. William Brozo
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$46,500
Contract Period: 03/01/07 - 01/31/08
Funds: School Asst K-3 Reading & Math STATE; 8(g) LA Literacy IAT

Description of Service: The contractor will provide content area literacy training for Comprehensive Curriculum writers and Literacy Coaches. Services include literacy professional development, follow-up, and ongoing technical assistance.

9-D1-33 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Families Helping Families of Louisiana
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$330,285
Contract Period: 04/01/07 - 06/30/08
Funds: SSP State Improvement Grant FED

Description of Service: The contractor will support the activities of the State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG). Activities include: (1) host Family Leadership Academies for families, (2) provide support for family members to serve on SPDG campus improvement teams, (3) assist in the evaluation of SPDG project activities, and (4) assist in the implementation of professional development activities related to disability issues.

9-D1-34 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Louisiana State University
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$798,570
Contract Period: 04/01/07 - 06/30/08
Funds: SSP State Improvement Grant FED

Description of Service: The contractor will provide support to Louisiana's State Improvement Grant (LaSIG) and State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) at the state and district levels. The contract provides funding for the LaSIG/SPDG Project Co-Director, Coordinator, Facilitator, Site Liaisons, and Evaluator/Internal Effectiveness positions. LaSIG and SPDG are designed to improve systems of professional development and service delivery at the state level and improve student outcomes at the district, campus, and individual levels.

9-D1-35 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Measured Progress
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$1,982,046
Amended Amount: \$49,675
New Amount: \$2,031,721
Contract Period: 07/01/05 - 06/30/12
Funds: SSP CRT LEAP ACCT Test G/F

Description of Service: The amendment will allow for additional training days with workshops that are content-specific and grade-span specific. The additional training days will allow for follow-up training with the opportunity to apply learned material as a reinforcement. Professional development activities include scoring assessments, rubric development, and development of assessment institutes for Louisiana teachers.

9-D1-36 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Options for Independence
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$74,714
Contract Period: 04/01/07 - 06/30/08
Funds: SSP State Improvement Grant FED
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Description of Service: The contractor will provide support for the Louisiana State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) at the state and district levels. A SPDG Family Coordinator will be provided to (1) work directly with project staff, Family Helping Families of Louisiana, Parent Training Centers, and others to coordinate activities; (2) serve on management teams; (3) assist in the evaluation of SPDG project activities by securing feedback from families; (4) assist in the development of materials and training of current SPDG Family Facilitators; and (5) assist in the development of leadership opportunities for families and consumers.

9-D1-37 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Southwest Educational Development Lab (SEDL)
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$48,900
Contract Period: 02/15/07 - 06/30/07
Funds: 8(g) LA Literacy IAT

Description of Service: The contractor will (1) develop an implementation matrix with the key components of the Louisiana Literacy Plan to monitor the degree of program implementation in individual pilot sites; (2) conduct a maximum of three multi-day site visits to the five pilot districts to monitor the progress of the Louisiana Literacy Plan, using the implementation matrix, and to conduct fidelity checks of classroom instruction, using the Literacy Observation Tool and reading program observation checklists; and (3) provide a summary report outlining the implementation progress of the Louisiana Literacy Plan in pilot sites.

Special School District

9-D1-38 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: The Browning Group, Inc.
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$9,914
Amended Amount: \$23,038
New Amount: \$32,952
Contract Period: 12/12/06 - 06/30/07
Funds: IDEA B – FED

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Description of Service: The amendment will provide for continued and expanded training for Special School District staff. The contractor offers specialized training, insight, and skills through the Emergenetics program, which has been effectively utilized by organizations nationally and internationally.

- 9-D1-39 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on possible sanctions for 21st Century Grant recipients with audit findings and retained this item on the agenda.

Agenda **Finance/Audit Review Committee** (Schedule 9)
Item 9-D2 **(Special Meeting on the MFP)**

- 9-D2-1 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board directed the Department to include retiree health benefits for Orleans, St. Bernard, Cameron, and Plaquemines Parishes in Level 3 of the MFP Formula.

- 9-D2-2 **NOTE:** At its Special Called Meeting on March 13, 2007, the Board amended Motion 9-D2-2. The following motion reflects that action.

On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board:

- a. directed the Department to consider phasing-out hold harmless ~~over a 40-year period,~~
- b. directed the Department to present other options in phasing-out hold harmless, and
- c. authorized the Department to recommend to the Legislature that Mr. Ponder Jones' recommendations be included. (If hold harmless funds are no longer paid, hold harmless districts would be allowed to levy a property tax that would equal the reduction of hold harmless funds.)

Ms. Washington was recorded as voting "No."

Agenda **High School Redesign Committee** (Schedule 10)
Item 9-E

- 9-E-1 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) report regarding issues of interest to both Boards that support and/or expand PreK-16 articulation activities.

- 9-E-2 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the report on the LA ePortal and directed the Department to work with the Board of Regents to determine additional collaborative opportunities for district- and school-level training. Further, the Board requested that the Board of Regents provide an end-of-semester tracking report of LA ePortal usage by district and school.
- 9-E-3 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the annual report of the local and regional articulation agreements for the 2007-2008 school year and approved the "Courses Included in Articulation Agreements Between Secondary and Post-Secondary Schools – Louisiana 2007-2008."
- 9-E-4 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the annual Secondary to Postsecondary Articulation Report pursuant to Act 151 of the 1st Extraordinary Session of the 1998 Louisiana Legislative Session. This report was prepared collaboratively with the Board of Regents and the LCTCS.
- 9-E-5 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the Department of Education's request to release a Request for Proposals for the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program for 2007-2008.
- 9-E-6 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the report regarding the Louisiana High School Redesign Summit: Redesigning 9th Grade to be held March 2, 2007.
- 9-E-7 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the Annual Career Options Law Evaluation Report due to the Legislature.
- 9-E-8 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the Department of Education's recommendations concerning the establishment of a task force to study and make recommendations to the Board regarding alternate diplomas for special education students with the following changes:
- a. within the task force membership, add "a school counselor" as a category;
 - b. within the charge to the task force, add a fifth primary area that would lead to recommendations for a non-standard high school diploma for special education students that may or may not be recognized through NCLB; and

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- c. within the explanation of the task force membership, specify that the Special Education-related members of the task force be selected by the Special Education Advisory Council and that the Chairperson of the High School Redesign Commission select those high school or Commission-related members.

9-E-9 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board deleted "Consideration of awarding high school diplomas for students with disabilities who participate in LAA2" because this issue will be included in the charge to the new task force to be created by the Department.

9-E-10 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board deferred "Consideration of the JROTC Area of Concentration meeting Performance Criteria for the Career and Technical Diploma Endorsement."

9-E-11 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received and retained the report regarding a list of approved Industry Based Certificate (IBC) Programs and recommendations from the Department as to which IBCs should be recognized for awarding diploma endorsements for inclusion in the graduation index

Agenda Legal/Due Process Committee (Schedule 11)
Item 9-F

9-F-1 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board denied the request for reinstatement of the Louisiana teaching certificate, Type A, #045192, for **Mr. Dema Schexnayder**.

9-F-2 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board received the report from the Superintendent of Education regarding Special School District (SSD) personnel and retained this item on the agenda.

Agenda Legislative/Policy Oversight Committee (Schedule 12)
Item 9-G

9-G-1 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the report requested by House Concurrent Resolution No. 189. The resolution urges and requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study the feasibility of implementing an online student information system for the parents of public high school students to access and to report the study findings and recommendations, in writing, to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education prior to the convening of the 2007 Regular Session.

9-G-2 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the House Resolution No. 103 report, as revised. The resolution urges and requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, in considering issues relative to the Minimum Foundation Program Formula, especially any considerations relative to the local wealth factor component of the formula, to solicit requests for proposals from a broader field of candidates with expertise in the area of school finance and to submit a written report on the status of such solicitations to the House Committee of Education prior to the convening of the 2007 Regular Session.

9-G-3 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the report on legislation for the 2007 Regular Legislative Session.

9-G-4 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board deferred consideration of the recommendations of Mr. Ponder Jones relative to hold harmless districts until a decision is made on the proposed plans for reduction of Hold Harmless at the March 2007 Special Called Board meeting.

Agenda **Quality Educators Committee** (Schedule 13)
Item 9-H

9-H-1 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report on the following activities for Professional Accountability:

- a. Louisiana Teacher and Assessment Program (LaTAAP);
- b. Louisiana First (Framework for Inducting, Retaining, and Supporting Teachers) Online; and
- c. Targeting Special Education Certification (TSEC).

9-H-2 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report on the Leadership Development Activity, Louisiana School Turnaround Specialist Program, and referred this item to the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council.

9-H-3 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the following reports on the Professional Development program:

- a. Learning-Intensive Networking Communities for Success (LINCS) and
- b. National Board Certification Program (NBC).

9-H-4 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the status report on the Blue Ribbon Commission on Educational Excellence.

- 9-H-5 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report on the Technology Initiative in reference to the Algebra I Online project.
- 9-H-6 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the redesigned special education teacher preparation programs for the following universities:
- a. Louisiana Tech University: Master of Arts in Teaching in Early Interventionist (Birth to Five Years) and
 - b. University of Louisiana at Lafayette: Non-Master's/Certification-Only Alternate Program in Early Interventionist (Birth to Five Years).
- 9-H-7 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the redesigned teacher preparation program at Loyola University of New Orleans, in collaboration with an approved program at Our Lady of Holy Cross College:
- a. Loyola University of New Orleans: Undergraduate All-Level (Grades K-12) Instrumental Music and All-Level (Grades K-12) Vocal Music, in collaboration with an approved program at Our Lady of Holy Cross College.
- 9-H-8 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved as Notice of Intent revisions to Educational Interpreter and Educational Transliterator Standards contained in Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*.
- 9-H-9 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved as Notice of Intent revisions to the guidance counselor certification policy contained in Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*.
- 9-H-10 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved as Notice of Intent revisions to the add-on school librarian certification policy contained in Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*.
- 9-H-11 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved as Notice of Intent revisions to the Foreign Language Special Certificate PK-8 contained in Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*.

- 9-H-12 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the public comments from the following persons concerning revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*, §240, §703, §705, and §707- Educational Leader:
- a. Dr. Frederick Dembowski, Head of the Department of Educational Leadership and Technology, Southeastern Louisiana University;
 - b. Dr. Otis LoVette, Education Leadership and Counseling, University of Louisiana at Monroe;
 - c. Dr. Tony Armenta, Associate Professor, Educational Leadership, Southeastern Louisiana University; and
 - d. Dr. John Crain, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Southeastern Louisiana University.

Agenda Item 9-I **Strategic Planning Study Group** (Schedule 14)

- 9-I-1 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board received the status report on the St. Helena Parish reconstitution plan.
- 9-I-2 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board received the report regarding a discussion with the Madison Parish School System concerning its high percentage (26%) of non-graduating seniors and retained this item on the agenda for an update report in September 2007.
- 9-I-3 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board received the report from the City of Baker School System regarding their current status as a District in Academic Crisis and retained this item on the agenda for an update report in June 2007.

Agenda Item 9-J **Student and School Standards/Instruction Committee** (Schedule 15)

- 9-J-1 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the February 2007 report on locally-initiated elementary and/or secondary elective courses approved by the Department for nonpublic schools.
- 9-J-2 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the recommendations from the Department for the following local education agencies for waivers of Bulletin 741 school approval standards, for regular and special education, submitted by the State Superintendent of Education:

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- a. approved the Recovery School District's request for a waiver of §1103 G, which states that high school students must be in attendance a minimum of 81 days per semester to receive Carnegie credit;
- b. approved the request by St. Martin's Episcopal School for a waiver to allow David Callaway to take English II and English III concurrently;
- c. approved the request from St. Martin Parish for a waiver of §913 (A), which limits the class size in grades K-3 to 26 students, for one second grade class at Catahoula Elementary School; twenty-seven students are enrolled in this class;
- d. approved the request from Jefferson Parish for a waiver of §2501 (A) to allow Jefferson Parish elementary summer schools to offer new subjects, with the understanding that each new subject will consist of 180 hours of instructional time; and
- e. approved the request from Jefferson Parish for a waiver of §2501 (I) to allow summer school teachers to teach three subjects in one class; this waiver should not apply to core subject areas.

- 9-J-3 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board deferred action on the Bulletin 741 waiver request from the Tangipahoa Parish School Board until or unless the Tangipahoa Parish School Board selects a noncertified person as superintendent and removed the item from the agenda. If the local board chooses to petition BESE for a waiver, BESE will consider the waiver request at that time.
- 9-J-4 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board granted Brumfield-Dodd school approval for Family Worship Christian Academy, St. Landry Parish.
- 9-J-5 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on recommendations regarding policy requirements for elementary foreign language programs and deleted this item from the agenda.
- 9-J-6 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved as a Notice of Intent revisions to the Career and Technical Education course offerings contained in Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*.
- 9-J-7 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved as a Notice of Intent the creation of Bulletin 124, *Supplemental Educational Services*.
- 9-J-8 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the release of a Request for Proposals for the continuation of the Even Start Family Literacy Program and the Migrant Education Program.

- 9-J-9 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the Louisiana Reading First Evaluation, 2006-2007.
- 9-J-10 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the *Louisiana Literacy Plan: Literacy for All*, including the executive summary report for the K-3 Reading Report.
- 9-J-11 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board deferred until April 2007 approval of the mandatory administration of DIBELS in all Louisiana public schools in grades K-3 beginning in 2007-2008 and referred this item to the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council.
- 9-J-12 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the Before and After School Enrichment waivers for the LA 4 Prekindergarten Program for Assumption Parish and Terrebonne Parish.
- 9-J-13 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the release of an RFP for the Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters program (HIPPY) state continuation funds.
- 9-J-14 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the revisions to the *Extension of the State Plan for Adult Education* to comply with the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA).
- 9-J-15 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the release of Requests for Proposals for the following continuation grants:
- a. Adult Basic Education,
 - b. Adult Family Literacy,
 - c. Adult Education Workplace Literacy, and
 - d. English Language/Civics Education grants.
- 9-J-16 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board retained on the agenda "Consideration of approval of the Perkins IV State Plan."
- 9-J-17 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board denied the Department's request to issue a Request for Proposals to complete a comparative analysis of K-12 reading textbooks submitted for state adoption.

9-J-18 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on developing recommendations for helping to ease the transition of 6th graders from elementary to upper school configurations and directed the Department to send this information to the local school systems.

9-J-19 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on a benchmark study on the status of civic education in Louisiana prepared by the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education.

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Item 10 **Board Advisory Council Reports**

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Item 10-A **Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council** (Schedule 16)

On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the minutes of the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council meeting held on February 1, 2007, and approved the tentative agenda for April 5, 2007.

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Item 11 **Board Advisory Council Appointments**

There were no Advisory Council appointments in February 2007.

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Item 12 **Received and/or Referred**

Agenda
Item 12-A On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the resolution from the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board regarding its petitioning the Louisiana School Boards Association to sponsor legislation which will change the textbook adoption cycle to coincide with major states, and allocate sufficient funds to cover actual costs of books.
(Schedule 17)

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Item 12-B On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the resolution from Vernon Parish School Board requesting that Governor Blanco, BESE, and the Louisiana Legislature pursue funding options to provide a significant pay raise for support personnel. (Schedule 18)

Agenda
Item 12-C On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the resolution from Vernon Parish School Board requesting that BESE, Governor Kathleen Blanco, and the Louisiana Legislature pursue avenues for increased funding to assist with transportation costs. (Schedule 19)

- Agenda Item 12-D On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and referred to the Quality Educators Committee: Consideration of a revision to the Louisiana State Standards for Distance Education and the associated portion of Bulletin 741 that addresses Distance Education.
(Schedule 20)
- Agenda Item 12-E On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and referred to the Student and School Standards/Instruction Committee and the Special Education Advisory Council: Consideration of approval of the State Plan under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
(Schedule 21)
- Agenda Item 13 **NOTE:** This item was handled under Agenda Item 8, "Report by the Superintendent of Education."

On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board deleted from the agenda "Recognition of recipients of the annual School Health Award."
(Schedule 22)
- Agenda Item 14 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board received the monthly report of appointments and separations in the Department of Education.
(Schedule 23)
- Agenda Item 15 **Received and/or Referred**
- Agenda Item 15-A On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the resolution from the Caddo Parish School Board regarding its request that BESE attempt to procure or designate additional funding through the legislature to require the inclusion of one health care professional in every public school throughout the state of Louisiana.
(Schedule 24)
- Agenda Item 15-B On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the resolution from the Pointe Coupee Parish School Board requesting that BESE remove Column 14 from the MFP.
(Schedule 25)
- Agenda Item 15-C On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received and referred to the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council: Consideration of a report on Bulletin 1573, *Complaint Management Procedures*, for information and clarification regarding an analysis of the number of complaints received which get resolved at the district level prior to going any further and the number of complaints in which the special education director is not already aware of an issue within the district.
(Schedule 26)

Agenda Item 15-D On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received and referred to the Student and School Standards/Instruction Committee: Consideration of correspondence from Representative Mike Walsworth concerning school bus safety matters.

Agenda Item 16 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the Department's request for the Division of School and Community Support to apply for a 2007 Team Nutrition Training Grant funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. (Schedule 27)

Agenda Item 17 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board:

- a. approved the request from the Pointe Coupee Parish School System to develop a reconstitution plan for Pointe Coupee Central High School to be presented to the Department by May 2007 and presented to BESE for consideration at its May meeting,
- b. referred to the School and District Accountability Commission for review and recommendations the sequencing of School Improvement interventions, and
- c. directed that the process to solicit applications for taking over Pointe Coupee Central High School as a charter school be cancelled. (Schedule 28)

Agenda Item 18 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the request from the Recovery School District for a waiver of Bulletin 741 policy contained in §907.A.4., which requires a minimum of 7,965 minutes of instructional time for a Carnegie unit to be earned, for its evening and Saturday classes. Further, the Board directed that the Department provide the Board with potential changes in policy that would facilitate credit recovery with more flexibility, since a recommendation of the High School Redesign Commission is that there be more flexibility in credit recovery. (Schedule 29)

Agenda Item 19 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract, as recommended by the Department:

Special School District

Contractor: Office of Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) – Department of Health and Hospitals, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Previous Contract: Yes

Begin Date: 07/01/06

End Date: 06/30/07

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Amount: \$1,438,262
Source of Funds: Incoming Funds

Description of Services: Contractor will reimburse LDOE for the provision of appropriate services to eligible Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA) students who are residing in OCDD facilities. LDOE is responsible for providing personnel, professional services, equipment, and materials necessary to administer educational services in accordance with the Individualized Education Program (IEP) and Individual Program Plan (IPP).

(Schedule 30)

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On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board went into Executive Session at 10:42 a.m. to discuss litigation concerning Yvette Muse v. BESE, Docket No. 536212, Section 22, 19th Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Yeas: Mr. Bayard, Ms. Buquet, Ms. Dastugue, Ms. Givens, Ms. Jacobs, Mr. Lee, Dr. Stafford, and Ms. Johnson.

Nays: Ms. Washington.

Abstains: None.

The Roll Call Vote on the motion to go into Executive Session passed. It was noted that no votes would be taken while the Board was in Executive Session; all votes would be made in public.

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On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board reconvened into Regular Session at 10:59 a.m. A quorum was present.

Agenda Item 20

On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board received the report of Legal Counsel concerning Yvette Muse v. BESE, Docket No. 536212, Section 22, 19th Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.