

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

MAY 17, 2007

The Louisiana Purchase Room Baton Rouge, LA

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in regular session on May 17, 2007, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 10:42 by Board President Linda M. Johnson and opened with a prayer by Sarah Brown, a student at St. Aloysius School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and a winner of the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) essay contest to celebrate ALS Awareness Month.

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

Ms. Penny Dastugue was absent.

Sarah Brown also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 5 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the agenda as printed and disseminated, with the addition of Emergency Agenda Items 15 – 21. (Schedule 1)

Agenda Item 6 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the minutes of April 19, 2007.

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

Agenda Item 7-A On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 118, *Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices*: §1709. Introduction, §1711. Grade 3 Achievement Level Descriptors, §1713. Grade 5 Achievement Level Descriptors, §1715. Grade 6 Achievement Level Descriptors, §1717. Grade 7 Achievement Level Descriptors, §1719. Grade 9 Achievement Level Descriptors, §1721. Content Standards, §1723. English Language Arts Tests Structure, §1725. Math Tests Structure, §1727. Science Tests Structure, §1729. Social Studies Tests Structure, §3306. Approved Accommodations for Special Education and Section 504 Students, and §3307. Limited English Proficient Students.

The Board agreed to take Agenda Item 13 out of order.

Agenda Item 13 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board recognized the following winners of the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Essay contest to celebrate ALS Awareness Month:

- the 1st Place winner was Randa Ahmad, Ascension Day School, Lafayette, Louisiana;
- the 2nd Place winner was Payton Shepard, Herndon Magnet School, Belcher, Louisiana; and
- the 3rd Place winner was Sarah Brown, St. Aloysius School, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

(Schedule 3)

The Board returned to the regular agenda order.

Agenda Item 8

Report by the State Superintendent of Education

- Superintendent Pastorek provided Board members with a copy of the *2005-2006 Louisiana State Education Progress Report*, which is dedicated to the memory of Superintendent Cecil Picard.
 - The report provides an assessment of the status of public education in Louisiana, details Louisiana's strengths, and includes an honest look at the areas which must improve in order to increase student academic achievement.
 - The Superintendent extended a special thanks to the staff in the Planning, Analysis, and Information Resources Section within the Office of Management and Finance. Ms. Laura Boudreaux coordinates this project and was assisted by Dr. Merry Jane Bourgeois and Ms. Cindy DeLaughter.
- Superintendent Pastorek stated that the results of LEAP tests for 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th and 9th graders would be released on Friday, May 18, 2007. He also stated that LEAP and GEE scores were released earlier this month, and he is pleased with the growth achieved in 4th and 8th grade. The Superintendent cited an alarming drop in the English scores of our 10th graders, adding even more urgency to high school redesign efforts and to the literacy initiatives.

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- Dr. Robin Jarvis was recognized by Superintendent Pastorek for her long years of service to children in this state as a teacher, principal, and all that she has done within the Department of Education. He presented her with a plaque and two pictures of New Orleans' students.
 - Dr. Jarvis joined the Department in 1999. When she took over the helm of the Recovery School District, she was the Assistant Superintendent for the Office of Student and School Performance. She has also served as the Division Director for the Office of School Standards, Accountability and Assistance; the Division Director for Professional Development; and Assistant Director of the Distinguished Educator Program.
 - She agreed to become the Acting Superintendent of the Recovery School District, a temporary but a key position. Dr. Jarvis opened more schools in one year than any other Superintendent in the history of this country. Currently, the RSD operates 39 schools. At one point, she had to hire more than 1,000 employees in less than two months time.
 - Dr. Jarvis had to negotiate the bureaucracy of FEMA, the exasperating schedules of contractors, and the constant return of students that have not followed a typical school schedule.
 - Superintendent Pastorek stated that he is grateful to Dr. Jarvis for the many hours she spent working on behalf of the children of New Orleans—while missing her own children here in Baton Rouge. She has laid the foundation for the success of the Recovery School District.

The Board agreed to take Agenda Item 21 out of order.

Agenda Item 21 The Board commended and thanked Barbara Freiberg for her dedication to and tireless efforts in compiling and producing the 2005-2006 BESE Annual Report. The Board also thanked BESE staff and Department staff who contributed to this effort.

On motion of Ms. Givens, with a unanimous second, the Board received and acclaimed the 2005-2006 BESE Annual Report.

The Board returned to the regular agenda order.

Agenda **8(g) Committee** (Schedule 4)
Item 9-A

9-A-1 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board received the following monitoring visit reports:

- a. recap reports for FY 2003-2004, FY 2004-2005, and 2005-2006;
- b. there was no report of projects with no audit irregularities for FY 2005-2006;
- c. the report of project audits with irregularities and responses accepted for FY 2005-2006; 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. Jacobs, 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. Jacobs, the Board approved the proposed program, budget, and guidelines for statewide project, Superior Textbooks, (S016), (LDE), for FY 2007-2008.

9-A-4 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board approved the proposed program and budget for statewide project, LaSIP/LINCS Professional Development, (S017), (LaSIP), for FY 2007-2008.

9-A-5 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board approved the proposed program and budget for statewide project, Louisiana Literacy Plan, (S053), (LDE), for FY 2007-2008.

9-A-6 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board approved the proposed program and budget for statewide project, School Improvement/Scholastic Audit, (S055), (LDE), for FY 2007-2008.

9-A-7 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board approved the 8(g) Competitive grant awards for elementary and secondary education for FY 2007-2008.

The Board agreed to take Agenda Item 9-E, the High School Redesign Committee Report, out of order.

- Agenda Item 9-E **High School Redesign Committee** (Schedule 5)
- 9-E-1 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report regarding “Recommendations for Confronting the Skilled Construction Workforce Shortage in Louisiana” by the Louisiana Craft Workforce Development Board and retained this item on the agenda.
- 9-E-2 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the High School Redesign Commission and the update on the High School Redesign 9th Grade Initiative Grants.
- 9-E-3 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the Alternate Diploma Task Force, clarifying that the role of this task force is to study and make recommendations regarding alternate diplomas specifically for students with disabilities, and referred this item to the Special Education Advisory Council.
- 9-E-4 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Dr. Chase, the Board approved the report (with suggested changes) on the proposed:
1. LA Core 4 curriculum;
 2. additional math requirement for graduation in the Louisiana Core Curriculum;
 3. changes to the Career and Technical Diploma Endorsement Policy; and
 4. LA Core 4 Opt Out Policy.
- Further, the Board referred these items to the Parish Superintendents’ Advisory Council.
- 9-E-5 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board referred to the High School Redesign Committee the following items to be added to the agenda for discussion (each added as a separate item on the June 2007 agenda):
1. adding relevance to the curriculum,
 2. alternative ways to structure electives for students who opt into the Louisiana Core Curriculum in order to emphasize career pathways,
 3. more naming options for the new proposed high school core curriculum, and
 4. results and issues related to the field testing of the End-of-Course Algebra I test.

- 9-E-6 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board deferred “Consideration of the report on 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” until June 2007.
- 9-E-7 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board deferred “Consideration of the report on the JROTC Area of Concentration meeting the performance criteria for the Career and Technical Diploma Endorsement” until June 2007.
- 9-E-8 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved as a Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, §2323. Proficiency Examinations and §2324. Credit Recovery, and authorized the Department to clarify the policy language contained in §2324.5.b. regarding end-of-course exams. Further, the Board referred this item to the Parish Superintendents’ Advisory Council.

The Board returned to the regular agenda order.

Agenda **Accountability and Assessment Committee** (Schedule 6)
Item 9-B

- 9-B-1 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received the following reports on LEAP, GEE, and iLEAP testing:
- Spring Assessments,
 - Test Security Report,
 - Field Test for LEAP and GEE, and
 - Professional Development/Assessment Support.
- 9-B-2 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received the monthly update on the public awareness campaign for accountability.
- 9-B-3 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received the report on Distinguished Educators’ activities.
- 9-B-4 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received the report on the Regional Education Service Centers (RESA).
- 9-B-5 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board approved as a Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 118, *Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices*: §2007. Performance Standards.

- 9-B-6 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received the report regarding testing dates for 2008-2009 and referred this item to the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council and to the Louisiana Educational Assessment Testing Commission.
- 9-B-7 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received the report regarding what is required from the LANA and DIG for schools in School Improvement and retained this item on the agenda.
- 9-B-8 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received the report regarding 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. Further, the Board directed that in June 2007 the Department provide a draft letter to Louisiana's federally elected officials, which articulates Louisiana's concerns and/or issues pertaining to the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB).
- 9-B-9 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board approved as a Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*: §301. School Performance Score Goal, §1101. Performance Labels, §1401. Levels of Academic Assistance (excluding the "Remedy" chart on page 118 of the backup), §1403. Entry Into Academic Assistance, §1405. Movement In and Exit From Academic Assistance, and §1407. Exit From Academic Assistance, as recommended by the Department.
- 9-B-10 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board deleted from the agenda "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."
- 9-B-11 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board directed the Department to report back with possibilities for a more concise report that gives Board members a bigger picture of the results of the impact of the Distinguished Educators on LEAP, *LEAP*, and other student achievement indicators.
- 9-B-12 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board directed the Department to report back with possibilities for improved use of the Comprehensive Curriculum in the schools that are failing.

- Agenda Item 9-C **Board Administration/Relations Committee** (Schedule 7)
- 9-C-1 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received the status reports on Board Advisory Council attendance.
- 9-C-2 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Broussard, 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. Broussard, the Board approved the out-of-state travel requests for Ms. Linda Johnson and Ms. Leslie Jacobs to attend the annual Achieve/ADP meeting and participate in the NGA roundtable between the 10 Honor States and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in Washington, DC, on June 4-6, 2007.
- 9-C-4 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received the travel reports for Department of Education employees' out-of-state expenditures.
- 9-C-5 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received the travel reports for out-of-state travel to be reimbursed by the Department of Education for non-employees.
- 9-C-6 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board approved temporarily merging the item on developing and implementing charter school authorizing policies and administrative procedures with the item on consideration of policy recommendations regarding the role and authority of BESE and the State Superintendent concerning the Recovery School District and deleted this item from the agenda.
- 9-C-7 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received the report on the flow chart and outline regarding the role and authority of BESE and the State Superintendent concerning the Recovery School District (RSD), and retained this item on the agenda.
- 9-C-8 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received the report from Education Finance staff concerning charter school budgets and expenditure reports, including irregularities or concerns, noting that a letter is being drafted from Supt. Pastorek to the Algiers Charter School Association (ACSA) addressing the issues of ACSA's noncompliance with charter school budgeting and financial reporting requirements. Further, the Board received a response from the Algiers Charter School Association concerning corrective action taken.

- 9-C-9 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board deferred consideration of the Charter School Annual Performance Report using the new evaluation framework.
- 9-C-10 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board referred the charter with Innovator in Milestones, Inc., to the Legal/Due Process Committee for consideration of extension or revocation in June 2007.
- 9-C-11 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board:
- received the status report on charter contracts regarding pre-opening activities leading up to the contract signing deadline of June 1, 2007;
 - directed the Department to present recommendations at the June 2007 Committee meeting for policy regarding the definitions of the types of maintenance performed on RSD school facilities, including capital repairs and improvements and routine maintenance;
 - directed that the Department, in defining such maintenance, identify the responsibilities of the RSD with respect to school facilities under its jurisdiction and the responsibilities of building occupants under lease agreements with the RSD; and
 - directed the Department to determine a method of prioritizing capital repairs and improvements in light of the possibility that funding may not be available for all repairs and to identify the process for emergency repairs.
- 9-C-12 On motion by Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board directed that:
- BESE staff assist the Department in amending, if necessary, or ensuring that the Type 5 charter school contract reflects that Type 5 charter schools are LEAs for financial purposes only and that for all other purposes the Recovery School District remains the LEA, including being the LEA for reporting purposes and as it relates to the obligation to provide alternative education programs;
 - when the Board adopts the allocation of funds within the RSD, that the Department come forward with a funding formula to provide for the Recovery School District providing alternative education services for any student attending any Recovery School District school;
 - the Type 5 charter schools retain the right to conduct their expulsion hearings consistent with the Model Expulsion Policy; and
 - the Department report at the August 2007 Board Administration/ Relations Committee meeting its plans for providing alternative education services and operating alternative school(s) within the RSD.

- 9-C-13 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board allowed Broadmoor Charter School Board, Inc., to continue preparation for opening the charter school. Further, the Board allowed the Broadmoor Charter School Board six (6) months for reconstitution of its board in order that it meet the family member restriction provision of the charter school contract.
- 9-C-14 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board approved the Type 5 charter contract amendments as mandatory amendments to the charter contract that each Type 5 charter beginning operation in the 2006-2007 school year must adopt.
- 9-C-15 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board accepted the draft lease between The Maxine Giardina Charter School, Inc., and Nicholls State University that is being presented to the higher education boards and evidence of modular building erection and inspection timetables that ensure construction will be complete prior to the start of school in place of the pre-opening checklist requirement for submission of a location address, lease, or use agreement. Further, the Board directed that approval to open in the 2007-2008 school is contingent upon all facility requirements being met two (2) weeks prior to school opening.
- 9-C-16 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received the information regarding a request by Delhi Charter School to amend its charter to allow it to operate a virtual school for grades K-8 in partnership with K-12, Inc.
- 9-C-17 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board:
- approved the Choice Foundation's K-7 grade configuration for the 2007-2008 school year with a charter enrollment cap of 650 students;
 - authorized BESE, LDE, and RSD staffs to determine necessary steps and seek submissions that are necessary to ensure that choice Foundation, Inc., is prepared to operate Lafayette Academy for the beginning of the 2007-2008 school year and that such be reported to the Board in June 2007; and
 - authorized BESE, LDE, and RSD staffs to determine and seek submissions necessary to ensure that the charter amendment addresses all areas of the charter application that will change as a result of the termination of the management arrangement and directed that the material amendment be considered by the Board at its August 2007 meeting.

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Ms. Washington offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Bayard, that the Board oppose requesting an Attorney General’s Opinion in reference to membership of charter school employees in the Teachers’ Retirement System of Louisiana.

Discussion followed.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Yeas: Mr. Bayard, Ms. Givens, Dr. Stafford, and Ms. Washington.

Nays: Ms. Broussard, Ms. Buquet, Dr. Chase, and Ms. Jacobs.

The motion failed.

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9-C-18 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred until June 2007 consideration of a request from Belle Chasse Academy, Inc. to amend its charter to allow its employees to participate in the Teachers’ Retirement System of Louisiana or an alternate retirement plan.

9-C-19 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received the Recovery School District Update.

9-C-20 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board approved extending the final date for student lotteries for Type 5 charter schools approved in February from July 2, 2007, to August 2, 2007. Type 5 charter schools remain subject to the three (3) month maximum student application period provided by law.

9-C-21 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received the status report from the Recovery School District (RSD) on the following issues and retained the item on the agenda:

- limitation of class sizes;
- reduction of security forces and employment of more counselors, social workers, and psychologist; and
- compliance with the federal and state laws protecting students with special learning needs.

- 9-C-22 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board referred to the State Superintendent of Education for review with the Chair of the Board Administration/Relations Committee recommendations to create a Recovery School District Advisory Committee that is an advisory committee to BESE, including the composition, charge, and staffing and retained this item on the agenda.
- 9-C-23 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received the report regarding the University Partnership Model and retained this item on the agenda.
- 9-C-24 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Broussard, 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 Board Special Schools.
- 9-C-25 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board approved the new job description(s) and/or revisions to current job descriptions of the Special School District (SSD) and the BESE Special Schools (BSS) Accountability program, and retained this item on the agenda.
- Agenda **Finance/Audit Review Committee** (Schedule 8)
Item 9-D
- 9-D-1 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved BA-7 number 4 submitted by LSEC to receive additional Title XIX Medicaid Funds generated on an adjusted per diem rate of \$438.61.
- 9-D-2 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the proposed 2007-2008 MFP formula.
- 9-D-3 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the FY 2006-2007 MFP Accountability Report.
- 9-D-4 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the revised Fiscal Risk Assessment Model, development of regulations for Fiscal Administrator statute, and process to include the Recovery School District and retained this item on the agenda.

- 9-D-5 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following nonpublic allocation for FY 2006-2007:

Allocation: Nonpublic Assistance
Amount: \$2,697,029.07
Funding Period: 07/01/06 – 06/30/07
Source of Funds: Statutory Dedication

Purpose: Louisiana Revised Statute (LRS) 39:98.1-98.5, established the Education Excellence Fund. The statute requires that the State Department of Education provide appropriations from the Education Excellence fund with the specific purpose that all expenditures are used to support excellence in educational practice. Funds must be used for instructional enhancement, including early childhood programs, remediation, high stakes testing assistance, and other educational programs.

Grants and Allocations

Disadvantaged or Disabled Student Support - Formula

- 9-D-6 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Education Excellence Fund
Amount: \$15,807,259.80
Funding Period: 07/01/06 – 06/30/07
Source of Funds: Statutory Dedication

Purpose: Louisiana Revised Statute (LRS) 39:98.1-98.5, established the Education Excellence Fund. The statute requires that the State Department of Education provide appropriations from the Education Excellence fund with the specific purpose that all expenditures are used to support excellence in educational practice. Funds must be used for instructional enhancement, including early childhood programs, remediation, high stakes testing assistance and other educational programs.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations to school districts by statute are computed as follows: 30% to be divided equally among all local school districts; and 70% to be divided among local school districts proportionate to each district's total share of the Minimum Foundation Program appropriation in the most recent budget letter approved by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. Charter School allocations are computed on a per pupil amount.

Educators Support - Formula

9-D-7 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Louisiana Teacher Assistance & Assessment Program
Amount: \$27,700
Funding Period: 07/01/06 – 06/30/07
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: The Louisiana Teacher Assistance and Assessment Program (LaTAAP) is designed to help the new teacher become a competent, confident professional in the classroom and to ensure that he/she meets the performance standard established as a criterion for certification. The Assistance Period in which the new teacher is mentored in his/her school occurs throughout the first full year of employment. The Assessment Period occurs in the third semester of teaching; if a new teacher fails to meet the performance standards, a second assessment opportunity occurs in the fourth semester of teaching. New teachers are provided a mentor throughout their participation in the LaTAAP as they work on assessment and professional development activities. A teacher who fails to meet the performance standards after two years in the LaTAAP must exit the teaching profession in Louisiana public schools for a minimum of two years. If the teacher applies for reemployment in Louisiana, the teacher will enter semester five and have two more years to meet assessment standards.

Basis of Allocation: A supplemental allocation of approximately \$32.70 per new teacher will be provided to the school systems participating in the PASSPORT K-12 in school year 2006-2007 based on the number of new teachers in semesters 1 through 5 of LaTAAP as of October 2, 2006. These school systems have incurred additional expenses beyond the regular LaTAAP with the need to conduct additional trainings and purchase supplies for their new teachers, mentors, and assessors participating in the PASSPORT K-12 assessment program.

Classroom Technology – Formula

9-D-8 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Educational Technology State Grant
Amount: \$845
Funding Period: 07/01/06 – 09/30/07
Source of Funds: Federal
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Purpose: The purpose of this grant is to support the integration of educational technology into classrooms to improve teaching and learning. Funds will serve to enhance ongoing efforts to improve teaching and learning through the use of technology.

Basis of Allocation: Funding is distributed to eligible recipients by formula based on each recipient's share of Title 1, Part A funding for the given year.

Disadvantaged or Disabled Student Support - Competitive Grants

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

Allocation: Advanced Placement Fee Payment Program
Amount: \$29,097
Funding Period: 03/16/07 – 03/15/08
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: With funding from the Advanced Placement Fee Program, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE) will pay \$53 for each Advanced Placement Exam taken by students who meet the definition of low-income and are enrolled in both public and Louisiana Board of Education and Secondary Education (BESE) approved nonpublic schools.

Basis of Allocation: The College Board projects that the fee for each AP exam taken in May 2007 will be \$83. Whereas low-income students should receive a fee reduction of \$22 per exam from the College Board and the school will be required to waive the \$8 rebate, the Louisiana Department of Education proposes to pay the difference - \$53 per exam ($\$83 - \$30 = \53).

Quality Educators - Other

9-D-10 On motion of Dr. Stafford, 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

Purpose: The funding 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 2006-2007 school year.

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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 valid certificate issued by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards.

School Accountability and Improvement - Other

9-D-11 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Public Charter School Grant Program
Amount: \$800,000
Funding Period: 04/01/07– 07/31/08
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of this award is to provide financial assistance for planning, program design, and implementation 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.

Hurricane Education Recovery - Other

9-D-12 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board deferred 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

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 non-public schools to help defray expenses related to the restart of operations in the reopening of and 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: Allocations are computed on a per pupil basis.

9-D-13 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the 2006-2007 Recovery School District (RSD) budget.

9-D-14 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board directed the Department to provide a status report on the FEMA reimbursements to the RSD.

9-D-15 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board combined Agenda Items IV.F.3.a., b., and c. into one item.

9-D-16 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the expenditure of Restart funds by the Recovery School District (RSD) and recommendations for allocating the remainder of the Restart funds, which includes:

- a. funds spent for Recovery School District operations where all students were counted and funds allocated for the same purpose,
- b. funds spent on Recovery School District operated schools and funds spent on Type 5 charter schools, and
- c. funds allocated for Recovery School District operated schools and funds allocated for Type 5 charter schools.

9-D-17 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the Community Development Block Grant Program funds and retained this item on the agenda.

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Ms. Givens offered a motion, seconded by Dr. Stafford, that the Board support *Scenario 3 – Utilize Parish Pool Allocation* regarding the allocation formulas for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

Yeas: Ms. Broussard, Ms. Givens, and Dr. Stafford.

Nays: Mr. Bayard, Ms. Buquet, Dr. Chase, and Ms. Washington.

The motion failed.

Discussion followed.

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9-D-18 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board directed the State Superintendent of Education and the Division of Education Finance to work with the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA) staff to amend *Scenario 3 – Utilize Parish Pool Allocation* by determining a percentage of 60% or greater, more heavily weighted toward Public Assistance rather than toward the National Flood Insurance Penalty.

9-D-19 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the Department Budget for FY 2007-2008.

9-D-20 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the contracts \$25,000 and under approved by the State Superintendent.

9-D-21 On motion of Dr. Stafford, 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
Original Amount: \$673,443
Amended Amount: \$2,020,065
New Amount: \$2,693,508
Contract Period: 01/11/07 – 01/10/09
Fund: Restart - IAT

Description of Services: Contractor will perform the 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.

The amendment is necessary due to an increase in the Available Funds for Construction (AFC) for sitework. The greater AFC results in an increase in the contractor’s fee – which is based upon a percentage of the construction cost. The amendment addresses increased costs associated with additional site surveys, geotechnical evaluation, and environmental surveys.

Received and Deferred

Executive Office of the Superintendent

9-D-22 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Creative Video
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$48,500
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: Statewide School Accountability STATE - FY 08

9-D-23 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: DeGravelles and Associates
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$48,500
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: Statewide School Accountability STATE - FY 08

9-D-24 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Louisiana Network
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$31,200
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: Statewide School Accountability STATE; Motorcycle Safety Program STATE DED; SSP School Accountability STATE - FY 08

9-D-25 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: St. Charles Parish School Board
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$169,220
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: RSC – Central Office State; SSP School Accountability; State; Distinguished Educators State; IDEA BD&S Services RSC FED; Consol Admin RSCS Federal; RSC Early Child P/S S/L FED; IDEA B Personnel Shortage RSC FED; Local Teacher Quality IAT 8(g); RSC T6 St Assess & RA DOE FED; RSC Reading First Grant FED; RSC T2 Improving Teacher Quality Prof Dev S/L FED; RSC TANF LA4/IAT DSS - FY 08

9-D-26 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Southeastern LA University
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$165,450
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: RSC – Central Office State; SSP School Accountability; State; Distinguished Educators State; IDEA BD&S Services RSC FED; Consol Admin RSCS Federal; RSC Early Child P/S S/L FED; IDEA B Personnel Shortage RSC FED; Local Teacher Quality IAT 8(g); RSC T6 St Assess & RA DOE FED; RSC Reading First Grant FED; RSC T2 Improving Teacher Quality Prof Dev S/L FED; RSC TANF LA4/IAT DSS - FY 08

9-D-27 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Nicholls State University
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$79,455
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: RSC – Central Office State; SSP School Accountability; State; Distinguished Educators State; IDEA BD&S Services RSC FED; Consol Admin RSCS Federal; RSC Early Child P/S S/L FED; IDEA B Personnel Shortage RSC FED; Local Teacher Quality IAT 8(g); RSC T6 St Assess & RA DOE FED; RSC Reading First Grant FED; RSC T2 Improving Teacher Quality Prof Dev S/L FED - FY 08

9-D-28 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Vermillion Parish School Board
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$91,395
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: RSC – Central Office State; SSP School Accountability; State; Distinguished Educators State; IDEA BD&S Services RSC FED; Consol Admin RSCS Federal; RSC Early Child P/S S/L FED; IDEA B Personnel Shortage RSC FED; Local Teacher Quality IAT 8(g); RSC T6 St Assess & RA DOE FED; RSC Reading First Grant FED; RSC T2 Improving Teacher Quality Prof Dev S/L FED - FY 08

9-D-29 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Calcasieu Parish School Board
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$68,425
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08

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Fund: RSC – Central Office State; SSP School Accountability; State; Distinguished Educators State; IDEA BD&S Services RSC FED; Consol Admin RSCS Federal; RSC Early Child P/S S/L FED; IDEA B Personnel Shortage RSC FED; Local Teacher Quality IAT 8(g); RSC T6 St Assess & RA DOE FED; RSC Reading First Grant FED; RSC T2 Improving Teacher Quality Prof Dev S/L FED; RSC TANF LA4/IAT DSS - FY 08

9-D-30 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Louisiana Technical College – Natchitoches Campus
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$80,110
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: RSC – Central Office State; SSP School Accountability; State; Distinguished Educators State; IDEA BD&S Services RSC FED; Consol Admin RSCS Federal; RSC Early Child P/S S/L FED; IDEA B Personnel Shortage RSC FED; Local Teacher Quality IAT 8(g); RSC T6 St Assess & RA DOE FED; RSC Reading First Grant FED; RSC T2 Improving Teacher Quality Prof Dev S/L FED; RSC TANF LA4/IAT DSS - FY 08

9-D-31 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Bossier City Parish School Board
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$79,280
Contract Period: 07/01/07-06/30/08
Fund: RSC – Central Office State; SSP School Accountability; State; Distinguished Educators State; IDEA BD&S Services RSC FED; Consol Admin RSCS Federal; RSC Early Child P/S S/L FED; IDEA B Personnel Shortage RSC FED; Local Teacher Quality IAT 8(g); RSC T6 St Assess & RA DOE FED; RSC Reading First Grant FED; RSC T2 Improving Teacher Quality Prof Dev S/L FED- FY 08

9-D-32 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Ouachita Parish School Board
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$102,395
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: RSC – Central Office State; SSP School Accountability; State; Distinguished Educators State; IDEA BD&S Services RSC FED; Consol Admin RSCS Federal; RSC Early Child P/S S/L FED; IDEA B Personnel Shortage RSC FED; Local Teacher Quality IAT 8(g); RSC T6 St Assess & RA DOE FED; RSC Reading First Grant FED; RSC T2 Improving Teacher Quality Prof Dev S/L FED; RSC TANF LA4/IAT DSS - FY 08

School and Community Support

9-D-33 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Families Helping Families of Acadiana, Inc.
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$65,700
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: Family Resource Centers - FY 08

9-D-34 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Bayouland Families Helping Families, Inc.
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$65,700
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: Family Resource Centers - FY 08

9-D-35 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Families Helping Families of Southwest Lafayette, Inc.
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$65,700
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: Family Resource Center

9-D-36 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Families Helping Families at the Crossroads of LA
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$65,700
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: Family Resource Center - FY 08

9-D-37 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Families Helping Families of Northeast LA
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$65,700
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: Family Resource Center - FY 08

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

Contractor: Northshore Families Helping Families
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$65,700
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: Family Resource Center - FY 08

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

Contractor: Families Helping Families of Greater New Orleans, Inc.
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$65,700
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: Family Resource Center - FY 08

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

Contractor: Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge, Inc.
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$65,700
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: Family Resource Center - FY 08

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

Contractor: Families Helping Families of Southeast Louisiana, Inc.
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$65,700
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: Family Resource Center - FY 08

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

Contractor: Families Helping Families of Northwest Louisiana
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$65,700
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: Family Resource Center - FY 08

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

Contractor: Louisiana Department of Labor
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$150,000
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: Incoming Funds - FY 08

9-D-44 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: National Scoring Services, Inc.
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$45,000
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: Adult Educ. ADM SPEC Projects G/F - FY 08

9-D-45 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: National Scoring Services, Inc.
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$24,000
Amended Amount: \$3,000

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Revised Amount: \$27,000
Contract Period: 11/15/2006 - 06/30/07
Fund: Adult Educ. ADM SPEC Projects G/F - FY 07

9-D-46 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Patrick Nelson, MSW
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$46,150
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: SEC VOC EDUC Leadership IAT LCTCS - FY 08

Student and School Performance

9-D-47 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Judith Gahr
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$40,000
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: IDEA B Support Services Policy FED - FY 08

9-D-48 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Donnie Faye Hull
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$40,000
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: IDEA B Support Services Policy FED - FY 08

9-D-49 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Kathy Kilgore
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$40,000
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: IDEA B Support Services Policy FED - FY 08

9-D-50 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Barbara LeBlanc
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$40,000
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: IDEA B Support Services Policy FED - FY 08

9-D-51 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Patricia Neal
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$40,000
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: IDEA B Support Services Policy FED - FY 08

9-D-52 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Lady Patton
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$40,000
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: IDEA B Support Services Policy FED - FY 08

9-D-53 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Shelyn Ezell Powell
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$40,000
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: IDEA B Support Services Policy FED - FY 08

9-D-54 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Rosa Stewart
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$40,000
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: IDEA B Support Services Policy FED - FY 08

9-D-55 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Christopher Wilmoth, LLC
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$40,000
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: IDEA B Support Services Policy FED - FY 08

9-D-56 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: LA Center for Dyslexia and Related Disorders – Nicholls State University
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$124,800
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: T1 Reading 1ST P/Development S/L FED - FY 08

9-D-57 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Louisiana State University – Health Science Center
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$35,000
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: IDEA B Support Services Policy FED - FY 08

9-D-58 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Louisiana State University – Center of Assessment and Evaluation
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$30,000
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: School ASST K-3 Reading and Math STATE - FY 08

9-D-59 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Mark Mlawer
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$49,000
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: IDEA B Support Services Policy FED - FY 08

9-D-60 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: University of North Colorado – Distance Opportunities
for Interpreter Training
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$320,982
Contract Period: 08/01/07 - 07/31/08
Fund: IDEA B Support Services Policy FED - FY 08

9-D-61 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: University of Oregon
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$675,000
Contract Period: 08/01/07 - 07/31/10
Fund: T1 – Reading First TECH Assistance S/L FED - FY 08

Special School District

9-D-62 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Louisiana for the Visually Impaired

Contractor: Elizabeth Brantley
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$39,000
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: State General Fund - FY 08

9-D-63 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Louisiana for the Visually Impaired

Contractor: Mary Tatum, LOTR
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$36,000
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: State General Fund - FY 08

9-D-64 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Louisiana Special Education Center

Contractor: Adrienne Albert
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$41,600
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: IAT Title XIX - FY 08

9-D-65 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Louisiana Special Education Center

Contractor: Michael Buck
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$38,000
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: IAT Title XIX - FY 08

9-D-66 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Louisiana Special Education Center

Contractor: Fanisha Ford
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$62,400
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: IAT Title XIX - FY 08

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School and Community Support

9-D-67 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved 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 - FY 08

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Description: The contractor and LDOE will partner to provide a minimum of 15 hours per week of adult basic education services. Funds will be used to support administrative costs for adult literacy services to STEP clients in the majority of parishes in the state. Services will be offered through local providers.

9-D-68 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved 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 - FY 08

Description: The contractor is to provide funding for the provision of youth development services in the out-of-school hours to students K-12 from high-poverty communities. Services include academic, enrichment, and recreational components. Local service providers are selected through a competitive Request for Proposal process.

9-D-69 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved 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 - FY 08

Description: The contractor will analyze appropriate and available data from LEAs to develop dropout indicators and provide training to school principals on the use of these indicators.

9-D-70 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved 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 - FY 08

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Description: The contractor shall work with LDOE in the administration of the 2007-08 Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Funds. Funds will be used to administer Career and Technical Education in Louisiana's secondary schools.

Student and School Performance

9-D-71 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved 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
FY 08

Description: The contractor will provide assistance in the production, printing, and distribution of the Louisiana School Accountability Program Reports and the State and District Composite Reports. The Accountability Program Reports to be provided include school report cards for principals, school report cards for parents, School Subgroup Component Reports, Fall Accountability Press Reports, Post-Appeal Reports, District Reports, District Subgroup Component Reports, and the State Subgroup Component Reports. These reports will be provided in PDF and/or Excel and on compact discs.

9-D-72 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved 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 - FY 08

Description: The contractor will implement a research program to assess program quality and effectiveness, including short and long-term outcomes for young children in Louisiana. Contractor will review submissions from each school system that is participating in the LA4 and Starting Points programs. Review will address programs' compliance with statutory requirements, program quality, and congruence between plans and actual implementation.

Special Consideration**Recovery School District**

9-D-73 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: JBHM Education Group
 Previous Contract: Yes
 Original Amount: \$16,875
 Amended Amount: \$12,500
 New Amount: \$29,375
 Contract Period: 09/01/06 - 06/30/07
 Fund: Restart – IAT - FY 07

Description of Services: The amendment is necessary to cover costs associated with an additional 10 days/80 hours of contractor's services. Additional service hours are needed to assist the Recovery School District (RSD) through the development and revision of the 2007-2008 eGrant Consolidated Application for federal funds.

School and Community Support

9-D-74 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: 21st Century Community Learning Centers
 Previous Contract: Yes
 Amount: \$14,906,661
 Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/10
 Fund: 21st Century CCLC - FY 08

<u>Name of Organization</u>	<u>Amount to Award</u>	<u># of Students</u>
Children's Charter School	\$ 600,000.00	200
Delta PREP	\$ 375,000.00	125
East Feliciana Parish School Board	\$ 1,488,876.00	500
Helping Hands Inc of Lafayette	\$ 2,094,095.00	700
Joy Corporation of Baton Rouge	\$ 300,000.00	100
Just One Word, Incorporated	\$ 750,000.00	250
Louisiana Community Developers	\$ 720,800.00	721
New Orleans Public Schools	\$ 2,400,000.00	800

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St. Bernard Parish Schools	\$ 2,400,000.00	900
The Community School for Apprenticeship Learning	\$ 1,103,375.00	350
The Crossover House, Incorporated	\$ 750,000.00	250
Vietnamese Initiatives in Economic Training (VIET)	\$ 1,085,184.00	350
Volunteers of America Greater New Orleans	<u>\$ 839,331.00</u>	<u>280</u>
Total	\$14,906,661.00	5,526

Description of Services: The 21st Century Community Learning Center contractors were selected via a competitive process. The contractors will provide students will high quality programming that supports learning and development, including tutoring, mentoring, homework assistance, cultural enrichment, and career development activities. Thirteen contractors will be awarded, pending the annual funding allocation from the U.S. Department of Education.

9-D-75 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Louisiana Association of Principals
 Previous Contract Yes
 Original Amount: \$9,500
 Amended Amount: \$36,000
 New Amount: \$45,500
 Contract Period: 02/21/07
 Original End Date: 08/30/07
 Revised End Date: 06/30/07
 Fund: High School Reform Initiative 8(g)

Description of Services: The amendment is necessary to increase the number of trainers to be provided for eight regional Breaking Ranks II workshops. The Breaking Ranks workshops are jointly sponsored by LDOE and the contractor.

9-D-76 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Patrick Nelson, MSW
 Previous Contract: Yes
 Original Amount: \$45,400
 Amended Amount: \$1,500

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New Amount: \$46,900
 Contract Period: 07/01/06 - 06/30/07
 Funds: SEC VOC EDUC Leadership IAT LCTCS - FY 07

Description of Service: Amendment increases the maximum travel expense by \$1,500 to allow the contractor participation in the annual National Conference on Methods of Administration for Civil Rights Compliance.

Student and School Performance

9-D-77 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Computer Aid, Inc.
 Previous Contract: Yes
 Amount: \$1,133,918.40
 Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/10
 Funds: IDEA B ADMIN Special Population FED - FY 08

Description of Service: The contractor, which was selected via a competitive process, will add functionality to the web IEP portion of SER and provide ongoing system maintenance for all other components of SER. The web-based IEP will allow special education teachers to enter IEP data via a browser interface directly into the SER database.

9-D-78 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Lois Haid
 Previous Contract: Yes
 Original Amount: \$16,000
 Amended Amount: \$13,000
 New Amount: \$29,000
 Contract Period: 04/02/07 - 06/30/07
 Funds: 8(g) LA Literacy Plan - FY 07

Description of Service: This amendment is necessary as the contractor will review additional Pre-K to 3 and 1 to 5 programs in order to provide clarity on areas of strengths and needs as related to each program's alignment to *Louisiana's Reading and Language Competencies for Teachers*.

9-D-79 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center – Allied Health
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$250,000
Amended Amount: \$343,500
New Amount: \$593,500
Contract Period: 09/01/06
Original End Date: 06/30/07
New End Date: 06/30/08
Funds: IDEA B Support Services Policy FED - FY 08

Description of Service: This amendment addresses the second year of activities of a three-year project that is committed to assisting local educational agencies in developing expertise in working with students with autism and related disabilities. Training and ongoing support of personnel are provided.

9-D-80 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Southeast Regional Resource Center (SERRC) – Auburn University
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$21,000
Amended Amount: \$27,000
New Amount: \$48,000
Contract Period: 01/15/07 - 06/30/07
Funds: IDEA B ADMIN Special Population FED - FY 07

Description of Service: This amendment is necessary to allow the review of additional policies that may be creating or facilitating barriers to student success. The inclusion of these additional policies will greatly expand the scope of work for the contractor.

9-D-81 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: JBHM Education Group, LLC
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$1,147,050
Amended Amount: \$897,000
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New Amount: \$2,044,050
Contract Period: 01/19/07
Original End Date: 06/30/07
Revised End Date: 06/30/08
Funds: School IMP Scholastic Audit 8(g) - FY 08

Description of Service: This amendment will provide funding to support early implementation of the Scholastic Audit process and provide the necessary feedback to the schools in a more timely manner, allowing the process to have an efficient and effective impact on school improvement.

Special School District

9-D-82 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Louisiana School for the Deaf

Contractor: East Baton Rouge Parish Schools
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$115,755
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Funds: State - FY 08

Description of Service: The contractor will provide daily transportation via regular school buses to and from the Louisiana School for the Deaf (LSD) for students who are deaf or hard of hearing, residing in East Baton Rouge Parish and whose parents have enrolled them at LSD under Act 433, the Parent Option Law.

9-D-83 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Louisiana School for the Deaf

Contractor: St. John the Baptist Parish School Board
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$63,513
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Funds: State - FY 08

Description of Service: The contractor will provide transportation via regular school buses for students who reside in St. John the Baptist Parish and are enrolled in the day program at Louisiana School for the Deaf.

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9-D-84 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Jill Aucoin
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$27,040
Contract Period: 07/02/07 - 06/30/08
Funds: IDEA B – FY 08

Description of Service: The contractor will conduct speech and language evaluations and direct or related speech services to identified students in the Special School District.

9-D-85 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Terri Johnson
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$46,800
Contract Period: 07/02/07 - 06/30/08
Funds: IDEA B - FY 08

Description of Service: The contractor will conduct speech and language assessments, provide written evaluations, and provide direct or related services to students in the Special School District.

9-D-86 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Office for Addictive Disorders
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$77,000
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Funds: Incoming Funds - FY 08

Description of Service: The contractor will provide funding to LDOE for provision of educational services to adolescents receiving chemical dependency treatment at the Springs of Recovery Adolescent Substance Abuse Program located at Greenwell Springs Hospital.

9-D-87 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Daphne Washington
 Previous Contract: Yes
 Amount: \$43,680
 Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
 Funds: IDEA B - FY 08

Description of Service: The contractor will conduct speech and language assessments, provide written evaluations, and provide direct and related speech services to students in Special School District.

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

9-F-1 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board deferred on consideration of a recommendation from the State Superintendent of Education regarding Special School District (SSD) personnel and retained this item on the agenda for a hearing in June 2007.

Agenda **Legislative/Policy Oversight Committee** (Schedule 10)
 Item 9-G

9-G-1 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board supported with an amendment, Senate Bill No. 299, which requires BESE to develop and implement visual arts and performing arts curricula in public schools.

Amendment is as follows:

The Department recommends the following revision to (iv): Replace "...requirement that instruction given in each curriculum shall be provided to such students for sixty minutes each school week" with "requirement that sixty minutes of instruction in the performing arts and sixty minutes of instruction in the visual arts shall be provided to such students each school week."

9-G-2 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board directed the BESE staff to send a letter to the House Education Committee thanking them as co-authors for introducing the legislative bill, which renames the LA 4 Prekindergarten Program in honor of Cecil J. Picard.

- 9-G-3 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board opposed House Bill No. 623, which establishes the Vouchers for Students Pilot Program.
- 9-G-4 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board opposed House Bill No. 761, which establishes the Vouchers for Students Pilot Program in certain parishes.
- 9-G-5 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board opposed House Bill No. 875, which creates the Great Schools Tax Credit.
- 9-G-6 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board opposed Senate Bill No. 45, which grants a non-refundable credit against individual income tax for elementary and secondary education tuition.
- 9-G-7 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board opposed House Bill No. 887, which provides relative to governance, powers, duties, and operations of the Recovery School District.
- 9-G-8 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board opposed House Bill No. 822, which terminates the jurisdiction of the Recovery School District over certain schools and returns such schools to the transferring system.
- 9-G-9 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board supported with an amendment House Bill No. 851, which provides an individual income tax credit for certain individuals employed with the Recovery School District.
- Amendment is as follows:
- revise 297.7, line 10, to add “as defined by LAUGH object function codes” after “certificated personnel.”
- 9-G-10 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board supported Senate Bill No. 191, which dedicates state funds for the purpose of providing for health insurance premiums of certain plan members in hurricane affected areas.
- 9-G-11 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board supported with amendments recommended by the Department, House Bill No. 775, which provides that certain school fund accounts for schools closed due to natural catastrophe or disaster shall be placed under the control of local school boards and provides relative to expenditure of monies in such accounts.

9-G-12 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board opposed House Bill No. 598, which requires BESE rules to prohibit the administration of LEAP tests to fourth and eighth grade public school students prior to May first of each year.

9-G-13 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board opposed House Bill No. 728, which requires public schools to provide at least 30 minutes of physical activity each school day for students in the seventh and eighth grades effective for the 2007-2008 school year and thereafter.

9-G-14 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board supported with an amendment, Senate Bill No. 311, which provides for the coordination of a health education curriculum by a physical education coordinator at the Department of Education.

Amendment is as follows:

§17.A. . . . all public elementary schools, and any relevant state agencies if funds are made available for this purpose.

9-G-15 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board supported Senate Bill No. 160, which creates a pilot program for universal dyslexia screening and intervention in grades K-3.

9-G-16 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board opposed House Bill No. 666, which provides certain requirements for the rules and policies used by local school boards for the dismissal of non-tenured school employees.

Ms. Washington voted "No."

9-G-17 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board supported with amendments, House Bill No. 497, which creates the crime of prohibited sexual contact between an educator and student.

Amendments are as follows:

§81.4.A.(1) An educator has sexual intercourse, with consent, with a person who is thirteen years of age or older but less than nineteen years of age, when the victim is not the spouse of the offender ~~and who is a student at the school in which the educator is employed;~~ or

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§81.4.A.(2) An educator commits any lewd or lascivious act upon the person or in the presence of a student who is under nineteen years of age, with the intention of arousing or gratifying the sexual desires of either person, when the victim is not the spouse of the offender ~~and is a student at the school in which the educator is employed.~~

9-G-18 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board supported House Bill No. 429, which requires, beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, public elementary and secondary schools (including charter schools) to be closed on statewide election dates except for election purposes.

9-G-19 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board supported with amendments, Senate Bill No. 62, which grants a non-refundable "student career option tax credit" to certain businesses for 50% of up to \$5,000 of wages paid to each eligible student career option employee.

9-G-20 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board supported House Bill No. 618, which provides for a tax credit against the corporate income tax and the corporation franchise tax for employers who allow parental involvement in schools during working hours.

9-G-21 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board supported Senate Bill No. 187, which provides relative to truancy and assessment and service centers.

9-G-22 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board opposed Senate Bill No. 297, which requires the Recovery School District to reopen certain schools by the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year.

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9-G-23 **NOTE:** The following failed motions resulted in the Board taking no action on House Bill No. 475.

Dr. Stafford offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Washington, that the Board oppose House Bill No. 475, which relative to charter schools, deletes limitation that such schools cannot be supported by or affiliated with any religion or religious organization or institution.

Discussion followed.

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Ms. Buquet offered a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Broussard, that the

Board support with amendment House Bill No. 475, which relative to charter schools, deletes limitation that such schools cannot be supported by or affiliated with any religion or religious organization or institution.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Yeas: Ms. Broussard, Ms. Buquet, and Dr. Chase.

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

The substitute motion failed.

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The Board then voted on the main motion to oppose House Bill No. 475.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Yeas: Mr. Bayard, Ms. Givens, Dr. Stafford, and Ms. Washington.

Nays: Ms. Broussard, Ms. Buquet, and Dr. Chase.

The main motion failed.

9-G-24 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board supported House Bill No. 126, which requires identification of sellers of junk or scrap metal with increased penalties for noncompliance.

9-G-25 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board deferred until June 2007 consideration of update on federal legislation.

9-G-26 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board opposed Senate Bill No. 84, which provides for the return of certain Recovery School District schools to the Orleans Parish School Board.

Agenda **Quality Educators Committee** (Schedule 11)
Item 9-H

9-H-1 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the status report on the Blue Ribbon Commission on Educational Excellence and approved the two new members to the Blue Ribbon Commission, Ms. Julia Carnes and Dr. Atley Walker.

- 9-H-2 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board deleted from the agenda consideration of a request for full state approval for the teacher education unit at Louisiana State University at Alexandria.
- 9-H-3 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the request to delay until Spring 2010 the NCATE accreditation visit for Our Lady of Holy Cross College.
- 9-H-4 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the request to delay until Fall 2010 the NCATE accreditation visit for Dillard University.
- 9-H-5 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the discontinuance of the following teacher preparation programs:
- a. Dillard University programs in:
 - 1. Middle School Education, Grades 4-8;
 - 2. Art Education, Grades K-12;
 - 3. Chemistry Education, Grades 6-12;
 - 4. Foreign Language Education Grades 6-12;
 - 5. Music Education: Vocal and Instrumental, Grades K-12; and
 - 6. Practitioner Teacher Program in Mild/Moderate Education, Grades 1-12; and
 - b. Northwestern State University's Non-Masters/Certification-Only Alternate Programs in:
 - 1. Early Childhood Education, Grades PK-3;
 - 2. Elementary Education, Grades 1-5;
 - 3. Middle School Education, Grades 4-8;
 - 4. Secondary Education, Grades 6-12; and
 - 5. Mild/Moderate Special Education, Grades 1-12.
- 9-H-6 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved as a Notice of Intent for Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for Certification of School Personnel*, the recommendations of the Department and the State Advisory Commission on Teacher Education and Certification and adopted the passing score of 172 for the PRAXIS exam, Principles of Learning and Teaching: Early Childhood (0521), with an effective date of January 1, 2008.

9-H-7 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved as a Notice of Intent for Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for Certification of School Personnel*, the revision to the Career and Technical Trade and Industrial Education (CTTIE) certification policy that will allow individuals with a valid Louisiana teaching certificate to use three years of successful teaching experience in lieu of the mandatory three-hour New Instructor Workshop requirement and thus to renew with only three hours of CTTIE course work.

9-H-8 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved as a Notice of Intent for Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for Certification of School Personnel*, the revision to the Out-of-Field Authority to Teach (OFAT) certification policy specifying that for renewal purposes, the PRAXIS exam(s) required for add-on certification in the area of the OFAT must be attempted at least once per year.

9-H-9 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board granted **William G. Thibodeaux** certification as Parish/ City Supervisor of Instruction upon his successful completion of the following course work:

Test & Measurements, Learning Theory, Statistics, or Program Development and Evaluation.	<u>6 semester hours</u>
Total	6 semester hours.

9-H-10 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board granted **William G. Thibodeaux** certification as School Superintendent upon his successful completion of the following course work:

School Facilities, Group Dynamics, Office & Business Management, Clinical Supervision, or Program Development and Evaluation	6 semester hours and
Administration/Supervision in Business, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, or Speech	<u>6 semester hours</u>
Total	12 semester hours.

Agenda **Strategic Planning Study Group** (Schedule 12)
Item 9-I

9-I-1 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Dr. Chase, the Board received the status report on the St. Helena Parish reconstitution plan.

9-I-2 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Dr. Chase, the Board received the recommendations of the Department on modifying, improving, and strengthening the Distinguished Educator program and addressing the administrative aspects of sustaining improvement when the Distinguished Educator is removed from the school, and retained the item on the agenda.

9-I-3 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Dr. Chase, the Board received the dialogue update on the City of Bogalusa School System in response to the findings from the November 16, 2006, District Dialogue.

Agenda **Student and School Standards/Instruction Committee** (Schedule 13)
Item 9-J

9-J-1 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board received the report on the *Louisiana Literacy Plan: Literacy for All*.

9-J-2 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board approved as a Notice of Intent the following revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §505. Certification of Personnel, §2313. Elementary Program of Studies, §1109. Assignment and Transfer of Students, §1107. Entrance Requirements, §503. Staff Organization, §2305. Ancillary Areas of Instruction, §2355. Music, and §2319. High School Graduation Requirements.

Agenda **Board Advisory Council Reports**
Item 10

Agenda **Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council** (Schedule 14)
Item 10-A

On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the minutes of the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council meeting held May 3, 2007, and approved the tentative agenda for June 7, 2007.

Agenda **Board Advisory Council Appointments**
Item 11

There were no Advisory Council appointments in May 2007.

Agenda **Received and/or Referred**
Item 12

Agenda On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board received and referred to the High School Redesign Committee: Consideration of a report on the academic attainment of career and technical education students on the Graduate Exit Exam as compared to the state average scores of all students. (Schedule 15)
Item 12-A

- Agenda Item 12-B On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board received and referred to the Student and School Standards/Instruction Committee and the Adult Education Advisory Council: Consideration of referral of 07-08 Adult Education allocation recommendations and other funding formulas and GED testing issues. (Schedule 16)
- Agenda Item 12-C On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board received and referred to the Student and School Standards/Instruction Committee: Consideration of revisions to §505 of Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, regarding the certification of district superintendents. (Schedule 17)
- Agenda Item 14 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board received the report of appointments and separations in the Department of Education. (Schedule 18)
- Agenda Item 15 **Received and/or Referred**
- Agenda Item 15-A On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board received and referred to the 8(g) Committee: Consideration of a request from the Board of Regents concerning an invitation for Louisiana to submit a full National Math and Science Initiative Proposal.
- Agenda Item 15-B On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board received and referred to the Legal/Due Process Committee: Consideration of allowing the reinstatement of the Type A teaching certificate for Ms. Laura Washington.
- Agenda Item 15-C On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board received and referred to the Legal/Due Process Committee: Consideration of allowing the reinstatement of the Type C teaching certificate for Ms. Cynthia Richard.
- Agenda Item 15-D On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board received and referred to the Legal/Due Process Committee: Consideration of allowing the reinstatement of the Type B teaching certificate for Mr. John Rougeou.
- Agenda Item 15-E On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board received and referred to the Legal/Due Process Committee: Consideration of allowing the issuance of a teaching certificate appropriate to his credentials for Mr. George Lewis.
- Agenda Item 15-F On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board received and referred to the Quality Educators Committee: Consideration of revisions to Bulletin 996, *Standards for Approval of Teacher Preparation Programs*, Chapter 2.

- Agenda Item 15-G On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board received and referred to the Quality Educators Committee: Consideration of revisions to the secondary mathematics certification policy.
- Agenda Item 15-H On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board received and referred to the Student and School Standards/Instruction Committee: Consideration of a request from the East Baton Rouge Parish School System to reconsider the conditional approval of the EBR waiver requested to run its Scholastic Academy program.
- Agenda Item 15-I On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board amended the agenda to include the following item:
- Receive and refer to the Accountability and Assessment Committee: Consideration of taking the data that parishes already collect and having it electronically put into the LANA.
- Agenda Item 16 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board recommended that the following nominees be submitted to the Governor's Office for appointment to the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges:
- Mr. Thomas M. "Tommy" Clark,
Mr. Keith Gamble, and
Mr. Hershel Horton.
- (Schedule 26)
- Agenda Item 17 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board approved the request of the Recovery School District to apply for a Youthful Offender Federal Grant from the Department of Labor.
- (Schedule 27)
- Agenda Item 18 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following emergency allocations, as recommended by the Department, for the Department and Board agencies:
- Even Start Family Literacy Program \$8,155.00.
(Schedule 28)
- Agenda Item 19 **NOTE:** See minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Board of Regents held Thursday, May 17, 2007, for action taken on Agenda Item 19, "Consideration of endorsing the efforts of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice to establish proper protocols for responding to major critical emergency situations occurring in our schools, and to develop and implement a program for the training of law enforcement first responders in the application of that protocol."
(Schedule 29)

