

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION**

**MARCH 1, 2007**

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

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in special session on March 1, 2007, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m. by Board President Linda M. Johnson.

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

Agenda Item 3      On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the agenda as printed and disseminated.      (Schedule 1)

Agenda Item 4      On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board ratified the emergency authorization designating the Deputy Superintendent of Education to act in the capacity of State Superintendent of Education effective February 15, 2007, to date, and continuing in effect until a State Superintendent appointed by the Board begins employment.      (Schedule 2)

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Agenda Item 5      On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board accepted the following slate of nominees for State Superintendent of Education:

- Mr. Eugene N. "Sonny" Baudry, Jr.;
- Mr. Clifford A. Friedman; and
- Mr. Paul G. Pastorek.

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Ms. Johnson outlined the following voting process:

1. Board members may recommend names from the slate as candidates. A Board member may recommend more than 1 name.
2. Once a list of candidates is established, the Board will vote.

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- 3. Voting will be by Roll Call.
- 4. Each Board member will express his/her first choice from the candidate list.
- 5. Votes will be counted. If a candidate receives 8 votes, that candidate becomes the next State Superintendent of Education. If no candidate receives 8 votes, a second Roll Call Vote will be taken on the 2 candidates receiving the highest number of votes to determine the appointment.

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Dr. Stafford placed in nomination for State Superintendent of Education the name of Mr. Paul G. Pastorek.

Mr. Bayard placed in nomination for State Superintendent of Education the name of Mr. Clifford A. Friedman.

Ms. Buquet placed in nomination for State Superintendent of Education the name of Mr. Eugene N. "Sonny" Baudry, Jr.

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Mr. Lee requested that the record indicate that Supt. Lloyd Lindsey was nominated, but he chose not to be considered at this time.

Dr. Stafford stated that nominations, leads to withdraw, questions of order, and parliamentary inquiry are all issues that do not require a second.

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A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Votes recorded for Mr. Baudry: None.

Votes recorded for Mr. Friedman: Mr. Bayard.

Votes recorded for Mr. Pastorek: Ms. Broussard, Ms. Buquet, Dr. Chase, Ms. Dastugue, Ms. Givens, Ms. Jacobs, Mr. Lee, Dr. Stafford, Ms. Washington, and Ms. Johnson.

The Roll Call Vote to approve Mr. Paul G. Pastorek as State Superintendent of Education passed.

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On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board supported Mr. Pastorek in unison and in its entirety as a Board.

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On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board directed that a letter be sent to the Governor and to the Legislature requesting Senate confirmation of Mr. Paul G. Pastorek as State Superintendent of Education.

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On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board directed that the new State Superintendent of Education be hired effective no later than March 30, 2007.

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On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board authorized the Board President and the members of the Finance/Audit Review Committee to meet with the Governor and the Commissioner of Administration to negotiate the contract of the new State Superintendent of Education.

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Dr. Stafford stated that it would be highly desirable that after the contract for the State Superintendent of Education has been negotiated it be brought back to the Board for ratification.

Ms. Jacobs suggested that the ratification of the contract for the State Superintendent of Education be placed on the April 2007 agenda.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.