

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

APRIL 19, 2007

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

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in regular session on April 19, 2007, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m. by Board President Linda M. Johnson and opened with a prayer by Carley Furlan, 8th Grade Student of the Year from Fontainebleau Junior High School in St. Tammany Parish.

Board members present were: Mr. Dale Bayard, Ms. Polly Broussard, Ms. Glennie 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.

Carley Furlan also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 17 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board agreed to take Agenda Item 17 out of order.

The Oath of Office for State Superintendent of Education Paul G. Pastorek was administered by Secretary of State Jay Dardenne.

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At this point in the meeting the Board received comments from Senator Ben Nevers in support of the Bulletin 741 waiver request from the Tangipahoa Parish School Board.

Agenda Item 5 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the agenda as printed and disseminated, with the addition of Emergency Agenda Items 16 – 21. (Schedule 1)

Agenda Item 6 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board approved the minutes of February 15, 2007, and March 13, 2007.

Agenda Item 16-A **NOTE:** See Agenda Item 16-A on page 48 for final Board action on this item.

On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board agreed to change Agenda Item 16-A from "Receive and refer to the Student and School Standards/Instruction Committee: Consideration of Bulletin 741 waiver request from the Tangipahoa Parish School Board" to "Consideration of Bulletin 741 waiver request from the Tangipahoa Parish School Board."

The Board agreed to take Agenda Item 8, "Report by the State Superintendent of Education," out of order.

Agenda
Item 8

Report by the State Superintendent of Education

- Superintendent Pastorek reiterated his commitment to the students and to the education community across Louisiana.
 - The Superintendent has visited St. Bernard Parish, St. Tammany Parish, Jefferson Parish, Calcasieu Parish, and Ouachita Parish. He stated that he plans to spend time in each district and will report back to the Board in May 2007 on what he has learned and what needs to be done to move all schools to the next level.
 - Superintendent Pastorek has spoken to the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council about the most pressing issues facing districts right now.
 - Expanding the funding for Louisiana's highly ranked Pre-K programs is one of the Superintendent's high priorities. He stated that Louisiana is on the right track, we are already seeing results, and we must continue to expand Pre-K across this state.
 - Louisiana is again receiving national attention for the Governor's budget proposal that increases Pre-K funding by 38 percent.
 - The annual *Pre-K Now* report commends Louisiana and Governor Kathleen Blanco for her effort to increase the funding by 30 million dollars – enough to serve every at-risk four-year-old child in Louisiana.
 - During Leslie Jacobs' presentation to the Joint Education Committee at the Legislature last week, this proposal was talked about favorably by legislators as well.
- Louisiana also ranked favorably in a national report on technology in our classrooms.
 - Last week in its Technology Counts report, Education Week Magazine gave Louisiana a B- when it comes to access, use, and capacity.

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- Louisiana is ranked 9th in the nation, tied with South Carolina.
- Superintendent Pastorek commended Sheila Talamo, Janet Broussard, and the entire group at LCET for taking limited resources and using them effectively.
- The Superintendent presented the following 2007 Louisiana Students of the Year:

Aimee Elizabeth Bennett - Elementary School Student of the Year

Aimee's parents are Robert and Dana Bennett. She is a 5th grade student at Pine Wood Elementary School in Beauregard Parish. Her principal is Stan Levy; Rita Mann is the acting district superintendent; and Dale Bayard is her BESE member. Aimee is an honor student who loves reading and writing, is active in her church, has won several Science Fair awards, and is involved in both dance and music. She is also a first place winner of a spelling bee competition.

Carley Marie Furlan - Junior High/Middle School Student of the Year

Carley's parents are Susan and Charles Furlan. She is an 8th grade student at Fountainebleau Junior High School in St. Tammany Parish. Her principal is Dr. Timothy Schneider; Gayle Sloan is the district superintendent; and Penny Dastugue is her BESE member. Carley has a superior grade point average, has held leadership positions in various clubs and organizations, is active in her community, and plans to become a medical doctor specializing in pediatrics. Hurricane Katrina forced Carley's family to relocate to Texas temporarily, and she is glad to be home.

Allison Post - High School Student of the Year

Allison's parents are Pat and David Post. She attends A.M. Barbe High School in Calcasieu Parish. Her principal is Charles Adkins; Wayne Savoy is the district superintendent; and her BESE member is Dale Bayard. Allison excels academically and has an active leadership role in various clubs and organizations. She is a volunteer in her community, a member of the National Honor Society, and has been recognized by the National Merit Program. She plans to become a biomedical engineer.

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- Superintendent Pastorek commended Alice Carroll and Nancy Laird in the Office of School and Community Support. The USDA featured their resource guide for Family Nutrition Nights in their nationally distributed newsletter. The Department was singled out for creating a way to teach students valuable information about nutrition during their math and science courses. Of course, the lessons are aligned with the state's GLEs.
- The Superintendent stated that this year's winners of the Milken Award were made at a school-wide assembly, and each teacher received \$25 thousand dollars to use any way she chooses. The award recipients were:

Mary Harris

Ms. Harris teaches fourth grade at Summer Grove Elementary School in Shreveport. She has sixteen years of teaching experience. Milken chose her for her innovative strategies to turn fourth graders into students who love and excel at reading. Ms. Harris created the before school Round Table Reading Club, which has helped at-risk students pass the LEAP test. She organized correspondence with an FBI agent and is active in her community. Ms. Harris' Superintendent is Ollie Tyler; her Principal is Marilyn Caldwell; and her BESE member is Walter Lee.

Susan Panzavecchia

Ms. Panzavecchia also teaches fourth grade. She is a mathematics teacher at Alice M. Birney Elementary School in Metairie and has ten years of teaching experience. Ms. Panzavecchia was selected by the Milken Foundation because her students' LEAP scores have improved every year since she began teaching. Last year all but two of her students scored at the *Advanced* or *Mastery* level. Ms. Panzavecchia's Deputy Superintendent is Mary Ehret; her Director of Curriculum is Dr. Joan Gremillion; her Principal is Patricia Favaloro; and her BESE member Penny Dastugue.

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- 8-1 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board authorized the State Superintendent of Education to move forward with the University Partnership Model concept by fully developing the Model in coordination with higher education officials. In addition, the State Superintendent of Education is further authorized to release invitations to participate to all Louisiana colleges and universities to gauge interest and to begin developing partnerships.
- 8-2 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Dr. Chase, the Board referred to the Board Administration/Relations Committee for action in May 2007 "Consideration of a report regarding the University Partnership Model."

The Board returned to the regular agenda order.

Agenda **Notices of Intent** (Schedule 2)
Item 7

Agenda On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved for
Item 7-A final adoption revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §2347. Health Education.

Agenda On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved for
Item 7-B final adoption revisions to Nonpublic Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators*, §2301. General. (Adoption Awareness).

Agenda On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved for
Item 7-C final adoption revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*, §240. Educational Leader Practitioner (Residency) Program, §703. Introduction, §705. Educational Leader Certificate Level 1, and §707. Educational Leader Certificate Level 2.

Agenda On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved for
Item 7-D final adoption revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*, §225. Minimum Requirements for Approved Early Interventionist Special Education Birth to Five Years Program: Adopted November 18, 2004; Effective July 1, 2007; and §231. Introduction.

Agenda
Item 9-A

8(g) Committee

(Schedule 3)

- 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. there was no report of project audits with irregularities and responses accepted; and
 - d. reports of project audits with irregularities awaiting a response for FY 2005-2006.
- 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 received the third quarter report on expenditures and budget balances of 8(g) projects for FY 2006-2007.
- 9-A-4 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board required that Caddo Parish School Board refund \$1,578.06 to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education as a result of an audit finding that Caddo Parish was reimbursed in that amount for the pay of three teachers for 30 hours of preparation work at \$15/hour plus related benefits, but the claim form submitted by the teachers did not indicate the dates or times the preparation work was performed.
- 9-A-5 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, required that LaSIP refund \$2,501.47 to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education as a result of an audit finding that two overhead projectors were purchased by Northwestern State University, at a cost of \$555.56 (\$277.78 each) without budget approval; and Tulane University was reimbursed \$2,035.91 for expenditures that could not be supported with documentation.
- 9-A-6 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved a budget revision for the FY 2006-2007 statewide project, Louisiana Educational Leaders Induction, (LDE), (S022).
- 9-A-7 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the report of the Eligibility Review of 8(g) Competitive proposals for FY 2007-2008.
- 9-A-8 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the

appeals of ineligible 8(g) Competitive proposals requesting funding in FY 2007-2008.

- 9-A-9 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the mid-year report of programmatic monitoring visits for FY 2006-2007.
- 9-A-10 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the proposed program, budget, and guidelines for statewide project, LINCS, (S048), (LDE), for FY 2007-2008.
- 9-A-11 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the proposed program, budget, and guidelines for statewide project, National Teacher Certification, (S023), (LDE), for FY 2007-2008.
- 9-A-12 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the proposed program, budget, and guidelines for statewide project, Local Teacher Quality, (S052), (LDE), for FY 2007-2008.
- 9-A-13 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the proposed program, budget, and guidelines for statewide project, Louisiana Virtual School, (S019), (LDE), for FY 2007-2008.
- 9-A-14 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the proposed program and budget for statewide project, Louisiana Educational Leaders Induction, (S022), (LDE), for FY 2007-2008.
- 9-A-15 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the proposed program, budget, and guidelines for statewide project, Louisiana School Turnaround Specialists Program, (S057), (LDE), for FY 2007-2008.
- 9-A-16 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the proposed program and budget for statewide project, Louisiana Online Professional Development Initiative, (S058), (LDE), for FY 2007-2008.
- 9-A-17 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the proposed program, budget, and guidelines for statewide project, Louisiana FIRST Online, (S049), (LDE), for FY 2007-2008.
- 9-A-18 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the proposed program and budget for statewide project, Foreign Language Model Program, (S003), (LDE), for FY 2007-2008.

9-A-19 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the elementary/secondary block grant guidelines and allocations for FY 2007-2008.

Agenda Item 9-B **Accountability and Assessment Committee** (Schedule 4)

9-B-1 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the following reports on LEAP, GEE, and LEAP testing:

- Statewide Test Administration,
- Field Test for LEAP and GEE, and
- Professional Development/Assessment Support.

9-B-2 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the monthly update on the public awareness campaign for accountability.

9-B-3 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on Distinguished Educators' activities.

9-B-4 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the Regional Education Service Centers (RESC).

9-B-5 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the quarterly report on School Choice Plans.

9-B-6 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and referred to the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council an informational report anticipating that when test results are released in Fall 2007 the results will reveal significant numbers of K-8 schools failing AYP for the first time.

9-B-7 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and referred to the Accountability and Assessment Committee: Consideration of a summary report of what the Louisiana Association of Educators, the National Governor's Association, the Council of Chief State School Officers, and other groups have determined to be key concerns with current NCLB requirements, their positions on those issues, and the Department's recommendations for consideration in developing a resolution to Louisiana's federally elected officials.

- 9-B-8 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved as a Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 118, *Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices*: §305. Test Security Policy, §2012. Grade 5 Achievement Level Descriptors, §2013. Grade 6 Achievement Level Descriptors, §2014. Grade 7 Achievement Level Descriptors, §2015. Grade 8 Achievement Level Descriptors, §2016. Grade 9 Achievement Level Descriptors, §2017. Grade 10 Achievement Level Descriptors, §2019. Grade 11 Achievement Level Descriptors, §2021. Content Standards, §2023. English Language Arts Tests Structure, §2025. Mathematics Tests Structure, §2027. Science Tests Structure, §2029. Social Studies Tests Structure, and §3507. Office of Youth Development.
- 9-B-9 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved as a Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 1566, *Guidelines for Pupil Progression*, including changing the name of the Bulletin from *Guidelines for Pupil Progression* to *Pupil Progression Policies and Procedures*, removing “21” from LEAP and GEE, and other technical amendments.
- 9-B-10 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved “Table 2. Revised and Improved Implementation Schedule for End of Course (EOC) Tests,” as presented by the Department.
- 9-B-11 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board deferred until May 2007 “Consideration of information regarding what is required from the LANA and DIG for schools in School Improvement.”
- 9-B-12 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the update on activities of the Louisiana Accountability Commission.
- 9-B-13 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved as a Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*: §603. Determining a Cohort for a Graduation Index, §613. Calculating a Graduation Index, and §4313. Corrective Actions.
- 9-B-14 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the reconstitution plan for Capitol Pre-College Academy for Boys and Capitol Pre-College Academy for Girls, as recommended by the Department.
- Agenda Item 9-C **Board Administration/Relations Committee** (Schedule 5)
- 9-C-1 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the status reports on Board Advisory Council attendance.

- 9-C-2 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the in-state travel for Board members to be reimbursed from the BESE Budget.
- 9-C-3 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the travel reports for Department of Education employees' out-of-state expenditures.
- 9-C-4 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the travel reports for out-of-state travel to be reimbursed by the Department of Education for non-employees.
- 9-C-5 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board deferred consideration of developing and implementing charter school authorizing policies and administrative procedures.
- 9-C-6 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the report on "Consideration of policy recommendations regarding the role and the authority of BESE and the State Superintendent concerning the Recovery School District (RSD)" and retained this item on the agenda.
- 9-C-7 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the Charter School informational reports, including School/District activities.
- 9-C-8 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the report from Education Finance staff concerning charter school budgets and expenditure reports, including irregularities or concerns.
- 9-C-9 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the school improvement plan for Milestone/SABIS Charter School.
- 9-C-10 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the 2008-2009 charter school application process and timelines.
- 9-C-11 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the Recovery School District Update.
- 9-C-12 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Dr. Chase, the Board deleted from the agenda "Consideration of Type 5 charter amendment for KIPP New Orleans."

9-C-13 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved in concept the Department's recommendation for giving priority to students residing in each Planning District to attend a Recovery School District (RSD) operated school in that Planning District to the extent that school capacity allows for the 2007-2008 school year.

9-C-14 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the Department's recommendation for a revised salary schedule for school principals in the Recovery School District (RSD) operated schools.

9-C-15 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the Department's recommendation for a revised workday for staff in the Recovery School District (RSD) operated schools for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year.

9-C-16 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved allowing the State Superintendent of Education to approve the 2007-2008 school calendar and workday for Recovery School District (RSD) operated schools.

9-C-17 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board:

1. approved the use of RSD previously allocated Restart money to fund a Recruitment Incentive Package to recruit out-of-state certified teachers and other certificated school personnel moving to New Orleans to work at any school in the Recovery School District, whether chartered or operated by the RSD.

All out-of-state candidates who are hired for the 2007-08 school year as teaching and certificated staff with the Recovery School District will receive the benefits of the incentive package as follows:

Recruitment Incentive Package

\$2500 relocation allowance

\$400/month housing allowance (one year only)

\$5,000/year signing bonus (for two years)

Total Package - \$17,300; and

2. directed that the Department quickly outline procedures and communicate them to both the RSD for its operated schools and directly to the charters advising all interested parties of the particulars of the program, including:

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- eligible applicants,
- criteria for participation and positions qualifying for the incentives,
- supporting documentation,
- application guidelines,
- reimbursement procedures, and
- contact person; and

3. directed that the State Superintendent of Education present to BESE an accounting of how the RSD has spent its Restart funds and submit to BESE for its approval how it plans to spend and/or allocate the remainder of the Restart funds for the RSD.

9-C-18 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Dr. Chase, the Board received the report regarding recommendations on:

- limiting class sizes to a maximum of 15 students;
- reducing security forces and hiring more counselors, social workers, and psychologists; and
- complying with the federal and state laws protecting students with special learning needs;

and retained this item from the agenda for an update in May 2007.

9-C-19 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board:

- a. received the recommendations to create a Recovery School District Advisory Committee that is an advisory committee to BESE, including the composition, charge, and staffing;
- b. referred this proposal to the State Superintendent of Education for input in light of his plans for rebuilding a unified public school system; and
- c. retained this item on the agenda.

9-C-20 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the Superintendent's report of personnel actions and approved the personnel actions requiring Board approval for the Special School District and the BESE Special Schools.

9-C-21 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the proposed revisions to the "Personnel and Administrative Manual of Special School District (SSD) and the BESE Special Schools (BSS)." Further, the Board retained this item on the agenda as "Consideration of proposed revisions to the *Personnel and Administrative Manual of the Special School District and the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) Special Schools*" (Personnel Manual).

9-C-22 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the new job description for the position of Recreation Coordinator 1 Job Coach for the Louisiana Special Education Center, and retained this item on the agenda.

Agenda Item 9-D **Finance/Audit Review Committee** (Schedule 6)

9-D-1 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the summary report (YTD) by fiscal unit/BESE initiative on contracts \$25,000 and under approved by the State Superintendent and received by the Board.

9-D-2 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the summary report (YTD) by fiscal unit/BESE initiative on contracts over \$25,000 approved by the Board.

9-D-3 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the Education Excellence Fund.

9-D-4 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the proposed 2007-2008 MFP formula.

9-D-5 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved as a Notice of Intent revisions to the MFP Student Membership Definition to align with the current MFP resolution. The revisions add Limited English Proficient (LEP) students to the At-Risk Student Count definition contained in LAC Title 28, Part I, §1107. Minimum Foundation Program.

9-D-6 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the draft of the FY 2006-2007 MFP Accountability Report.

9-D-7 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the 2005-2006 Finance Dialogue Status Report on the Baker, Madison, and St Helena school districts and deleted "Consideration of single audit findings and recommendations" from the agenda.

9-D-8 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the revised Fiscal Risk Assessment Model, the development of regulations for Fiscal Administrator statute, and the process to include the Recovery School District and retained this item on the agenda.

9-D-9 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the audit report of the Single Audits of School Boards Significant Audit Findings for the year ended June 30, 2005.

9-D-10 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the audit report from the Department of Education’s Director of Internal Audit.

9-D-11 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following revised Charter School Allocation:

Allocation: Type 2 Charter Schools
Amount: \$25,165,196
Funding Period: 07/01/06 – 06/30/07
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: To provide state funding to Type 2 Charter Schools for FY 2006-2007.

Grants and Allocations

Disadvantaged or Disabled Student Support - Formula

9-D-12 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Title I
Amount: \$8,699,452
Funding Period: 07/01/06 – 09/30/07
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of these funds is to improve the teaching and learning of children who are at risk of not meeting challenging academic standards and who reside in areas of high concentrations of children from low-income families.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations to school districts are determined by USDOE according to a census poverty count that reflects the distribution of children ages 5-17 years of age from low-income families and adjusted for state administration and school improvement. This is the final distribution according to updated SIS counts for Orleans Parish and the Recovery School District.

9-D-13 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Special Education – Grants to States IDEA-Part B
Amount: \$4,031,108
Funding Period: 07/01/06 – 09/30/07
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) is to: (1) ensure that all children with disabilities have available to them a free appropriate public education which emphasizes special education and related services designed to meet their unique needs; (2) ensure that the rights of children with disabilities and their parents or guardians are protected; (3) assist States, localities, educational service agencies, and federal agencies to provide for the education of all children with disabilities; and (4) assist and ensure the effectiveness of efforts to educate children with disabilities.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations are computed on the 12/01/98 LANSER 3-21 child count and a population/poverty allocation with 85% distributed according to public and non-public enrollment and 15% distributed according to the number of children living in poverty. This is the final distribution according to updated SIS counts for Orleans Parish and the Recovery School District.

9-D-14 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Special Education – Preschool Grants
Amount: \$36,254
Funding Period: 07/01/06 – 09/30/07
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of the Preschool Grants Program is to provide grants to States and LEAs to assist in: (1) providing special education and related services to children with disabilities ages three through five, (2) planning and developing a statewide comprehensive delivery system for children with disabilities from birth through five years, and (3) providing direct and support services to children with disabilities aged three through five.

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Basis of Allocation: Allocations are computed on the 12/01/97 LANSER 3-5 child count, and a population/poverty allocation with 85% distributed according to public and non-public enrollment and 15% distributed according to the number of children living in poverty. This is the final distribution according to updated SIS counts for Orleans Parish and the Recovery School District.

- 9-D-15 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Title III – English Language Acquisition State Grants
Amount: \$45,819
Funding Period: 07/01/06 – 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.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations are computed on a per student count and based on the number of limited English proficient students in each school district. This is the final distribution according to updated SIS counts for Orleans Parish and the Recovery School District.

- 9-D-16 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Title III – English Language Acquisition State Grants
(Student Influx Set Aside)
Amount: \$234,612
Funding Period: 07/01/06 – 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.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations of the 10% set-aside for student influx monies were based on an increase in the number of limited English proficient students in the school districts over a two-year period. The allocations were computed based on the increased number of students in the second year with a per pupil allocation of approximately \$232.52.

9-D-17 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Extended School Year Program - ESY
Amount: \$100,000
Funding Period: 07/01/06 – 06/30/07
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: Funding for ESY will provide services to eligible children beyond the regular school year to prevent regression according to the Laura I. Consent decree.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations are formula based on the rate of approximately \$34.21 per child using the 05/01/06 SER child count. This is the final distribution according to updated SIS counts for Orleans Parish and the Recovery School District.

Educators Support - Formula

9-D-18 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Title V – Innovative Education Program Strategies
Amount: \$10,877
Funding Period: 07/01/06 - 09/30/07
Source of Funds: Federal

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

Basis of Allocation: Funds are allocated to eligible LEAs on a formula based 85% on enrollment and 15% on the SIS free lunch count for those LEAs with at least 40% of their enrolled students participating in the program. This is the final distribution according to updated SIS counts for Orleans Parish and the Recovery School District.

9-D-19 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Title II – Improving Teacher Quality State Grants
Amount: \$4,168,635
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: Eligible recipients first receive the amount they received in FY 2001-2002 for the Eisenhower Professional State Grants and Class-Size Reduction programs. The remaining funds over and above the FY 2001-2002 base funding are allocated based 20% on the Census population and 80% based on the same formula child count of individuals age 5-17 from families with income below the poverty line as provided by the Secretary of USDOE for the computation of Title I allocations. This is the final distribution according to updated SIS counts for Orleans Parish and the Recovery School District.

9-D-20 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Educational Technology State Grant
Amount: \$28,800
Funding Period: 12/01/06 – 12/31/07
Source of Funds: Self Generated

Purpose: The 8 Regional Teaching, Learning, and Technology Centers were chosen to receive funds since they will be redelivering the 2007 *Louisiana Teaching Effectively* through Learning (LaTEL) Program. The funds are budgeted in the INTEL Foundation Grant, which the Division of Leadership and Technology received during Fall 2006. This program will support activities associated with Intel Tech.

Basis of Allocation: Funds will be awarded to the 8 regional technology training centers @ \$3,600 each to pay for stipends for teachers attending the trainings.

School and Community Support - Formula

9-D-21 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Title IV – Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities
Amount: \$15,579
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: Allocations are computed with 60% of the funding based on the relative amount each agency received under Title I for the preceding year, and 40% based on the enrollment count for each school district. This is the final distribution according to updated SIS counts for Orleans Parish and the Recovery School District.

Educational Improvement & Assistance – Formula

9-D-22 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: K-12 Literacy Plan: Middle Grades “Accelerated Reading”
Amount: \$1,550,000
Funding Period: 03/01/07 – 06/30/07
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: Accelerated reading programs are designed to boost the achievement of struggling readers; that is, students who are two or more years behind in reading.

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Basis of Allocation: Seventeen districts with schools containing grades 7 and/or 8, having an SPS of 60 or below, will utilize allocated dollars to purchase materials and supplies to implement an approved accelerated reading curriculum in one or more of the schools indicated. If dollars are available after the purchase of materials and/or supplies for program implementation, libraries may be purchased in these schools or a consultant may be obtained to assist with school scheduling and/or staffing for program implementation.

In addition, the five literacy pilot districts will each receive \$60,000 to implement an accelerated program in an additional school with grades 7 and/or 8 that is not currently included in the pilot.

Each district receiving funds will submit a budget for approval indicating the selected accelerated reading program.

Adult Education - Formula

9-D-23

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

Allocation:	Adult Education - Federal
Amount:	\$200,000
Funding Period:	07/01/06 – 09/30/07
Source of Funds:	Federal

Purpose: The Adult Education State Grant Program provides grants to encourage, expand, and improve educational opportunities for adults by conducting adult education programs, services, and other activities. The program is designed to provide educational opportunities for adults 16 years of age or older, not currently enrolled in school and lacking a high school diploma or the basic skills to function effectively in the workplace.

Basis of Allocation: Reallocation of the funds was determined by using a sliding scale based on the following formula: A staff size of 1-7 had an allocation of \$2000 per site; 8-13 - allocation of \$3500 per site; 14-20 – allocation of \$5500 per site; and a staff size of 20 or more with an allocation of \$5875 per site. This reallocation is due to the release of Adult Education funds by Orleans Parish.

Disadvantaged or Disabled Student Support - Competitive Grants

9-D-24 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Special Education – Grants to States IDEA-Part B
Amount: \$365,000
Funding Period: 07/01/06 – 09/30/07
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The Louisiana Department of Education administers programs which provide direct services to disabled and gravely at risk students in state operated programs. These programs include Special School District, Louisiana School for the Deaf, and Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired. Services are provided to students in a combination of residential and day programs. The global basis of this request may include activities which support the following initiatives:

Assist in providing direct services to students in state operated programs by complying with state and federal student transportation mandates and ensure access to services and community integration, in meeting personnel shortages, in expanding technology in the IEP process, to improve and support the use of classroom technology, assistive technology and Universal Design for Learning to maximize access to the general curriculum, in the support of the transition of students to postsecondary activities, and in the provision of alternative programs for expelled students.

Basis of Allocation: The basis of this allocation is to realign allocations previously awarded to the BESE Special Schools.

Standards Assessments and Accountability – Competitive Grants

9-D-25 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Math and Science Partnerships
Amount: \$1,615,142
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. The amount of funds to be awarded to any district is based on the program proposals and review scores.

School and Community Support – Competitive Grants

9-D-26 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Migrant Education
Amount: \$172,736
Funding Period: 07/01/04 – 09/30/07
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The funding provides to eligible entities to help migratory children to overcome educational disruption, cultural language barriers, social isolation, and other factors that inhibit the ability of such children to achieve to high academic standards.

Basis of Allocation: This allocation was based upon a per pupil amount of \$44.51 for LEAs providing a summer enrichment program.

Hurricane Education Recovery - Other

9-D-27 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board deferred until May 2007 on the following grant:

Allocation: Immediate Aid to Restart School Operations
Amount: \$132,912,453
Funding Period: 09/12/05 – 09/11/07
Source of Funds: Federal

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Purpose: The Hurricane Education Recovery Act (HERA) (Public Law 109-148) provided funds to Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, and Alabama to provide assistance or services to LEAs and nonpublic schools to help defray expenses related to the restart of operations in the reopening of and the reenrollment of students in schools that serve an area in which a major disaster had been declared related to hurricanes Katrina or Rita.

Basis of Allocation: LDE calculated an average Per Pupil amount by dividing \$207.7M, the total allocation through December 2006, by the pupil count at October 2006 (\$1,271.50 per pupil, for a distribution of \$89,507,216, leaving a balance of \$43,405,237). The \$43.4 M balance was divided by the per pupil count of the Category 3 districts resulting in a \$1,366.62 average per pupil amount which was then distributed to the Category 3 districts on a per pupil basis.

9-D-28 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Hurricane Katrina Foreign Contributions
Amount: \$24,768,452
Funding Period: 12/01/06 – 11/30/07
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The Hurricane Katrina Foreign Contributions Program is designed to address both current need for educational success and the long term planning needs of public and nonpublic schools in the areas most heavily affected by Hurricane Katrina (Orleans Parish, including the Recovery School District; St. Bernard Parish; and Plaquemines Parish) that are in operation during the 2006-2007 school year.

Basis of Allocation: Funds are allocated on a per eligible schools basis.

Educators Support - Other

9-D-29 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: National Board Certified Teachers
Amount: \$15,000
Funding Period: 07/01/06 – 06/30/07
Source of Funds: State

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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.

Educational Improvement & Assistance - Other

9-D-30 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Public Charter School Grant Program
Amount: \$400,000
Funding Period: 04/01/07 – 07/31/08
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of this award is to provide financial assistance for startup costs for new charter schools.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations are computed on the amount of \$200,000 for each charter school for initial start up costs.

9-D-31 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the Community Development Block Grant Program funds.

9-D-32 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the FY 2006-2007 Recovery School District (RSD) budget.

9-D-33 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the Department Budget for FY 2007-2008.

9-D-34 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the BESE Budget for FY 2007-2008.

9-D-35 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on contracts \$25,000 and under approved by the State Superintendent.

9-D-36 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following Recovery School District (RSD) contract approved by the State Superintendent and the Chair of Finance/Audit Review Committee:

Contractor: Bob Jones Accounting
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$100,000
Contract Period: 02/07/07 - 02/06/08
Fund: MFP Local Share

Description of Services: Contractor to provide accounting services with an expertise in FEMA claims and educational fiscal management, including physical plant maintenance and operating costs. Contractor will be paid \$40/hour and travel expenses in accordance with state rates.

9-D-37 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following Recovery School District (RSD) contract approved by the State Superintendent and the Chair of Finance/Audit Review Committee:

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.

Received and Deferred

School and Community Support

9-D-38 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Department of Social Services – Office of Family Support
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$859,538
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: TANF STEP IAT DSS

9-D-39 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Department of Social Services – Office of Family Support
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$9,500,000
Contract Period: 09/01/07 - 08/31/08
Fund: Incoming Funds

9-D-40 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Ed Gear, LLC
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$49,000
Contract Period: 05/18/07 - 07/31/07
Fund: NGA Honor States Grant IAT Gov

9-D-41 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Louisiana Community and Technical College
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: TBD
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: SEC VOC EDUC Leadership IAT LCTCS

Student and School Performance

9-D-42 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: MMCS Consulting, LLC
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$2,437,051
Contract Period: 05/01/07 - 04/30/10
Fund: SSP CRT LEAP ACCT TEST G/F; PAIR – STATE

- 9-D-43 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: University of Louisiana at Lafayette (ULL)
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$2,183,571
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/10
Fund: TANF PRE K STATE

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- 9-D-44 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Louisiana Technical College – Natchitoches Campus
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$36,000
Contract Period: 06/01/07 - 06/01/10
Fund: RSC Central Office STATE; IDEA B D&S Services RSD FED; CONSOL Admin RSCS FED; RSC Early Child P/S S/L FED; IDEA B Personnel Shortage RSC FED; RSC T6 ST Assess & RA DOE FED; RSD Reading First Grant FED

Description of Services: The contractor and Region VI Education Service Center (R6ESC) are establishing a partnership to better serve the local school districts. The contractor will provide space for the domicile of the R6ESC. The R6ESC will provide professional development opportunities for the contractor's employees, collaboration opportunities, and \$1000 monthly to defray the costs associated with the upkeep of the building, custodial support, and utilities.

- 9-D-45 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Office of the Governor – Children's Cabinet
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$25,000
Contract Period: 07/01/06 - 06/30/07
Fund: SSP CRT LEAP ACCT TEST G/F

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Description of Services: The contractor will develop and implement a comprehensive plan for coordination of policymaking and planning for all state agencies and programs responsible for services to children and their families. Contractor's services include monitoring and evaluation of coordinated programs, undertaking of studies, and development of proposals and recommendations.

Recovery School District

9-D-46 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: DMM & Associates, LLC
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$40,500
Contract Period: 03/05/07 - 06/30/07
Fund: Restart – IAT

Description of Services: Contract will assist the Recovery School District (RSD) in developing strategies to integrate career and technical education into the academic and counseling programs. Contractor will work with RSD career and technical education staff to collaborate with two-year postsecondary institutions and other stakeholders to develop and implement a Summer Career Exploration Program for 8th through 11th graders in Summer 2007.

9-D-47 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: McGlinchey, Stafford, PPLC
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$400,000
Amended Amount: \$600,000
New Amount: \$1,000,000
Contract Period: 04/01/06
Original End Date: 06/30/07
Revised End Date: 06/30/08
Funds: MFP Local Share – IAT; ADMIN Central Office --
STATE

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Description of Service: The amendment is necessary as the Recovery School District (RSD) has been served with several additional lawsuits since the contract was executed in April 2006. All of the additional lawsuits are related to the constitutionality of the manner in which RSD and schools within the RSD are formed, created, or supervised.

School and Community Support

9-D-48 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Louisiana Board of Regents
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$40,500
Contract Period: 04/01/07 - 06/30/07
Funds: Incoming Funds

Description of Service: Contractor shall provide funding to LDOE for the development and planned implementation of a Pharmacy Tech curriculum.

9-D-49 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Education Innovations, LLC
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$47,857
Contract Period: 06/01/07 - 12/31/07
Funds: CONSOL ADMIN SCH & Community FED

Description of Service: Contractor will refine and finalize an evaluation process to enable LDOE to meet the federal monitoring requirements of Supplemental Educational Services (SES). Evaluation includes analysis of district, teacher, provider, parent, and student data provided by LDOE. The contractor will offer consultation and a final report on SES provider effectiveness.

Student and School Performance

9-D-50 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Data Recognition Corporation
Previous Contract: Yes

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Original Amount: \$26,468,402
Amended Amount: \$13,538
New Amount: \$26,481,940
Contract Period: 09/09/03 - 06/30/08
Funds: T6 State Assessment ADM FED

Description of Service: The amendment is necessary due to an increase and decrease in the scope of work related to the iLEAP testing program. The increased services include additional range finding, increase in test forms, the Item Management System, and activities related to field testing. The reductions are the result of elimination of 9th grade science and social studies components of iLEAP, reductions related to enrollment decreases, and a decrease in the amount of services required for hand scoring.

9-D-51 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Data Recognition Corporation
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$72,563,361
Amended Amount: \$318,693
New Amount: \$72,882,054
Contract Period: 07/01/05 - 06/30/11
Funds: IDEA B Alternate Assessments/FED; SSP CRT LEAP
ACCT TEST G/F

Description of Service: The amendment is necessary due to an increase and decrease in the scope of work. The contractor provides support services related to Louisiana's assessment programs, which includes development of test forms; printing, distribution, and collection of materials; scoring and reporting; and all psychometric services for LEAP, GEE, LAA1, LAA2, and ELDA. The increase is due to additional activities related to LAA2, ELDA, and psychometric services. The decrease is the result of reduced enrollment.

9-D-52 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Nicholls State University
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$132,380
Contract Period: 05/01/07 - 06/30/08
Funds: IDEA B Support Services Policy FED

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Description of Service: The contractor will provide support for the implementation of a professional development site for teacher candidates that reflects inclusive practices and engages in continuous improvement.

9-D-53 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Pacific Metrics Corporation
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$13,220,425
Amended Amount: \$350,882
New Amount: \$13,571,307
Contract Period: 07/01/2006 - 06/30/12
Funds: SSP CRT LEAP ACCT TEST G/F; LA EDUC ASSESS
Program ADM IAT 8G

Description of Service: The amendment is necessary due to a change in the scope of services provided during the first year of the contract. The contractor will develop a web-based diagnostic assessment program (EAGLE) and end-of-course (EOC) tests for Grades 1-12. Additional services to Year 1 include development of software tutorials, hand scoring, and Grade 9 math/algebra development.

9-D-54 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: University of Louisiana at Lafayette (ULL) Previous
Contract: Yes
Amount: \$215,224
Contract Period: 05/01/07 - 06/30/08
Funds: IDEA B Support Services Policy FED

Description of Service: The contractor will provide support for the implementation of a professional development site for teacher candidates that reflects inclusive practices and engages in continuous improvement.

9-D-55 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: University of New Orleans
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$750,000

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Contract Period: 06/01/07 - 11/30/07
Funds: IDEA B Support Services Policy FED

Description of Service: The contractor will provide teacher preparation programs and ongoing professional support in the area of low incidence disabilities (Significant Disabilities, Deaf-Hard of Hearing, Visual Impairments). The program will allow candidates from all local school districts to access a variety of courses sufficient to complete a program leading to certification or an advanced degree within three years.

9-D-56 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on possible sanctions for 21st Century Grant recipients with audit findings.

Agenda Item 9-E **High School Redesign Committee** (Schedule 7)

9-E-1 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the annual report on the Tuition Opportunity Program for students (TOPS).

9-E-2 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on the High School Redesign Summit and approved, in concept, the implementation plan for the High School Redesign Commission's Phase II Recommendations, noting that the Department will bring detailed recommendations for policy revisions back to BESE for approval as described in the implementation framework.

9-E-3 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board referred to the High School Redesign Committee in May 2007 the report on "Recommendations for Confronting the Skilled Construction Workforce Shortage in Louisiana" by the Management Board of Associated Builders and Contractors.

9-E-4 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the information on the Louisiana Accountability Commission's recommendation for the Graduation Index.

9-E-5 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deferred consideration of the approval of changes to the Career and Technical Diploma Endorsement Policy until May 2007.

9-E-6 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on how Academic Endorsements are communicated and promoted and deleted this item from the agenda.

- 9-E-7 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Dr. Chase, the Board received the report on a possible senior year report to districts to urge them to provide additional assistance for seniors who have failed portions of the GEE or lack enough Carnegie Units for graduation and directed that in May 2007 the Department provide other suggestions as to how the state can work with districts to get more seniors graduating, including the use of the LA ePortal to help students and parents keep track of deficient coursework.
- 9-E-8 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deferred consideration of the report on the JROTC Area of Concentration meeting the performance criteria for the Career and Technical Diploma Endorsement.
- 9-E-9 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on the Career Cluster Matrix, which included the approved Industry Based Certificates (IBCs) required for purposes of awarding diploma endorsements within the graduation index.
- 9-E-10 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved as a Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators: §2323 Proficiency Examinations and §1103 Compulsory Attendance*. Further, the Board retained "Consideration of changes in policy that would allow for more flexibility in credit recovery for high school students" on the agenda and referred this item to the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council.
- Agenda Item 9-F **Legislative/Policy Oversight Committee** (Schedule 8)
- 9-F-1 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board received the report on the implementation of legislation from the 2006 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature that affects the Department/Board.
- 9-F-2 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board approved a request for legislation to allow the Recovery School District to be treated similar to a local education agency when procuring "services" and "things" as outlined by the Department of Education.
- 9-F-3 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board approved a request for legislation to clarify and align expulsion statutes.
- 9-F-4 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board approved a request for legislation which would allow foreign language associate teachers to participate in a private retirement system.

- 9-F-5 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board supported the proposed legislative bill, which allows hurricane affected parishes to use design build techniques.
- 9-F-6 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board supported the proposed legislative bill, which renames the LA 4 Prekindergarten Program in honor of Cecil J. Picard.
- 9-F-7 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board took no position on Senate Bill No. 84, which requires the Recovery School District to return certain school property to the Orleans Parish School Board on July 1, 2008, until the properties are identified.
- 9-F-8 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board opposed Senate Bill No.78, which deletes the requirement that school systems participating in the LA4 program maintain a certain level of prior year funding.
- Mr. Lee was recorded as voting "No."
- 9-F-9 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board opposed House Bill No. 179, which requires BESE to establish a committee to advise the Board on matters related to certain public elementary and secondary schools under the jurisdiction of the Recovery School District.
- 9-F-10 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board supported with an amendment House Bill No. 157, which provides that BESE shall require that every school bus be equipped with a crossing control device by a specified date.

Amendment is as follows:

Section 1. (2) – Paragraph (1) of the Subsection by not later than January 1, 2008, if funds are made available for this purpose.

- 9-F-11 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board supported House Bill No. 188, which provides relative to requirements for granting certification to teachers who hold valid out-of-state certificates and who have been employed as teachers in Louisiana in BESE-approved nonpublic schools.

9-F-12 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board supported Senate Bill No. 50, which names the Educational and Recreational Center located in Bunkie, Louisiana, the Cecil J. Picard Educational and Recreational Center.

9-F-13 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board received the recommendation from Mr. Ponder Jones relative to hold harmless. (If hold harmless is reduced, then BESE should consider supporting a bill that would allow the districts to levy a property tax which would equate to the hold harmless amount.)

9-F-14 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board deferred consideration of update on federal legislation.

Agenda **Quality Educators Committee** (Schedule 9)
Item 9-G

9-G-1 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board received the following reports on Professional Accountability:

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

9-G-2 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board received the following reports on Leadership Development:

- a. LA Principals Academy and
- b. LA Educational Leaders Induction Program.

9-G-3 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board received the following reports on the Professional Development Program:

- a. Professional Development Guides,
- b. National Board Certification Program (NBC),
- c. Teacher Advancement Program (TAP),
- d. 2007 Milken National Educator Conference, and
- e. LINCS.

- 9-G-4 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board approved revisions to the *Louisiana State Standards for Distance Education* and approved as Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, §2395. Distance Education.
- 9-G-5 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board received the minutes of the Teacher Certification Appeals Council dated April 2, 2007.
- 9-G-6 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Royd C. Anderson** certification in CTTIE – TV Production based upon his experience as a one-year intern for a CBS television affiliate and the actual publication of a documentary which was well-received at the state level and is now being commercially sold, as being fully the equivalent of two years of production experience.
- 9-G-7 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Carol Bolding-Poissot** certification in Middle School Math based on her passage of the two PRAXIS exams, Principles of Learning and Teaching (K-6) and (7-12), which are recommended for substitutions of the required PRAXIS exam, Principles of Learning and Teaching 5-9.
- 9-G-8 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Milford Keith Bonin** certification as School Superintendent because of his completion of the course, School Personnel Administration; completion of a variety of courses in the areas of course deficiencies; and his 10 years of administrative experience in a variety of schools.
- 9-G-9 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Telina Book** certification in Mild/Moderate 1-12 using her six years of teaching experience as a special education teacher in lieu of the three-semester hour course, Methods of Teaching Students with Learning Behavior Problems.
- 9-G-10 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Bardee Crappel** certification as Parish/City Supervisor of Instruction based on her teaching experience and background experience in the testing and evaluation of special education and ESL students.
- 9-G-11 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board

followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Brandon Dumas** certification in Health and Physical Education based on his completion of a teacher education program except student teaching and his 4½ years of experience teaching physical education in public schools in the state of Louisiana.

- 9-G-12 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **David Dupuis** certification as School Superintendent because of his work as a college adjunct, his completed course work, his tenure as a public elected official, and his administrative experience.
- 9-G-13 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and waived the course, Practicum in Assessment and Evaluation of Mild/Moderate Exceptional Learners, and granted **Linda S. Dupuis** certification in Special Education Mild/Moderate 1-12 because of her experience as an inclusion teacher and her current experience as a special education resource and regular science, reading, and English teacher.
- 9-G-14 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Clara Durr** certification as School Superintendent based on her development of a juvenile facility alternative high school program and her eight years of experience as an administrator in lieu of course work in school and community relations.
- 9-G-15 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **John K. Farris** certification as School Superintendent based on his years of administrative experience and his Bachelor's degree in Finance.
- 9-G-16 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and waived the course, School Librarian Practicum, and granted **Louise Grier** certification as a School Librarian because of her four years of experience as a school librarian.
- 9-G-17 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Ann Hardy** certification as School Superintendent since she has taken graduate level coursework outside the College of Education.

- 9-G-18 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Kenneth Oertling** certification as Secondary School Principal because of his administrative experience as an instructional leader.
- 9-G-19 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Jeffrey Sampson** certification as Parish/City Supervisor of Instruction based on his 10 years of experience as a school assistant principal.
- 9-G-20 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Eraka Sasser** certification in Elementary Grades 1-5 because of her years of teaching experience.
- 9-G-21 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Dawn Shipp** certification as Elementary School Principal due to her extensive hours in internship and the quality of her teaching experiences.
- 9-G-22 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Sherry Staidum** certification as Ancillary Secondary School Principal by substituting the course, Administrative Planning and Organization, for the three-semester hour required course, Theory of Educational Administration, as also recommended by the Dean of the College of Education at Nicholls State University.
- 9-G-23 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Melissa M. Stille**y certification as School Superintendent and waived the required course work due to her experience in the Tangipahoa Parish Leadership Cohort.
- 9-G-24 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Ralph Thibodeaux** certification as Superintendent because of his completion of six-semester graduate credits outside the area of education to replace the six-semester-hours of required coursework.

- 9-G-25 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Elise Vogel-Western** certification in Elementary Grades by substituting the course, EDSP-3000, Teaching Exceptional Students in General Education, for the three-semester-hour required course in Instructional Methodology.
- 9-G-26 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Bernita J. Deville** certification as Parish/City Supervisor of Instruction upon her successful completion of a three-semester hour course in Program Development and Evaluation in which she is currently enrolled and waived the remaining six-semester hours based on her seven years of administrative experience.
- 9-G-27 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Jessica H. Doucet** certification as Ancillary School Counselor K-12 upon completion of a three-semester hour course, Principles and Administration of School Counseling Programs, and waived the three-semester-hour course, Supervised Practicum in a School Setting, because of her experience.
- 9-G-28 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted the renewal of the OFAT in Mild/Moderate to be extended for the 2007-08 school year for **Jill Fontaine** in order to allow her to take the required course, Practicum in Assessment and Evaluation, in Spring 2008.
- 9-G-29 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board granted **Judy M. Frank** certification as a Parish/City Supervisor of Instruction based upon her extensive experience and professional development activities.
- 9-G-30 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Judy M. Frank** certification as School Superintendent based upon her extensive experience and professional development activities and upon completion of a three-semester-hour course, Secondary School Curriculum, because she has no secondary school experience.

- 9-G-31 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board granted **Lori Neihaus Comboy** certification in Elementary Education 1-6 and granted certification in Special Education K-12, contingent upon the required PRAXIS exam for Special Education Mild/Moderate.
- 9-G-32 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and denied **Mary M. Freeman** certification in Health and Physical Education because she does not have regular classroom teaching experience to use to waive student teaching/internship.
- 9-G-33 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and denied **Dr. Lionel Jackson** certification as City/Parish School Superintendent in light of the fact that there are several deficiencies in terms of completion of a required course work and experience; the Council further recommends that it would be willing to re-evaluate Dr. Jackson's appeal upon appropriate experience.
- 9-G-34 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and denied **Dr. Knight Roddy, Jr.** certification as Parish/City Supervisor of Instruction because of the lack of greater than fifty percent of course work required for this certification.
- 9-G-35 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and denied **Dawn Shipp** certification as Parish/City Supervisor of Instruction because of the following coursework deficiency:
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| Theory of Educational Administration | 3 semester hours, |
| Supervision of Instruction | 3 semester hours, |
| Secondary School Curriculum | 3 semester hours, |
| Learning Theory, Statistics, or Program | |
| Development and Evaluation | <u>3 semester hours, and</u> |
| Total | 12 semester hours. |
- 9-G-36 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board granted **Brenda Taylor** certification in Mild/Moderate Special Education upon her successful passage of Mild/Moderate Special Education PRAXIS content specialty exams #0353 and #0542 and because of her extensive experience teaching special education and her Master's degree in special education.

9-G-37 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board waived 9 hours of coursework in Principles of Guidance and Counseling, Social Psychology, and Psychology of Child Growth and Development and granted **Ralph Thibodeaux** certification as Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance and/or Visiting Teacher.

Mr. Chase was recorded as voting "No."

9-G-38 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board deferred on the certification appeal of **William G. Thibodeaux** for certification as Parish/City Supervisor of Instruction.

9-G-39 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board deferred on the certification appeal of **William G. Thibodeaux** for certification as School Superintendent.

9-G-40 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and deferred action on the appeal of **Grace V. Sibley** for certification as Parish/City Supervisor of Instruction pending the Department's re-evaluation of her transcripts from Boston University in comparison to Louisiana requirements for certification.

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NOTE: See Agenda Item 7-C on page 5 for additional Board action related to this item.

9-G-41 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the policy revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*, Sections 240, 703, 705, 707 - Educational Leader, and directed the Department to discuss with the Deans of the Colleges of Education the proposed method of approving private providers who wish to participate in providing Alternate Path 3.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Yeas: Ms. Broussard, Ms. Buquet, Mr. Chase, Ms. Dastugue, Ms. Givens, and Ms. Jacobs.

Nays: Mr. Bayard, Mr. Lee, Dr. Stafford, and Ms. Washington.

The motion passed.

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Mr. Lee requested that the record reflect that the South Central Superintendents unanimously oppose the above action.

9-G-42 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board received the public comments from the following persons on revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*, Sections 240, 703, 705, 707- Educational Leader:

- a. Louisiana Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (LACTE),
- b. Dr. Loren Blanchard, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Louisiana System;
- c. Dr. Thomas Hanson, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Northwestern State University;
- d. Earl "Tibby" Martinez and Ed Richard, South Central Louisiana Association of School Superintendents;
- e. Milton Kleinpeter, Coordinator, Educational Leadership Program, Southern University, Baton Rouge;
- f. Dr. Ruth Ray, Education Department Chair, Louisiana State University in Shreveport;
- g. Dr. John Crain, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Southeastern Louisiana University;
- h. Dr. Tony Armenta, Associate Professor, Educational Leadership, Southeastern Louisiana University;
- i. Dr. Otis LoVette, Educational Leadership and Counseling, University of Louisiana Monroe; and
- j. Dr. Fred Dembowski, Head, Department of Educational Leadership, Southeastern Louisiana University.

Agenda Item 9-H **Strategic Planning Study Group** (Schedule 10)

9-H-1 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on the effectiveness of the Distinguished Educator Program, including New Orleans data and excluding New Orleans data, and directed the Department to provide recommendations for modifying, improving, and strengthening the program, and addressing the administrative aspects of sustaining improvement when the Distinguished Educator is removed from the school.

9-H-2 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on the cost benefits and possible redundant spending on the continuation of the Distinguished Educators Program and other similar programs to the proposed Turnaround Specialist Program.

Agenda Item 9-I **Student and School Standards/Instruction Committee** (Schedule 11)

9-I-1 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the April 2007 report on locally-initiated elementary and/or secondary elective courses approved by the Department for nonpublic schools.

9-I-2 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the report from the Department on the districts requesting a waiver of full implementation of the foreign language mandate; received the report on numbers of students, schools, and districts participating in foreign language programs; received the update on members and the first meeting date of the Foreign Language Advisory Committee; and 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:

- a. approved the waiver of §2501 (D) of Bulletin 741, which requires an on-site evaluation of each regular summer school site by Department personnel;
- b. approved the waiver of §2703 (F) of Bulletin 741 for Nonpublic Schools, which requires the Department to make on-site visits of summer schools at nonpublic schools;
- c. approved the waiver request from St. Charles Parish to allow all graduating seniors from Destrehan High School and Hahnville High School who have combined Verbal-Math SAT scores ranging from 1060 – 1080 to be awarded the Academic Diploma Endorsement if these students met all other requirements for the endorsement; and
- d. conditionally approved for the 2007-2008 school year the waiver request from East Baton Rouge Parish concerning non-exceptional students being taught by gifted teachers in the Gifted/Scholastic Academy courses. Conditions for approval include:
 - 1) Criteria for admission to the Scholastic Academy must be clearly established and limited to the elementary grades (PK-6). Presently, students in the Scholastic Academy can be identified PK to 12. Research shows that the greatest impact on disproportionality is in interventions in the lower grades.

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- 2) Eligibility for the Scholastic Academy should be reviewed upon

entry into the program and two years after admission to the program. Training on eligibility should be provided to administrators and faculty prior to the beginning of each school year. Presently, admission to the Scholastic Academy is determined by a variety of administrative personnel using nationally normed reading and math scores, report card grades, teacher recommendations, and leadership and creativity scales.

- 3) After two years in the Scholastic Academy, those students who do not meet state criteria for gifted must be placed in separate Scholastic Academy classes or in regular classrooms. Currently, students who do not qualify on state tests for gifted may remain in the Gifted Program throughout their school career even though testing shows that the regular education program is best designed to meet their needs.
- 4) East Baton Rouge must monitor each site that contains a Scholastic Academy/gifted blended class to assure that policies and procedures are consistently followed throughout the district. For future waivers to be approved, the percentage of minorities in EBR's Gifted Program must continue to show improvement. According to SER data from May 1, 2006, EBR's Gifted Program is currently comprised of 14.9% Asians, 38.9% Blacks, 6% Hispanics, and 44.9% Whites. In contrast, eight years ago EBR's Gifted Program was 12% Black.

9-I-3 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the textbook waiver request from the Diocese of Baton Rouge seeking permission to use more than 10% of their state allocation for textbooks to purchase materials not on the approved list(s) for the FY 2006-2007 for the following nonpublic schools:

- a. St. Aloysius School, Baton Rouge;
- b. Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School, Baton Rouge; and
- c. Ascension Catholic Diocesan Regional School, Ascension Parish.

9-I-4 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the following initial nonpublic academic school classifications:

- a. Cenla Christian Academy, Rapides Parish – *Provisionally Approved*, and
- b. Wisdom Zone Learning Center, St. Tammany Parish – *Provisionally Approved*.

- 9-I-5 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved as a Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §2319.F.b., §2373.B., §2381.A., and §2377.A. regarding the Career and Technical Education course offerings.
- 9-I-6 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the State Plan under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- 9-I-7 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the report on the *Louisiana Literacy Plan: Literacy for All* and retained this item on the agenda.
- 9-I-8 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the Department's recommendation to delay the adoption of a mandatory universal screening tool for K-3 reading until such time as a four year longitudinal study can be conducted regarding the effectiveness of a screening tool and the identification of dollars needed for progress monitoring and intervention. In addition, the Board directed that in June 2007 the Department provide a list of school districts not administering DIBELS and provide the results of the reading scores for their students on the 3rd grade LEAP test.
- 9-I-9 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the report on Prekindergarten Programs and approved for release a Request for Application (RFA) associated with School Performance Plan (SPP) Indicator 6.
- 9-I-10 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the *Louisiana Prekindergarten Program Guidelines*.
- 9-I-11 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the release of a Request for Proposal for the 2007-2008 TANF After School for All Program.
- 9-I-12 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the release of a Request for Proposal for the Supplemental Educational Services Providers for the 2007-2008 school year.
- 9-I-13 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the report on adoption of standardized health forms for use by local educational agencies and referred this item to the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council.

- 9-I-14 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board deleted from the agenda "Consideration of approval of revision to school bus transportation policy."
- 9-I-15 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the Perkins IV State Plan.
- 9-I-16 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved as Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 1794, *State Textbook Adoption Policy and Procedures Manual*: §507.F.1., §507.F.2., §507.F.4., §701.I.1., §701.M.1., and 701.N.1-3. regarding the display of textbooks under consideration for state adoption.
- 9-I-17 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the Department's recommendation regarding correspondence from Representative Mike Walsworth concerning school bus safety matters as follows: that the Department develop a survey for local educational agencies regarding the number of school buses with crossing control devices. In addition, the Committee recommends that the Department prepare a letter to Representative Walsworth from the Board President or State Superintendent stating that if legislation is drafted on school bus safety matters, the Board will give this legislation serious review and consideration.

Agenda **Board Advisory Council Reports**
Item 10

Agenda **Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council** (Schedule 12)
Item 10-A

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the minutes of the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council meeting held on April 5, 2007, and approved the tentative agenda for May 3, 2007.

Agenda **Special Education Advisory Council** (Schedule 13)
Item 10-B

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Council meeting held on April 4, 2007, and approved the tentative agenda for June 6, 2007.

Agenda **Board Advisory Council Appointments**
Item 11

There were no Advisory Council appointments in April 2007.

Agenda Received and/or Referred

Item 12

- Agenda Item 12-A On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received and referred to the Accountability and Assessment Committee: Consideration of a request from the East Baton Rouge Parish School System to develop and implement a reconstitution plan for Istrouma High School for the 2007-2008 school year. (Schedule 14)
- Agenda Item 12-B On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received and referred to the Board Administration/Relations Committee: Consideration of receiving the 2007-2008 School Calendars for the Special School District and the Board Special Schools. (Schedule 15)
- Agenda Item 12-C On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, received and referred to the Quality Educators Committee: Consideration of adopting a passing score for PRAXIS exam, Principles of Learning and Teaching: Early Childhood (0521). (Schedule 16)
- Agenda Item 12-D On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received and referred to the Quality Educators Committee: Consideration of a revision to the Career and Technical Trade and Industrial Education (CTTIE) certification policy for inclusion in Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*. (Schedule 17)
- Agenda Item 12-E On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received and referred to the Quality Educators Committee: Consideration of a revision to the Out-of-Field Authority to Teach (OFAT) certification policy for inclusion in Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*. (Schedule 18)
- Agenda Item 12-F On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received and referred to the Student and School Standards/Instruction Committee: Consideration of revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*. (Schedule 19)
- Agenda Item 13 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the Department's request to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) to contract for consulting services for the design of a Louisiana Turnaround Specialist Program. (Schedule 20)

Agenda Item 14 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the Department's request to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) to contract for consulting services for the design of the Algebra I EOC Online Professional Development (OPD) modules. (Schedule 21)

Agenda Item 15 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the monthly report of appointments and separations in the Department of Education. (Schedule 22)

Agenda Item 16-A On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved, pursuant to Section 345 of Bulletin 741, the Tangipahoa Parish School Board's request that it waive provisions of Section 505 of Bulletin 741 in reference to the employment of a superintendent without the certification required therein and the student population threshold necessary to invoke an exception to certain certification requirements to enable the Tangipahoa Parish School Board to employ Mr. Mark Kolwe as superintendent and remain in compliance with Bulletin 741. The Board thereby waived Section 505(A) and (B)(1) in reference to the Tangipahoa Parish School Board's employment of Mr. Mark Kolwe as superintendent of schools. The Tangipahoa Parish School Board shall be subject to the provisions of Section 505(B)(2) through (5) as to the employment of a chief academic officer.

Ms. Johnson was recorded as voting "No." (Schedule 23)

Agenda Item 18 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board authorized out-of-state travel for Polly Broussard to attend the SREB Annual State Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. (Schedule 24)

Agenda Item 19 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board approved the request for the Division of School and Community Support to apply for the 2007 Grant to Integrate Schools and Mental Health Systems. (Schedule 25)

Agenda Item 20 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following emergency allocation as recommended by the Department, for the Department and Board agencies:

Jobs for Louisiana's Graduates (JAG)

Amount: \$75,597.54
Funding Period: 07/01/06 – 06/30/07
Source of Funds: State

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Purpose: This funding provides dropout prevention and workforce preparation programs for at-risk youth. The purposes of the Jobs for America's Graduates LA (JAG LA) Program are to keep at-risk students in school through graduation to obtain a high school diploma or a GED (Louisiana High School Equivalency Diploma) and, during that time, to improve their rate of success in acquiring employability and occupational competencies. This supplemental allocation will provide funding for the JAG LA sites for professional development activities, materials and supplies, and support of the local Career Association activities and projects. The above FY 2006-2007 allocation is based on state appropriations and formulas. (Schedule 26)

Agenda
Item 21

On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contracts, as recommended by the Department:

Recovery School District

1. Contractor: Diamond Data Systems, Inc.
 Previous Contract: No
 Begin Date: 03/19/07
 End Date: 06/30/08
 Amount: \$1,492,500
 Source of Funds: Restart - IAT

Description of Services: Through a competitive process, the contractor was selected to provide multi-tiered technical support to assist the Recovery School District in the rebuilding and repair of technical infrastructure in the schools (and other sites) under the direction of RSD. Services include basic network and miscellaneous tasks, MS/Windows server, domain administration, software installs, complex network, and server administration and troubleshooting.

School and Community Support

2. Contractor: Pointe Coupee Parish School Board
 Previous Contract: Yes
 Begin Date: 01/01/07
 End Date: 12/31/09
 Original Contract Amount: \$805,000
 Amendment Amount: \$340,142
 New Contract Amount: \$1,145,142
 Source of Funds: 21st Century Com Learn Ctr FED

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Description of Services: This amendment is necessary to bring the contract amount to the total agreed upon by LDOE and the Pointe Coupee Parish School Board. Due to error, the contract amount originally approved by BESE was not the contract amount agreed upon by the parties. The contractor needs full funding for the effective operation of the 21st Century Community Learning Center Program.
(Schedule 27)

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.