

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

JUNE 21, 2007

The Louisiana Purchase Room Baton Rouge, LA

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in regular session on June 21, 2007, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 9:14 a.m. by Board President Linda M. Johnson and opened with a prayer by Ashley Alexander, a former student of Parkway High School in Bossier Parish.

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

Steve Morgan, Jr., a former student of H. L. Bourgeois High School in Terrebonne Parish, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 5 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Chase, the Board approved the agenda as printed and disseminated, with the addition of Emergency Agenda Items 18 – 28. (Schedule 1)

Agenda Item 6 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the minutes of May 17, 2007.

Agenda Item 7 **Notices of Intent**

Notices of Intent duly advertised in the March 2007 issue of the Louisiana Register and ready for final adoption. (Schedule 2)

Agenda Item 7-A-1 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*: §1301. Reward Eligibility, §4313. Corrective Actions, §4903. Local Superintendent and Board Responsibilities, and §4905. Contracting and Employing a District Superintendent.

Agenda Item 7-A-2 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved for final adoption Bulletin 125, *Standards for Educational Leaders in Louisiana*: Codification of the entire document.

Agenda Item 7-A-3 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*: §314. Extended Endorsement License (EEL).

Notices of Intent duly advertised in the April 2007 issue of the Louisiana Register and ready for final adoption after July 19, 2007.

(Schedule 3)

Agenda Item 7-B-1 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*: §4302. District Responsibility Indicators, and §4313. Corrective Actions.

NOTE: The Department requested that revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*: §3905.B., which appeared in the Notice of Intent published in the April 20, 2007, issue of the *Louisiana Register*, be excluded for final adoption as a Rule because the USDOE did not approve Louisiana's growth model for LAA 1 testing.

Agenda Item 7-B-2 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §349. Complaint Procedures.

Agenda Item 7-B-3 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §2375. Business Education, §2381. Health Occupations, §2383. Marketing Education, and §2387. Trade and Industrial Education.

Agenda Item 7-B-4 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*: §407. Educational Interpreter, §408. Educational Transliterater, §409. School Librarian, and §410. Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Instructor (ROTC).

Agenda Item 7-B-5 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*: §659. Counselor K-12 (Counselor in a School Setting).

Agenda Item 7-B-6 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*: §311. Foreign Language Special Certificate PK-8.

Agenda On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved for final
Item 7-B-7 adoption revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*: §673. School Library Service.

The Board deferred on Agenda Item 8, "Report by the State Superintendent of Education," until later in the meeting.

The Board agreed to take Agenda Items 14, 19, 21, 22, and 20 out of order.

Agenda The Board recognized the following students who had 12 or 13 years of
Item 14 perfect school attendance:

Acadia Parish

Laci LeBlanc from Midland High School and
Ranchaela Ward from Church Point High School;

Bossier Parish

Ashley Alexander from Parkway High School and
Whitney Smith from Haughton High School;

Calcasieu Parish

Martyna Carpenter from Sulphur High School,
Tabitha Lanthier from Westlake High School,
David Little from Sulphur High School,
Kayla Quebodeaux from Sulphur High School, and
Candace Quebodeaux from Sulphur High School;

East Carroll Parish

Cietra Stroughter from Lake Providence Senior High School;

Lafourche Parish

Elizabeth Richard from Thibodaux High School and
Kristina Verdin from South Lafourche High School;

Rapides Parish

Brittaney Burke from Tioga High School,
Marlon Hamilton from Bolton High School, and
Shameka Johnson from Tioga High School;

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Terrebonne Parish

Joshua Falgout from Ellender Memorial High School, Steve Morgan, Jr. from H.L. Bourgeois High School, Brittany Solet from Ellender Memorial High School, and Anthony Street from H.L. Bourgeois High School; and

Vermilion Parish

Heather LeBlanc from Erath High School.

(Schedule 4)

Agenda
Item 19

The Board recognized and presented the following Resolution to Representative Carl N. Crane:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, during his 30 years of public service Representative Carl N. Crane has exemplified his commitment to education by serving as an active member on the Governor's Classroom Technology Commission, the Louisiana Learn Commission, the Louisiana School and District Accountability Commission, the Blue Ribbon Commission on Educational Excellence, The Blue Ribbon Commission on Teacher Quality, the Governor's School Finance Commission, the Louisiana High School Redesign Commission, the Louisiana Recovery Authority Education Task Force, and the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education's MFP Task Force and 8(g) Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Representative Crane has demonstrated that he is a true "Partner in Education" by being a vigorous floor leader and spokesman for education reform; by being a staunch supporter of the school accountability program, which he considers vital to improving Louisiana's public education system; and by successfully handling legislation to streamline teacher certification; and

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WHEREAS, during his tenure as Chairman of the House Committee on Education Representative Crane has worked tirelessly with the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Department of Education, and members of the Legislature to develop, refine, and approve a Minimum Foundation Program which more adequately addresses the financial needs of Louisiana's public school districts; and

WHEREAS, Carl Crane is returning to private life and will be making the transition from "Representative Crane, Chairman of the House Committee on Education," to "Carl Crane, Beloved Husband of Nancy, Dad of Leslie and Shawn, Father-in-Law of Sandra, and Grandpa of Jackson, Dylan, and Shelby."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, on this 21st day of June 2007, that the Board honor the educational commitment of Representative Carl N. Crane with its highest commendation and extend its sincere appreciation for his thirty years of devoted commitment to and support of the education programs of this state and its students, teachers, and administrators.

Linda M. Johnson
President

Agenda Item 21 The Board presented a Certificate of Recognition to Mr. W. F. "Freddie" Whitford, outgoing Executive Director of the Louisiana School Boards Association, and extended to him its best wishes for his retirement.

Agenda Item 22 The Board presented a Certificate of Recognition to Mr. Michael J. "Mike" Lucia, outgoing Executive Director of the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, and extended to him its best wishes for his retirement.

Agenda Item 20 The Board recognized and commended Dr. James N. Stafford on being unanimously selected as the recipient of the NASBE Distinguished Service Award, the organization's highest honor. (Schedule 5)

At this point in the meeting, the Board returned to the regular agenda order.

- Agenda Item 9-A **8(g) Committee** (Schedule 6)
- 9-A-1 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received the following monitoring visit reports:
- a. Recap reports for FY 2003-2004, FY 2004-2005, and 2005-2006;
 - b. The 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. Broussard, 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. Broussard, the Board approved the proposed program and budget for statewide project, LEAP for the 21st Century, (S005), (LDE), for FY 2007-2008.
- 9-A-4 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board authorized the staff to advertise for professional services to conduct program evaluations, review the submitted applications, and make recommendations to the Committee for FY 2007-2008.
- 9-A-5 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board:
- a. supported in concept the Louisiana Math, Science, and English Initiative (LMSEI) proposal, providing a letter as requested;
 - b. if the proposal is funded by LMSEI, the Board will give high priority consideration to funding a LaSIP project that provides support to the Louisiana Math, Science, and English Initiative in building the FY 2008-2009 8(g) Program and Budget, using the same process used with LDE in developing new statewide projects, and directed staff to:
 - i. meet with LaSIP staff to design a preliminary proposal with a budget;
 - ii. assure elements of the proposal align with other LDE/8(g) Projects (i.e. High School Redesign, LVS, etc.); and
 - iii. assure the budget aligns with 8(g) allowable expenditures.

- Agenda Item 9-B **Accountability and Assessment Committee** (Schedule 7)
- 9-B-1 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the following reports on LEAP, GEE, and iLEAP testing:
- LEAP and GEE Development;
 - LEAP Alternate Assessment, Level 2 (LAA 2); 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 Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the Department's recommendations for a more concise report that gives Board members a bigger picture of the results of the impact of the Distinguished Educators on LEAP, iLEAP, and other student achievement indicators. Further, the Board directed that in August 2007 the Department provide a revised format for the "Distinguished Educator Monthly Report Executive Summary" and recommendations on how to address the issue of progression of interventions, including such interventions as the Scholastic Audit. Further, the Board referred to the Strategic Planning Study Group or to the Accountability and Assessment Committee: Consideration of what other options or interventions BESE can consider regarding chronically failing schools, including prescriptive remedies such as precise curriculums to revoking school approval.
- 9-B-4 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the Regional Education Service Centers (RESA).
- 9-B-5 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the Option I testing dates for FY 2008-2009, as presented by the Department.
- 9-B-6 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, 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-7 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report regarding taking the data that parishes already collect and having it electronically put into the LANA and retained this item on the agenda.

9-B-8 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, 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 the Department to:

- collaborate with education partners (the unions, district superintendents, and school board associations) regarding their concerns and/or issues pertaining to the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB);
- revise the letter to Louisiana's congressional delegation, including as the number one issue changing the 100% proficiency goal and also including a statement that there is broad consensus within the education community that this must be done;
- establish a small delegation to go to Washington, DC, to meet with Louisiana's congressional delegation to personally articulate Louisiana's concerns and/or issues pertaining to the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB); and
- authorize the Superintendent of Education and the Accountability and Assessment Committee membership to approve the letter.

9-B-9 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*: §301. School Performance Score Goal; §517. Inclusion of Students; §613. Calculating a Graduation Index; §707. Safe Harbor; §709. Failing the Subgroup Component; §903. Growth Labels, as amended; §1301. Reward Eligibility; Chapter 16, Academically Unacceptable Schools and Subgroup Component Failure; §1601. Entry Into and Exit From Academically Unacceptable School Status; §1603. Requirements for Academically Unacceptable Schools; §1605. Entry and Exit From Subgroup Component Failure; §1607. Requirements for Schools Identified as Failing the Subgroup Component for 2 Consecutive Years; §1609. Order of Priority for Remedies; Chapter 19. School Improvement, Academically Unacceptable Schools and Subgroup Component Failure: District and State Level Tasks; §1901. District Level Tasks; §1903. District Support at Levels 3-6; Chapter 21. State-Level School Improvement, Academically Unacceptable Schools and Subgroup Component Failure Tasks; §2101. State Support at Each Level; §2301. Schools Requiring Reconstitution/Alternate Governance Plans; Chapter 24. Recovery School District; §2501. Schools Requiring Choice; §2503. Student Eligibility; §2505. Transfer Options; Chapter 27. Supplemental Educational Services; §3301. Inclusion of New Schools; §3303. Reconfigured Schools; §3503.

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Option I; §3507. Option Considerations; §3701. Special Consideration of Lab and Charter Schools; and §3905. Inclusion of Alternate Assessment Results. Further, the Board referred this item to the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council for informational purposes.

9-B-10 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the Reconstitution Plan for Pointe Coupee Central High School (Pointe Coupee Parish), and encouraged the Principal of Pointe Coupee Central High School to incorporate into the Reconstitution Plan parental and guardian involvement.

9-B-11 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report regarding the Department's recommendations for the improved use of the Comprehensive Curriculum in the schools that are failing and retained this item on the agenda.

Agenda **Board Administration/Relations Committee** (Schedule 8)
Item 9-C

9-C-1 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the status reports on Board Advisory Council attendance.

9-C-2 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, 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. Givens, 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. Givens, 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. Givens, the Board received the report on policy recommendations and administrative procedures regarding the role and authority of BESE and the State Superintendent concerning the Recovery School District (RSD) and retained the item on the agenda.

9-C-6 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board implemented the annual evaluation of the State Superintendent by conducting individual assessment interviews with the Superintendent and/or preparing written commendations/concerns during June and July, with the conclusion of the evaluation in August 2007.

- 9-C-7 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the monthly Charter School Informational reports, including School/District activities.
- 9-C-8 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board authorized the Board President to sign the Type 5 charter school contract with the Esperanza Charter School Association, Inc., only if the following conditions are met:
- a. The Esperanza Charter School Association, Inc. is required to modify its management agreement to comply with Exhibit D of the charter school contract, if the Department of Education's legal staff determines that such action is necessary. The management contract must be returned within ten (10 days) of transmission by the Department of Education Legal Division.
 - b. The Esperanza Charter School Association, Inc.'s board of directors must meet with BESE staff to discuss the tardiness of the submission of the management contract and the roles and responsibilities of a charter school board, including its role with respect to its management company.
- 9-C-9 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the 2006-2007 Third Quarter Financial Reports for Type 2 and Type 5 Charter Schools from Education Finance staff concerning the charter school budgets and expenditure reports, including irregularities or concerns.
- 9-C-10 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred until September 2007 consideration of the Charter School Annual Performance Report using the new evaluation framework.
- 9-C-11 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report on the framework for the submission of a material amendment by Choice Foundation, Inc., and deferred consideration of the material amendment until August 2007.
- 9-C-12 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report on Belle Chasse Academy (Plaquemines Parish) (Type 2) and renewed the charter of Belle Chasse Academy, Inc., for a ten-year period as provided by law. Further, the Board directed the BESE staff to transmit a Type 2 ten-year renewal charter contract for execution by the President of Belle Chasse Academy, Inc.

- 9-C-13 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the charter amendment request submitted by Delhi Charter School, Inc., (Richland Parish) (Type 2) to increase its student enrollment capacity from 350 students to 550 students.
- 9-C-14 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the charter amendment requests submitted by KIPP New Orleans, Inc., to add the fourth grade to the grade configuration of KIPP Believe/Phillips (Orleans Parish) (Type 5) and KIPP Central City (Orleans Parish) (Type 5) contingent upon the State Superintendent's approval of KIPP's application for authorization to offer a 4.5 Program consistent with the criteria for entry into the program and advancement to the 6th grade as set forth in Bulletin 1566, Section 1501. The amendments do not include a request to increase student enrollment capacity.
- 9-C-15 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the charter amendment request submitted by NOLA 180, Inc., to add the fourth grade to the grade configuration of Langston Hughes Academy Charter School (Orleans Parish) (Type 5) contingent upon the State Superintendent's approval of NOLA 180, Inc.'s, application for authorization to offer a 4.5 Program consistent with the criteria for entry into the program and advancement to the 6th grade as set forth in Bulletin 1566, Section 1501. The amendment does not include a request to increase student enrollment capacity.
- 9-C-16 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the charter amendment request submitted by Middle School Advocates, Inc., (Orleans) (Type 5) to adjust its grade configuration in its first year of operation as a Type 5 charter school to serve grades 3-6 (100 students), grades K-7 in year two (182 students), and grades K-8 in each year thereafter (up to 334 students).
- 9-C-17 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board received the Recovery School District Update.

- 9-C-18 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board approved the RSD Facilities Maintenance Policy and Procedures, with the following amendment:
- 1) The Recovery School District recognizes that school buildings and facilities under its jurisdiction will require, from time to time, major repairs and capital expenditures. The Recovery School District further recognizes that some of the school buildings and facilities under its jurisdiction will be operated by the RSD while other school buildings and facilities will be leased to charter schools or used in accordance with a written agreement with the New Orleans Public School System.
- 9-C-19 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the Recovery School District Pupil Progression Plan.
- 9-C-20 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred until August 2007 the Recovery School District Student Code of Conduct.
- 9-C-21 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred until August 2007 consideration of revisions to the Recovery School District Employee Handbook.
- 9-C-22 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred until August 2007 consideration of the revisions of salary schedules for the Recovery School District personnel.
- 9-C-23 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the status report from the Recovery School District (RSD) pertaining to:
- limitation of class sizes;
 - reduction of security forces and employment of more counselors, social workers, and psychologists; and
 - compliance with the federal and state laws protecting students with special learning needs;
- and deleted this item on the agenda.
- 9-C-24 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report from the State Superintendent concerning the creation of 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-25 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the continued development of the University Partnership Model and authorized the Finance/Audit Review Committee Chair and the Board President to approve the Memorandum of Understanding to be entered into between the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE), Recovery School District (RSD), and University of New Orleans (UNO) in order to facilitate the operation of a pilot University Partnership School beginning in September 2007.
- 9-C-26 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, 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-27 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the job description for the Instructional Program Specialist for the Louisiana School for the Deaf (LSD) and retained this item on the agenda.
- 9-C-28 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the information concerning the 2007-2008 School Calendars for the Special School District (SSD) and the BESE Special Schools (BSS).
- Agenda Item 9-D **Finance/Audit Review Committee** (Schedule 9)
- 9-D-1 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report 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 Mr. Lee, the Board received the report by fiscal unit/BESE initiative on contracts over \$25,000 approved by the Board.
- 9-D-3 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on the Education Excellence Fund and approved moving to a semi-annual report.
- 9-D-4 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board:
- a. received the report on the proposed 2007-2008 MFP formula and
 - b. ratified new language in HCR 208 (page 6, lines 11 through 14) to read "The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall seek to increase the at-risk weight over five years by an appropriate amount annually until reaching a total at-risk weight of .40."

- 9-D-5 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board directed the Department to produce a shorter contract report by vendor in August 2007 and make recommendations on a more concise quarterly report.
- 9-D-6 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the revised Fiscal Risk Assessment Model.
- 9-D-7 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the Bureau of Internal Audit – Annual Audit Plan.
- 9-D-8 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report from the Department of Education’s Director of Internal Audit.

Grants and Allocations

Disadvantaged or Disabled Student Support - Formula

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

Allocation: Extended School Year Program - ESY
 Amount: \$3,033,140
 Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 06/30/08
 Source of Funds: State

Purpose: The purpose of this program provides funding for the Extended School Year Program, which 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 \$32.88 per child using the 10/2/2006 SER child count.

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

Allocation: LA LEAD Mini Grant Program
 Amount: \$51,200
 Funding Period: 06/01/07 – 06/30/08
 Source of Funds: IAT

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Purpose: The Louisiana Educational Leaders Network (LELN), a comprehensive framework for the recruitment, induction, and ongoing support of educational leaders within Louisiana, serves as a lever of change and provides Louisiana with a cohesive structure to redefine educational leadership development and support. A part of the LELN, the Louisiana Leadership Excellence through Administrator Development (LA LEAD) Program is designed to support local education agencies in their efforts to identify, recruit, prepare, and maintain quality teacher leaders for success as future school and district leaders. LA LEAD is a year-long program (consisting of online and face-to-face learning experiences) designed to build leadership capacity of aspiring leaders in the areas of instructional leadership and school improvement. The LA LEAD Program also includes site-based experiences and provides candidates with access to highly qualified instructors and site-based mentors who support them throughout the program. Upon successful completion of the LA LEAD Program, candidates will earn the Teacher Leader Endorsement certification.

Basis of Allocation: In order to provide support to districts, teacher leader candidates, and site-based mentors, grant funds are available to districts selected to participate in the LA LEAD Program. Mini-grant funds may be used for, but are not limited to, stipends for travel for site-based mentors and teacher leader candidates, substitute pay, equipment, and any additional resources needed to support program candidates within the district. Districts are eligible to apply for a grant award of \$3,200 per candidate. Districts may apply for a maximum of 2 candidates (a mini-grant total of \$6,400) to participate in the LA LEAD Program.

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

Allocation:	LA 4 Prekindergarten Program
Amount:	\$76,573,725
Funding Period:	07/01/07 – 06/30/08
Source of Funds:	State

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide high quality early childhood educational experiences to four-year-old children who are considered to be “at-risk” of achieving later academic success. The LA 4 Program provides 6 hours per day of educational experiences and four hours of before and after school enrichment activities. The program will be offered at no cost to those children whose families qualify for free or reduced lunch. Programs will adhere to state approved guidelines/regulations.

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Basis of Allocation: All school systems and charter schools are eligible to

submit an application for funding. Monies are allocated on a per pupil basis based upon estimates submitted by the applicant. Each recipient is allocated \$5,000 per child for the 6-hour portion of the day and an additional \$1,125 per student for the before and after school enrichment portion of the day. Allocations will be amended as of October 1, 2007, for those recipients that either: (1) not serving at least 90% of their projected student allocation or (2) if funds are available, to those systems that are serving more than 10 students above their allocated numbers.

Educators Support - Formula

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

Allocation: National Board for Certified Counselors Program
Amount: \$100,000
Funding Period: 07/01/06 – 06/30/07
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: The recent legislation R.S.17:421.8(B) is designed to provide relative salary supplements for public school guidance counselors who hold certain school counseling credentials and certificates issued by the National Board for Certified Counselors.

Basis of Allocation: School Counselors who hold both a valid Louisiana counseling credential approved and issued by BESE, and a National Certified School Counselor credential issued by the National Board for Certified Counselors, and who are employed by a school board to provide counseling services to students, will receive an additional \$5,000 salary supplement for the 2006-2007 school year. Documentation must be submitted no later than August 1 of each year in order to receive reimbursement. The annual supplement shall be distributed in the same manner as the annual salary and is subject to applicable retirement deductions and withholding taxes.

Educational Improvement & Assistance – Formula

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

Allocation: K-3 Reading and Math Initiative
Amount: \$6,487,819
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 06/30/08
Source of Funds: State

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Purpose: The Louisiana K-3 Reading and Math Initiative is to improve the

reading and math skills of public school students in kindergarten through third grade by providing comprehensive and ongoing staff development to teachers so that they will learn and employ effective strategies for reaching children with diverse learning styles and special needs.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations are computed according to the 2/1/07 K-3 student enrollment with each LEA receiving: a) a base amount of \$20,000 for student enrollment under 300 or a base amount of \$40,000 for student enrollment of 300 and greater; and b) a per pupil allocation of approximately \$12.35.

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

Allocation: K-12 Literacy Plan
Amount: \$2,700,000
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 06/30/08
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: Louisiana's state literacy plan, *Literacy for All*, ensures that students receive high quality literacy instruction in grades K-12. The plan, which has been piloted in five districts in 2006-2007, will be expanded to four additional districts in 2007-2008. This plan calls for a literacy coach in every school, literacy instruction in every classroom, regular assessments in reading, and a tiered program of interventions for students who need additional instruction.

Basis of Allocation: Pilot implementation of the Louisiana Literacy Plan, *Literacy for All*, will be in two cohorts: Cohort 1 school districts (Year 2) - Assumption, Avoyelles, Sabine, St. Bernard, and West Baton Rouge and Cohort 2 school districts (Year 1) - East Feliciana, Lafourche, Recovery School District, and Tangipahoa.

Cohort 1, the initial literacy plan pilot districts, will be allocated \$256,000 to the five districts for continued pilot implementation in the schools designated in the district application.

Cohort 2, the newly selected pilot districts, will be allocated \$355,000 to the four districts for initial implementation of the Literacy Plan in the schools designated in the district application.

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

Allocation: Superior Textbooks – 8(g)
Amount: \$647,871.36
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 06/30/08
Source of Funds: IAT – 8(g)

Purpose: The funding for Superior Textbooks is for local school systems to purchase superior textbooks, library books, and reference materials to enhance and expand instruction and enable new project implementation.

Basis of Allocation: The Superior Textbooks allocation is based on a per pupil amount using October 2, 2006, student enrollment and the total amount budgeted for the program.

Disadvantaged or Disabled Student Support - Competitive Grants

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

Allocation: Special Education – Preschool Grants
Amount: \$190,000
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 06/30/08
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of this project is to provide appropriate staff development activities/opportunities for teachers in order to encourage positive attitudes and a teamwork approach with regards to inclusive settings, as well as FAPE, in the LRE for 3 thru 5 year old children with disabilities. It is the intent of the grant to increase the number of children with disabilities in environments with typically developing peers while increasing access to the general curriculum for all students.

Basis of Allocation: This project was based upon a competitive Request for Applications (RFAs), which has been reviewed by internal reviewers. The project was open to school systems identified as serving over 39.5% of children with disabilities, ages 3 thru 5, in early childhood special education settings based upon the 2006 State Special Education Data Profile. The maximum amount of the grants ranged from \$20,000 to \$60,000, depending on the number of 3 thru 5 year-old students with disabilities being served by the school system.

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

Allocation: Special Education – IDEA Part B Statewide Student Support
Amount: \$244,536
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 06/30/08
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is to assist school districts, institutions of higher education, parent organizations, and community agencies build the capacity to address Statewide Student Support. These projects address specialized field support that offer statewide leadership and support. They focus on activities and services that are not readily available in all school districts. These are continuation projects in year two of a three year cycle.

Basis of Allocation: Competitive Request for Applications (RFAs) which have been reviewed and scored by external reviewers.

Educator's Support - Competitive

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

Allocation: 8(g) Local Teacher Quality Block Grant
Amount: \$2,191,231
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 06/30/08
Source of Funds: IAT 8(g)

Purpose: The 8(g) Local Teacher Quality Block Grant Program provides funds to eligible public and non-public schools and systems to address the Primary and Secondary funding priorities that are established by BESE. The Primary Funding Priorities are to increase the number of teachers with standard certification and increase the number of teachers in the core content areas that meet the NCLB highly qualified teacher requirements. The Secondary Funding Priorities are: 1) to provide high quality professional development that meets the professional development needs of teachers, supports the school improvement process, and aligns with the comprehensive district plan and 2) to provide assistance and support to current and prospective leaders at the school.

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Basis of Allocation: All LEAs, public independent schools, and eligible nonpublic schools/systems received the "Intent to Participate" form in March 2007. Systems that returned the "Intent to Participate" form indicating participation in FY 2007-2008, will receive an application packet that is in alignment with the BESE policies and procedures that must be completed and approved. LEAs receive a \$15,000 base and a per teacher allocation of \$22.25. Participating BESE schools, public independent schools, and nonpublic schools/systems receive a per teacher allocation of \$22.25.

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

Allocation: 8(g) Learning Intensive Networking Communities for Success Program
Amount: \$1,312,177
Funding Period: 07/01/07 -06/30/08
Source of Funds: IAT 8(g)

Purpose: The LINCS Professional Development Process provides the infrastructure for establishing professional learning communities where teachers improve their content knowledge and teaching practices in order to improve student performance. Funds are allocated to the districts to be distributed to participating schools to support the LINCS process implementation in these schools. LINCS schools' funds may be used as follows: to pay stipends, substitutes, and travel for the LINCS School Team members to participate in LINCS professional development and for all faculty members to participate in LINCS Faculty Study Groups weekly or once every two weeks, for at least one hour per session; for assessment costs necessary for participation in MMGW and HSTW; for other professional development related to the content focus area(s); for professional development related to the content literacy; for professional development materials and supplies; and for student materials and supplies for implementation of instructional approaches being learned in the LINCS process (Study Groups, university projects, and other professional development).

Basis of Allocation: LINCS Schools will receive allocations computed using the formula: \$7,000 base amount + \$9.00/child enrolled in the school + \$3,000 for each High Schools That Work (HSTW) and Making Middle Grades Work (MMGW) LINCS School. HSTW Schools with SPS >100 (not eligible for LINCS) will receive allocations of \$5,000 base amount + \$3,000 for implementing HSTW Key Practices.

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

Allocation: Learning Intensive Networking Communities for
Success Program
Amount: \$596,530
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 06/30/08
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: The LINCS Professional Development Process provides the infrastructure for establishing professional learning communities where teachers improve their content knowledge and teaching practices in order to improve student performance. Funds are allocated to the districts to be distributed to participating schools to support the LINCS process implementation in these schools. LINCS schools' funds may be used as follows: to pay stipends, substitutes, and travel for the LINCS School Team members to participate in LINCS professional development and for all faculty members to participate in LINCS Faculty Study Groups, weekly or at least every two weeks, for at least one hour per session; for assessment costs necessary for participation in MMGW and HSTW; for other professional development related to content literacy; for professional development materials and supplies; and for student materials and supplies for implementation of instructional approaches being learned in the LINCS process (Study Groups, university projects, and other professional development).

Basis of Allocation: LINCS Schools will receive allocations computed using the formula: \$6,000 - \$9,000 base amount + \$9.00/child enrolled in the school + \$2,000 for each High Schools That Work (HSTW) and Making Middle Grades Work (MMGW) LINCS School. LINCS base amount is determined by the number of years of participation in LINCS: first year schools receive \$9,000 base, second year schools receive \$8,000 base, third year schools receive \$7,000 base, and fourth and fifth year schools receive \$6,000 base.

Classroom Technology – Competitive

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

Allocation: Educational Technology State Grants- Competitive
Amount: \$1,038,840
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 09/30/08
Source of Funds: Federal
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Purpose: CONNECTEDTech Grants are designed to address school-wide improvement efforts through the effective and expanded uses of instructional technology. These grants develop or support exemplary instructional technology models that directly address the goals and instructional strategies of the technology plan and local school improvement efforts to assist teachers with integration of technology in the curriculum, improve teaching practice and technology proficiency, and increase student performance. The creative nature of this grant allows qualified applicants to design new or support existing effective technology professional development models based on local needs.

Basis of Allocation: Funds are awarded on a competitive basis, reviewed by out-of-state reviewers, and approved by the State Technology Advisory Committee. To receive funds, LEAs must (1) meet the federally-mandated eligibility requirements relative to high need LEAs and (2) develop a process and accountability measures that will be used to evaluate the extent to which activities funded under the program are effective in integrating technology into curricula and instruction; increasing the ability of teachers to teach; and enabling students to meet challenging State standards, including technology literacy.

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

Allocation:	Educational Technology State Grants – Competitive Grants
Amount:	\$1,600,000
Funding Period:	07/01/07 – 09/30/08
Source of Funds:	Federal

Purpose: The TLTC Regional Centers will implement strategies designed to use technology to enhance teaching and learning while supporting existing State curriculum standards. This competitive award funds one TLTC in each BESE region to serve as an extension of the Division of Leadership and Technology. They assist with the development and implementation of technology integrated professional development and leadership programs while supporting existing state curriculum standards and effective implementation of the state mandated Comprehensive Curriculum. Professional Development opportunities are provided to educators in the region served by the TLTC.

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Basis of Allocation: Funds are awarded on a competitive basis, reviewed by out-of-state reviewers, and approved by the State Technology Advisory Committee. To receive funds, LEAs must (1) meet the federally-mandated eligibility requirements relative to high need LEAs and (2) develop a process and accountability measures that will be used to evaluate the extent to which activities funded under the program are effective in integrating technology into curricula and instruction; increasing the ability of teachers to teach; and enabling students to meet challenging State standards, including technology literacy.

Adult Education - Competitive

9-D-23 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Lighthouse High Schools Program
Amount: \$186,000
Funding Period: 07/01/07 06/30/08
Source of Funds: STAT DED

Purpose: The purpose of the Lighthouse High Schools Program is to provide support for high schools with high poverty or high minority populations and demonstrated capacity for effective redesign, to develop into models for other schools in the state.

Basis of Allocation: The purpose of this allocation is to extend funding until June 30, 2008, for districts participating in the Lighthouse High Schools Program. Allocation amounts are based upon district projections of the amount of original grant funds that will remain unexpended as of June 30, 2007.

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

Allocation: High School Redesign Support Initiative
Amount: \$119,000
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 06/30/08
Source of Funds: STAT DED

Purpose: The purpose of the High School Redesign Support Initiative is to provide thirteen schools that have demonstrated a commitment to high school redesign, as evidenced by their submission of proposals for the Lighthouse High School program, with specifically targeted technical assistance and professional development support to help them build capacity for effective redesign.

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Basis of Allocation: Funds are specifically targeted for the school to join the Successful Practices Network, attend the Louisiana 9th Grade Redesign Summit, participate in a Breaking Ranks II Regional Institute, and send a leadership team of 5-7 members to attend the National Model Schools Conference in Washington, D.C. The purpose of this allocation is to extend funding until June 30, 2008, to provide schools with access to the funds necessary to support their required participation in the 2007 Model Schools Conference. Allocation amounts are based upon district projections of the amount of original grant funds that will remain unexpended as of June 30, 2007.

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

Allocation: Catch-up Curriculum Pilot Series - NGA
Amount: \$43,380
Funding Period: 06/01/07 – 11/30/07
Source of Funds: IAT - NGA

Purpose: The purpose of the program is to support the participation of schools selected to pilot the "Catch-up Curriculum" identified as: (1) an activity included in the National Governors Association grant to Louisiana for implementation of high school redesign and (2) a High School Redesign Commission Recommendation slated for LDE implementation during the 2007-2008 school year.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations will provide districts that were competitively selected for participation in the Catch-Up Math Pilot Program with support for Year 2 of the program. Allocations have been determined as follows: (1) \$1,200 per school; (2) \$1,100 per 1st year pilot teacher; and (3) \$740 per 2nd year pilot teacher. Funds are for travel of principals and pilot course teachers to participate in required professional development, teacher stipends for summer professional development, and purchase of classroom supplies needed for the pilot course.

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

Allocation: 8(g) High School Redesign 9th Grade Initiative
Amount: \$1,800,000
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 06/30/08
Source of Funds: IAT – 8(g)

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Purpose: The purpose of the High School Redesign 9th Grade Initiative Grant is to provide school funds for: contracting nationally recognized expert consultants to provide continuing technical assistance and/or professional development; making site visits to schools that are exemplary models of 9th grade redesign and/or arrange meetings with leaders of redesign; attending conferences related to 9th grade redesign; purchasing redesign curriculum and professional development resources; and, providing stipends/substitutes for faculty to engage in professional development and planning.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations are awarded to schools that were competitively selected for participation in the 9th Grade Redesign Program. Participating schools were given a base allocation of \$25,000 plus an additional allocation of \$100 per ninth grade student, with an allocation limit of \$60,000.

Educational Improvement and Assistance - Other

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

Allocation: Public Charter School Grant Program
Amount: \$600,000
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.

Adult Education - Other

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

Allocation: Strategies to Empower People – STEP Program
(TANF)
Amount: \$543,605
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 06/30/08
Source of Funds: IAT - TANF

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Purpose: The purpose of the Strategies to Empower People (STEP)

program is to move STEP clients toward self-sufficiency through enrollment in Adult Basic and Adult Secondary Education Programs. The target population for the STEP program is: clients referred to local adult education programs by case managers with the Department of Social Services/Office of Family Support. The funds being awarded will supplement adult education programs at LEAs in addition to providing three independent STEP programs at LEAs to serve STEP clients.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations were determined based on the district's existing capacity to serve STEP clients, the number of clients to be served per district, and the funds available to DOE for this purpose. Funds are used for reporting costs for all programs and also for operating costs and instructional salaries/supplies for the three independent STEP programs where appropriate.

9-D-29 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following allocation for FY 2006-2007 and FY 2007-2008.

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 the reenrollment of students in schools that serve an area in which a major disaster had been declared related to Hurricanes Katrina or Rita.

9-D-30 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on the Community Development Block Grant Program funds.

9-D-31 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received the 2006-2007 Recovery School District (RSD) budget.

9-D-32A On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the Restart funds and directed that the Recovery School District (RSD) allocate funds from the \$51 million in the Third Round of Restart funds to the RSD schools at \$750 per student, based on the October 1, 2007, student count to be used in any manner within the grant regulations.

9-D-32B On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board directed the Recovery School District (RSD) to submit a proposed allocation plan to BESE for any unobligated First Round, Second Round, or Third Round Restart funds not later than BESE's August 2007 Board meeting.

Until BESE approves the allocation plan for the remaining Restart funds, the RSD will not obligate (as of Board action on 6/21/07) Restart funds unless:

- 1) the expenditure is for needs that relate to:
 - a. the district as a whole,
 - b. substantially all of the schools of the district, or
 - c. the advancement of funds which the RSD believes to be reimbursable from other sources; or
- 2) the obligation is from the \$750 per student allocation already approved; or
- 3) the Board President and the Chair of the Finance/Audit Review Committee approve the obligation as an emergency item.

9-D-33 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on the FEMA reimbursements to the RSD.

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

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

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

Received and Deferred

School and Community Support

9-D-37 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor:	Community-Based Tutorial Program (82 contractors)
Previous Contract:	N/A
Amount:	\$1,297,322
Contract Period:	09/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund:	State General Fund – Church-Based Tutorial

Student and School Performance

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

Contractor: Caveon Test Security
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$48,950
Contract Period: 09/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: SSP CRT LEAP ACCT Test G/F

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9-D-39 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Division of Administration
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$80,123.04
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: State

Description of Services: This lease provides office space for LDOE – Special Schools at the Claiborne Building. Lease allows for 3,358 square feet on the Ground Floor at an annual rate of \$23.8603389 per rentable square foot.

9-D-40 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Division of Administration
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$3,808,682.76
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: Administrative Overhead State

Description of Services: Lease provides office space for LDOE at the Claiborne Building. Lease allows for 159,624 square feet on Floors 3 – 5 at an annual rate of \$23.8603389 per rentable square foot.

9-D-41 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Office of the Governor – Children’s Cabinet
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$25,000
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: SSP CRT LEAP ACCT EST G/F

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 programs, undertaking of studies, and development of proposals and recommendations.

Educator Support

9-D-42 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$1,797,431
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: LCET Louisiana Virtual School 8G

Description of Services: The contractor will appoint an LVS site coordinator; identify, purchase, and distribute inventory records; make contractual arrangements with LVS faculty and support staff; maintain accurate records of all projects; maintain files of project staff along with staff credentials; evaluate all LVS courses; provide LVS student, teacher, and facilitator technical support; and submit requests for reimbursement with supporting documentation.

9-D-43 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$1,025,000
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: LVS Bellsouth Foundation Grant

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Description of Services: The contractor will identify, purchase, distribute, and maintain inventory records; make contractual arrangements with LVS faculty and support staff; maintain accurate records of all projects; maintain files of project staff along with staff credentials; evaluate all LVS courses; provide LVS student, teacher, and facilitator technical support; and submit requests for reimbursement with supporting documentation.

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

Contractor: Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$245,000
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: LCET Algebra One Pilot State

Description of Services: The contractor will collaborate with LCET staff in identification of needed personnel; employ needed Algebra I online instructors; maintain files of project staff with staff credentials; evaluate Algebra I online personnel; and submit requests for reimbursement with supporting documentation.

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

Contractor: Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$53,325
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: Fed Adv Placement

Description of Services: The contractor will make contractual arrangements with full-time, adjunct LVS faculty and support staff; will maintain accurate records of all project activities; and will prepare necessary reports.

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

Contractor: Department of Health and Hospitals
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$600,000
Contract Period: 10/01/06 - 06/30/07
Fund: Incoming Funds

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Description of Services: The contractor will transfer \$600,000 to RSD for the purpose of constructing 1-4 schools that will be used to house school-based health centers. Funds to be used for costs associated with renovation or purchase of modular buildings.

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

Contractor: Linden Alschuler & Kaplan, Inc.
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$49,500
Contract Period: 06/01/07 - 06/30/07
Fund: Restart – IAT

Description of Services: The contractor will assist RSD in the efficient operation of Orleans Parish schools with regard to facility availability and readiness for school opening and operation for the 2007-2008 school year.

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

Contractor: Teach for America, Inc.
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$165,000
Contract Period: 10/31/06 - 10/30/07
Fund: Restart – IAT

Description of Services: The contractor will recruit highly qualified teachers for hiring and placement in RSD schools. Teachers will be placed for the 2007-2008 academic school year and teach at least two consecutive school years.

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

Contractor: Orleans Parish School Board
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$2,153,394
Contract Period: 08/15/06 - 07/31/07
Fund: Title I – IAT

Description of Services: The contractor will provide all Title I services that are required by law to the 38 private schools in Orleans Parish that are assigned to RSD.

School and Community Support

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

Contractor: Department of Social Services
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$500,000
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: Incoming Funds – Federal/TANF

Description of Services: The contractor will provide TANF funds to the LDOE to implement a Dropout Recovery and Intervention Program [JAG-LA] for students 16-21 years of age through an allocation process.

9-D-51 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract contingent on technical adjustments:

Contractor: Department of Social Services
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$500,000
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: Incoming Funds – Federal/TANF

Description of Services: The contractor will provide TANF funds to the LDOE to support the administration of the GED Testing Program. The GED Testing Program allows persons the opportunity to enter postsecondary education or apply for employment opportunities.

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

Contractor: Innerlink, Inc.
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$45,900
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 12/31/07
Fund: 21st Century Community Learning Center; TANF After School Enrichment

Description of Services: The contractor will provide training to 21st Century Community Learning Centers and After School for All Programs on mental health and physical safety issues. The contractor will implement online professional development opportunities for after school program staff to aid students in preparation for hurricanes and other crisis situations through the provision of training materials, supplies, workshops.

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

Contractor: Louisiana Board of Regents
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$61,875
Contract Period: 05/01/07 - 06/30/07
Fund: High School Redesign SGF

Description of Services: The contractor will implement an Electronic Portal System that is online, web-based, and accessible to students in grades PreK to 16 and adult learners.

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

Contractor: Southeastern Louisiana University – Excellence in Health Education Project
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$125,000
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 02/28/08
Fund: HIV/SDFSC/PBS

Description of Services: The contractor will provide training, technical assistance, and support for various prevention programs to LDOE, local school districts, Safe and Drug Free Schools coordinators, cadre trainers, and peer educators in HIV/AIDS prevention education. The contractor will coordinate with PBS staff to train up to 100 educators in summer of 2007 on school-wide PBS structures, process, and implementation.

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

Contractor: University of Louisiana at Lafayette – Center for Child Development
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$1,354,355
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/10
Fund: 21 CCLC; TANF; IDEA B, NCLB

Description of Services: The contractor will perform comprehensive evaluation of the 21st Century Community Learning Center Program; TANF After School for All Program, Supplemental Educational Services, Positive Behavior Support, and the Community-Based Tutorial Program.

9-D-56 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Louisiana State University
 Previous Contract: Yes
 Amount: \$1,468,672.14
 Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 12/31/08
 Fund: SCS IDEA B Positive Behavior/Federal

Description of Services: The contractor will provide services related to the Positive Behavioral Support (PBS) initiative in accordance with the Request for Proposals. The PBS initiative utilizes research-based strategies in establishing school-wide positive discipline structures to promote success for students and faculty.

Student and School Performance

9-D-57 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Council for the Development of French in Louisiana
 Previous Contract: Yes
 Amount: \$33,500
 Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/07
 Fund: Foreign Languages ADM IAT 8G

Description of Services: The contractor will provide support services to elementary-level French programs as outlined in the 8(g) Foreign Language Model Program. The contractor will assist the LDOE with recruitment of foreign associate teachers; monitoring French immersion and French as a Second Language teachers and programs; and prepare, issue, and mail visa documents.

9-D-58 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Louisiana State University – Health Sciences Center – Allied Health
 Previous Contract: Yes
 Original Amount: \$228,000
 Amended Amount: \$250,230
 New Amount: \$478,230
 Contract Period: 07/01/06 - 06/30/09
 Fund: IDEA B Support Services Policy FED

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Description of Services: Amendment is necessary to cover the additional costs associated with recruiting, placing, supervising, and supporting eight additional school psychology interns/post-doctoral fellows in the RSD over the next two years.

9-D-59 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: National Center for the Improvement of Educational Testing (NCIEA)
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$510,605
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/10
Fund: SSP School Accountability State

Description of Services: The contractor will provide support in the development and implementation of the state assessment and accountability systems. This contract is to provide data analyses reports to advise policy decisions and documentation of changes in the accountability system. The contractor will also participate in meetings with LDOE staff and other stakeholders on data analyses and system revisions. Upon request, the NCIEA staff will provide technical assistance and presentations to the LDOE and other major stakeholders to inform decision-making.

9-D-60 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractors: 12 Publishers: Clairmont Press, Inc; EMC Corporation; Gibbs M. Smith, Inc.; Glencoe/McGraw-Hill; Harcourt School Publishers; Holt, Rinehart, and Winston; Houghton Mifflin; McDougal Littell; Pearson Education, Inc. as Pearson Prentice Hall; Pearson Education, Inc. as Pearson Scott Foresman; Thomson Learning; Wright Group/McGraw-Hill
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: N/A
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/14
Fund: N/A

Description of Services: The contractors (publishers) agree to maintain an adequate supply and to provide approved materials to LEAs with approved K-12 Social Studies textbooks and instructional materials at a fixed cost for seven years. Contractors also agree to reduce cost if at any time the same item is offered to any school, school system, or school board in the United States at a lower cost.

9-D-61 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: 7 Publishers: Harcourt School Publishers; Houghton Mifflin Company; Macmillan/McGraw-Hill; Pearson Scott Foresman; SRA/McGraw-Hill; Success for All Foundation; Voyager Expanded Learning

Previous Contract: Yes

Amount: N/A

Contract Period: 01/16/04

Original End Date: 06/30/07

Revised End Date: 06/30/09

Fund: N/A

Description of Services: Amendment extends the duration of the existing agreement between the LDOE and contractors (publishers) to maintain an adequate supply and to provide approved materials to LEAs with approved Reading First plans at a fixed cost. Publishers will continue to reduce cost if at any time the same item is offered to any school, school system, or school board in the United States at a lower cost.

9-D-62 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Pyramid Community Resource Parent Center

Previous Contract: Yes

Amount: \$27,461

Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08

Fund: SSP State Improvement Grant FED

Description of Services: The contractor will support the activities of the Louisiana State Improvement Grant (LaSIG) and State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG); services include (1) host a Family Leadership Academy; (2) provide support for family members and consumers; (3) assist in evaluation; (4) assist in organization and implementation of professional development activities related to disability issues; (5) provide family data; and (6) provide timely quarterly reports to LaSIG project director.

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9-D-63 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Terri Johnson
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$46,800
Amended Amount: \$500
New Amount: \$47,300
Contract Period: 07/01/06 - 06/30/07
Fund: IDEA – Flow Through

Description of Services: Amendment allows for the continuation of speech therapy services at a new rate of \$60 per hour. Amendment also allows for additional funds to cover the costs associated with hotel accommodations for contractor's travel to Central and North Louisiana.

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9-D-64 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved 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

Description: The contractor will provide script writing, audio and video production for broadcast quality videotape programs, audio messages, commercials, and digitizing material for video and audio reproduction.

9-D-65 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved 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

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Description: The contractor will provide planning, strategic development and production of communications tools for public awareness of LDOE programs and initiatives. Services will also include consultation, copywriting, graphic design, pre-press work, and media placement of television and radio spots when necessary.

9-D-66 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved 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

Description: The contractor will provide production and placement of several flights of radio announcements on a wired radio network. The 30-second announcements on education initiatives and programs will air in flights of eight per week per topic on approximately 80 affiliated stations throughout Louisiana.

9-D-67 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved 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 8G; 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

Description: The contractor will serve as fiscal agent for the Region I Education Service Center. The LDOE will reimburse funds to the contractor in accordance with Regional Education Service Center budget categories. Contractor shall meet all legal requirements for expenditure of state and federal funds and adhere to reporting requirements.

9-D-68 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved 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 8G; 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

Description: The contractor will serve as fiscal agent for the Region II Education Service Center. The LDOE will reimburse funds to the contractor in accordance with Regional Education Service Center budget categories. The contractor shall meet all legal requirements for expenditure of state and federal funds and adhere to reporting requirements.

9-D-69 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved 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 8G; RSC T6 St Assess & RA DOE FED; RSC Reading First Grant FED; RSC T2 Improving Teacher Quality Prof Dev S/L FED - FY 08

Description: The contractor will serve as fiscal agent for the Region III Education Service Center. The LDOE will reimburse funds to the contractor in accordance with Regional Education Service Center budget categories. The contractor shall meet all legal requirements for expenditure of state and federal funds and adhere to reporting requirements.

9-D-70 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved 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 8G; RSC T6 St Assess & RA DOE FED; RSC Reading First Grant FED; RSC T2 Improving Teacher Quality Prof Dev S/L FED - FY 08

Description of Services: The contractor will serve as fiscal agent for the Region IV Education Service Center. The LDOE will reimburse funds to the contractor in accordance with Regional Education Service Center budget categories. The contractor shall meet all legal requirements for expenditure of state and federal funds and adhere to reporting requirements.

9-D-71 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Calcasieu Parish School Board
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$68,425
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 8G; 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

Description of Services: The contractor will serve as fiscal agent for the Region V Education Service Center. The LDOE will reimburse funds to the contractor in accordance with Regional Education Service Center budget categories. The Contractor shall meet all legal requirements for expenditure of state and federal funds and adhere to reporting requirements.

9-D-72 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved 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 8G; 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

Description of Services: The contractor will serve as fiscal agent for the Region VI Education Service Center. The LDOE will reimburse funds to the contractor in accordance with Regional Education Service Center budget categories. The contractor shall meet all legal requirements for expenditure of state and federal funds and adhere to reporting requirements.

9-D-73 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Bossier City Parish School Board
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$79,280
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Funds: 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 8G; RSC T6 St Assess & RA DOE FED; RSC Reading First Grant FED; RSC T2 Improving Teacher Quality Prof Dev S/L FED - FY 08

Description of Service: The contractor will serve as fiscal agent for the Region VII Education Service Center. The LDOE will reimburse funds to the contractor in accordance with Regional Education Service Center budget categories. The contractor shall meet all legal requirements for expenditure of state and federal funds and adhere to reporting requirements.

9-D-74 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Ouachita Parish School Board
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$102,395
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Funds: 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 8G; 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

Description of Service: The contractor will serve as fiscal agent for the Region VIII Education Service Center. The LDOE will reimburse funds to the contractor in accordance with Regional Education Service Center budget categories. The contractor shall meet all legal requirements for expenditure of state and federal funds and adhere to reporting requirements.

School and Community Support

9-D-75 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

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

Description of Service: The contractor will provide resources, direct support, materials, and training opportunities to families, educators, and service providers of students with disabilities.

9-D-76 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Bayouland Families Helping Families, Inc.
Previous Contract: Yes
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Amount: \$65,700

Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Funds: Family Resource Centers - FY 08

Description of Service: The contractor will provide resources, direct support, materials, and training opportunities to families, educators, and service providers of students with disabilities.

9-D-77 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved 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
Funds: Family Resource Center

Description of Service: The contractor will provide resources, direct support, materials, and training opportunities to families, educators, and service providers of students with disabilities.

9-D-78 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved 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
Funds: Family Resource Center - FY 08

Description of Service: The contractor will provide resources, direct support, materials, and training opportunities to families, educators, and service providers of students with disabilities.

9-D-79 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

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

Description of Service: The contractor will provide resources, direct support, materials, and training opportunities to families, educators, and service providers of students with disabilities.

9-D-80 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

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

Description of Service: The contractor will provide resources, direct support, materials, and training opportunities to families, educators, and service providers of students with disabilities.

9-D-81 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved 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
Funds: Family Resource Center - FY 08

Description of Service: The contractor will provide resources, direct support, materials, and training opportunities to families, educators, and service providers of students with disabilities.

9-D-82 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved 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
Funds: Family Resource Center - FY 08

Description of Service: The contractor will provide resources, direct support, materials, and training opportunities to families, educators, and service providers of students with disabilities.

9-D-83 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved 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
Funds: Family Resource Center - FY 08

Description of Service: The contractor will provide resources, direct support, materials, and training opportunities to families, educators, and service providers of students with disabilities.

9-D-84 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

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

Description of Service: The contractor will provide resources, direct support, materials, and training opportunities to families, educators, and service providers of students with disabilities.

9-D-85 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Louisiana Department of Labor
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$200,000
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Funds: Incoming Funds - FY 08

Description of Service: The contractor and the LDOE will develop and promote best practices in youth programming to include an out-of-school dropout recovery and job readiness program such as the Jobs for America's Graduates Louisiana (JAG LA) Program. Funding will be provided to the LDOE on a cost-reimbursement basis.

9-D-86 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

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

Description of Service: The contractor will score the General Education Development (GED) test, including the battery and essay portions of the test in English, Spanish, French, and Braille versions. The contractor will also provide the ability to generate student transcripts and Louisiana High School Equivalency diplomas from data in real time via secure internet access.

9-D-87 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: National Scoring Services, Inc.
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$24,000
Amended Amount: \$3,000
Revised Amount: \$27,000
Contract Period: 11/15/2006 - 06/30/07
Funds: Adult Educ ADM SPEC Projects G/F - FY 07

Description of Service: This amendment is necessary to cover the costs associated with the increased number of General Education Development (GED) tests administered in Louisiana and the additional service hours needed to meet programming requirements. Approximately 12,000 candidates are tested annually.

9-D-88 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

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

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Description of Service: The contractor will provide needed expertise to coordinate LDOE projects involving secondary trade and industrial education. Services include arrangement of staff development, standards and curriculum development, student skills contests, technical assistance, and support for T&I programs.

Student and School Performance

9-D-89 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

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

Description of Service: The contractor will serve as co-team leader to monitor school systems for compliance with federal and state special education regulations as part of the Division of Educational Improvement and Assistance (DEIA) monitoring process. The contractor will attend mandatory training and meet with the DEIA periodically throughout the year for continuity in report-writing. The contractor will analyze and review quantitative and qualitative data on the systems selected for on-site visits. Services include discussions and negotiations with school systems and the LDOE for technical assistance and validation of corrective action planning.

9-D-90 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

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

Description of Service: The contractor will serve as co-team leader to monitor school systems for compliance with federal and state special education regulations as part of the Division of Educational Improvement and Assistance (DEIA) monitoring process. The contractor will attend mandatory training and meet with the DEIA periodically throughout the year for continuity in report-writing. The contractor will analyze and review quantitative and qualitative data on the systems selected for on-site visits. Services include discussions and negotiations with school systems and the LDOE for technical assistance and validation of corrective action planning.

9-D-91 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

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

Description of Service: The contractor will serve as co-team leader to monitor school systems for compliance with federal and state special education regulations as part of the Division of Educational Improvement and Assistance (DEIA) monitoring process. The contractor will attend mandatory training and meet with the DEIA periodically throughout the year for continuity in report-writing. The contractor will analyze and review quantitative and qualitative data on the systems selected for on-site visits. Services include discussions and negotiations with school systems and the LDOE for technical assistance and validation of corrective action planning.

9-D-92 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

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

Description of Service: The contractor will serve as co-team leader to monitor school systems for compliance with federal and state special education regulations as part of the Division of Educational Improvement and Assistance (DEIA) monitoring process. The contractor will attend mandatory training and meet with the DEIA periodically throughout the year for continuity in report-writing. The contractor will analyze and review quantitative and qualitative data on the systems selected for on-site visits. Services include discussions and negotiations with school systems and the LDOE for technical assistance and validation of corrective action planning.

9-D-93 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Patricia Neal
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$40,000

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Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Funds: IDEA B Support Services Policy FED - FY 08

Description of Service: The contractor will serve as co-team leader to monitor school systems for compliance with federal and state special education regulations as part of the Division of Educational Improvement and Assistance (DEIA) monitoring process. The contractor will attend mandatory training and meet with the DEIA periodically throughout the year for continuity in report-writing. The contractor will analyze and review quantitative and qualitative data on the systems selected for on-site visits. Services include discussions and negotiations with school systems and the LDOE for technical assistance and validation of corrective action planning.

9-D-94 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

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

Description of Service: The contractor will serve as co-team leader to monitor school systems for compliance with federal and state special education regulations as part of the Division of Educational Improvement and Assistance (DEIA) monitoring process. The contractor will attend mandatory training and meet with the DEIA periodically throughout the year for continuity in report-writing. The contractor will analyze and review quantitative and qualitative data on the systems selected for on-site visits. Services include discussions and negotiations with school systems and the LDOE for technical assistance and validation of corrective action planning.

9-D-95 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

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

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Description of Service: The contractor will serve as co-team leader to monitor school systems for compliance with federal and state special education regulations as part of the Division of Educational Improvement and Assistance (DEIA) monitoring process. The contractor will attend mandatory training and meet with the DEIA periodically throughout the year for continuity in report-writing. The contractor will analyze and review quantitative and qualitative data on the systems selected for on-site visits. Services include discussions and negotiations with school systems and the LDOE for technical assistance and validation of corrective action planning.

9-D-96 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

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

Description of Service: The contractor will serve as co-team leader to monitor school systems for compliance with federal and state special education regulations as part of the Division of Educational Improvement and Assistance (DEIA) monitoring process. The contractor will attend mandatory training and meet with the DEIA periodically throughout the year for continuity in report-writing. The contractor will analyze and review quantitative and qualitative data on the systems selected for on-site visits. Services include discussions and negotiations with school systems and the LDOE for technical assistance and validation of corrective action planning.

9-D-97 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

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

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Description of Service: The contractor will serve as co-team leader to monitor school systems for compliance with federal and state special education regulations as part of the Division of Educational Improvement and Assistance (DEIA) monitoring process. The contractor will attend mandatory training and meet with the DEIA periodically throughout the year for continuity in report-writing. The contractor will analyze and review quantitative and qualitative data on the systems selected for on-site visits. Services include discussions and negotiations with school systems and the LDOE for technical assistance and validation of corrective action planning.

9-D-98 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved 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
Funds: T1 Reading 1ST P/Development S/L FED - FY 08

Description of Service: The contractor will provide DIBELS Training of Trainers (TOT) sessions and mentoring in at least eight educational regions of the state to meet requirements as established by the LDOE.

9-D-99 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

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

Description of Service: The contractor will analyze and report to the LDOE and the State Performance Plan (SPP) Steering Committee on issues related to the federally required State Performance Plan and the Annual Performance Plan (APR).

9-D-100 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Louisiana State University – Center of Assessment and
Evaluation
Previous Contract: Yes

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Amount: \$30,000
Contract Period: 08/01/07 - 06/30/10
Funds: School ASST K-3 Reading and Math STATE - FY 08

Description of Service: The contractor will design, print, ship, mail, and scan assessment instruments. The contractor will also conduct fall and spring data analyses of the "Development Reading Assessment" submissions and compile district and school reports.

9-D-101 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

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

Description of Service: The contractor will provide consultative services to the LDOE to ensure compliance with No Child Left Behind and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act regulations. Scope of services includes facilitating discussions, training, and technical assistance for LDOE monitoring staff. Training will cover such topics as (1) use of consistent methodologies during on-site monitoring, (2) effective tools and procedures for identifying non-compliance, (3) writing defensible monitoring reports, and (4) incorporating effective technical assistance to ensure corrective action.

9-D-102 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: University of North Colorado – Distance Opportunities
for Interpreter Training
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$320,982
Contract Period: 08/01/07 - 07/31/10
Funds: IDEA B Support Services Policy FED - FY 08

Description of Service: The contractor's goals are to (1) increase the supply of educational interpreters and to retain a pool of qualified educational interpreters to serve students in Louisiana public schools, (2) improve the skills of educational interpreters to provide better access to the curriculum for students who are deaf and hard of hearing, (3) select and support students in the in-service Educational Interpreting Certificate Program (EICP), and (4) select and support two cohorts of students in the pre-service American Sign Language – English Interpretation baccalaureate program with an emphasis on educational interpreting.

9-D-103 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

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

Description of Service: The contractor will develop and maintain an online system for recording and reporting 2007-2010 results of the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) for participating Louisiana schools and districts. Includes fall, winter, and spring outcome assessments and progress monitoring assessments.

Special School District

9-D-104 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired

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

Description of Service: The contractor will serve as a registered physical therapist to provide comprehensive initial evaluations as requested by pupil appraisal/assessment team, outlining the child's ability to function in and benefit from his/her special education program. Services include re-evaluation and provision of physical therapy treatment as indicated by evaluations and agreed upon by IEP committees.

9-D-105 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired

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

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Description of Service: The contractor will serve as a licensed occupational therapist to provide comprehensive initial evaluations as requested by pupil appraisal/assessment team, outlining the child's ability to function in and benefit from his/her special education program. Services include re-evaluation and provision of occupational therapy treatment as indicated by evaluations and agreed upon by IEP committees.

9-D-106 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Louisiana Special Education Center

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

Description of Service: The contractor will provide massage therapy services as defined in the Louisiana State Board of Massage Therapy Professional and Occupational Standards and the Louisiana Massage Therapists and Massage Establishments Act. Services include systematic collection of data to determine resident/student well-being and needs; establishment of course treatment and expected outcomes/goals; and documentation of resident/student reactions to therapy.

9-D-107 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Louisiana Special Education Center

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

Description of Service: The contractor will conduct weekly clinics at the Louisiana Special Education Center, see clients at his office as needed, be responsible for health care of all residents, conduct physical examinations, review laboratory and x-ray reports, and monitor anti-convulsant blood levels and regulate as appropriate.

9-D-108 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Louisiana Special Education Center

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

Description of Service: The contractor will provide highly skilled and clinically appropriate occupational therapy services to maximize independence, allowing the client to function and reside in the least restrictive environment possible. Services will also promote medical well-being through therapeutic intervention. The Contractor will evaluate, plan, and provide intervention for referred clients and modify intervention and priorities as indicated to achieve intervention goals and objectives. Includes evaluation of oral motor function, fine and gross motor function, sensory integration, cognitive-perceptual ability, tone management, mobility, psychological function, and social function.

9-D-109 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Division of Administration
Amount: \$147,170.52
Contract Period: 01/01/07 – 06/30/08
Funds: State

Description of Service: The rental of BESE office space in the Claiborne Building for FY 2007-2008 has been assessed by the Division of Administration Office of Facility Planning and Control. The rent is based on 6168 square feet of office space at a rate of \$23.86 per rentable square foot.

9-D-110 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Augenblick, Palaich and Associates
Amount: \$9,000.00
Contract Period: 07/01/07 – 06/30/08
Funds: State

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Description of Service: Conducting working sessions for LDE MFP staff to

facilitate discussions on existing components of the MFP formula and possible revisions, in addition to, research for new components. Attend BESE meetings as needed to assist with presentations on findings.

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

- 9-E-1 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on the High School Redesign Commission and retained consideration of establishing a task force to study issues related to guidance counselors on the agenda.
- 9-E-2 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report regarding adding relevance to the high school curriculum and retained this item on the agenda.
- 9-E-3 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report regarding alternative ways to structure electives for students who opt into the Louisiana Core Curriculum in order to emphasize career pathways and referred to the High School Redesign Committee in August 2007 "Consideration of statewide articulation agreements."
- 9-E-4 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on naming options for the newly proposed high school core curricula and directed the Department to incorporate this component into the RFP to be issued for a high school redesign communications campaign.
- 9-E-5 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report regarding results and issues related to the field testing of the End of Course Algebra I test and retained this item on the agenda.
- 9-E-6 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved as a Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §2319 High School Graduation Requirements, as presented by the Department.
- 9-E-7 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report providing information regarding the upcoming allocation of State General Funds and TANF funds for the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG LA) program. Further, the Board allowed the Department to seek approval of the allocations under the delegated authority in the period between the June 2007 and August 2007 BESE meetings and notify the eligible grantees.

- 9-E-8 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board received the report regarding consideration of the preliminary results of the Math Catch-up Curriculum.
- 9-E-9 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received 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, and deleted this item from the agenda.
- 9-E-10 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deleted "Consideration of the JROTC Area of Concentration meeting the performance criteria for the Career and Technical Diploma Endorsement" from the agenda.
- 9-E-11 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Lee, 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-12 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board deferred until August 2007 "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."
- Agenda Item 9-F **Legal/Due Process Committee** (Schedule 11)
- 9-F-1 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report in reference to the scheduled revocation hearing for Innovators in Milestones, Inc. and continued the revocation hearing until a special called Board meeting prior to August 1, 2007. Further, the Board accepted the agreement of Innovators in Milestones, Inc. to dismiss the lawsuit requesting a temporary restraining order in this matter; to expressly waive any rights to an informal procedure; and to establish a school start date for Milestone SABIS Academy for the 2007-2008 academic year that is no earlier than September 4, 2007, in order to protect the interests of parents and students.
- 9-F-2 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deleted from the agenda the request from the State Superintendent of Education for a due process hearing regarding Special School District (SSD) personnel.
- 9-F-3 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board granted the issuance of a teaching certificate appropriate to his credentials for **Mr. George Lewis**.

9-F-4 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board granted the reinstatement of the Type C teaching certificate for **Ms. Cynthia Richard**.

9-F-5 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board granted a hearing at the next Board meeting for **Mr. John Rougeou** regarding the reinstatement of his Type B teaching certificate.

9-F-6 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board granted the reinstatement of the Type A teaching certificate for **Ms. Laura Washington** pending receipt of an FBI/State Police background check indicating no additional convictions since October 2000.

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

9-G-1 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received the status report on the 2007 Louisiana Legislature Regular Session legislation.

9-G-2 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received the update on federal legislation.

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

9-H-1 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, 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) Online;
- c. Targeting Special Education Certification (TSEC); and
- d. Local Personnel Evaluation (LPE).

9-H-2 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the following reports on Leadership Development activities:

- a. LA Leadership Excellence Through Administrator Development (LA LEAD) Program and
- b. LA School Turnaround Specialist (LSTS) Program.

- 9-H-3 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the following reports on the Professional Development Program:
- a. National Board Certification Program (NBC),
 - c. Teacher Advancement Program (TAP),
 - d. Local Teacher Quality (LTQ) Block Grant, and
 - e. Learning Intensive Networking Communities for Success (LINCS).
- 9-H-4 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the status report on the Technology Initiative.
- 9-H-5 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following redesigned teacher preparation programs at Louisiana College, Louisiana State University - Alexandria, and the University of New Orleans:
- a. Louisiana College: Practitioner Teacher Programs in All-Level (Grades K-12) Art Education, Health and Physical Education, Instrumental Music Education, and Vocal Music Education and Practitioner Teacher Programs in Secondary Education (Grades 6-12) Earth Science, Environmental Science, French Education, and Spanish Education;
 - b. Louisiana State University - Alexandria: College of Arts/Sciences Degree Pathway to Secondary Education (Grades 6-12) in English, Social Studies, Mathematics, and Biology; and
 - c. University of New Orleans: Non-Master's/Certification-Only Alternate Special Education Programs in Early Interventionist Birth to Five Years and Significant Disabilities 1-12.
- 9-H-6 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved as a Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 996, *Standards for Approval of Teacher Education Programs*, Chapter 2, regarding policy guidelines for preliminary approval and second-stage approval of new or reinstated public and private teacher preparation units.
- 9-H-7 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report and deferred action on the revisions to the secondary mathematics certification policy. The Department will bring recommendations to the Board in January 2008.
- 9-H-8 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the minutes of the Teacher Certification Appeals Council dated June 4, 2007.

- 9-H-9 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Joan Arabie** certification as School Superintendent based upon her experience as a curriculum and instruction supervisor and as a principal, including the oversight of opening a school facility.
- 9-H-10 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and extended the PL 3 license in Social Studies 6-12 for a fourth year for **Charlette Chaney** to allow her time to complete the Internship included in her Master's Degree program, based on the fact that she is highly qualified and has passed all PRAXIS tests.
- 9-H-11 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Heidi Daniels** permanent CTTIE certification, using EDG 6925, Instructional Materials and Development, and EDP 5216, Theory Learning and Cognitive Instruction, in lieu of the course Occupational Analysis and Course Development, and using her teaching experience both at the community college and high school levels and industrial certification in lieu of the New Instructor Workshop requirement.
- 9-H-12 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation that the student teaching/internship be waived and granted **Tracey Davis** certification in Art based on her eight years of teaching experience and the difficulty of finding a teaching position in art in which she could do an internship.
- 9-H-13 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Kathryn Fitzpatrick** certification in Elementary 1-5 based on her extensive teaching experience, successful completion of LaTAAP, and passage of all required PRAXIS exams.
- 9-H-14 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Anita Holiday** certification as Secondary School Principal upon her successful completion of a three-semester-hour course, Supervision of Instruction, and that other course work be waived because of her administrative experience and leadership and supervision certification in Alabama.

- 9-H-15 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation that Kinesiology and Exercise Physiology, two courses verified as containing biology content, be used in lieu of 5 hours of course deficiency and granted **Alan LaCombe** certification in General Science.
- 9-H-16 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Samantha Lagarde** certification in Middle School Math based on her significant secondary school math teaching experience.
- 9-H-17 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Angela Lee** certification as Parish/City School Superintendent due to her leadership experience and experience in developing new school facilities.
- 9-H-18 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Charles Michel** certification as Parish/City Supervisor/Director of Special Education because of his extensive experience in special education and administration and because of the difficulty in obtaining the course work that he lacks.
- 9-H-19 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Martha Pellessier** certification as Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance and/or Visiting Teacher based on course work completed and experience, including that of school counselor.
- 9-H-20 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Janet Vige'** certification as School Counselor based on the lack of availability of the three-semester-hour course, *Supervised Practicum in a School Setting*, and based on her experience in a PreK-12 school setting and her work with counseling-related services at the high school level.
- 9-H-21 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Delories M. Wilson** certification in General Science – Secondary Grades and directed that Food & Nutrition-332, Principles of Health-110, and Principles of Food Selection-220 be substituted for the seven-semester-hour general science course work deficiency.

- 9-H-22 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Gloria Patrick** certification as a School Psychologist based upon verification the Council has obtained that she was unable to enroll in an Internship with any university in the Shreveport area.
- 9-H-23 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Virginie Cedotal** Level 1 certification with the stipulation that once she receives her Level 1 certificate in Elementary 1-5 that Ms. Cedotal be required to complete the LaTAAP program.
- 9-H-24 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Melissa Cline** certification as Parish/City Supervisor of Instruction based on her extensive professional development in areas of course deficiency and upon receipt of an official transcript showing successful course completion of either Supervisor of Student Teaching or Supervision of Instruction.
- 9-H-25 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Ronald K. Gunner** initial certification in Special Education-Mild/Moderate based on the fact that he did meet all of the requirements at the time of his entrance into the Non-Masters Certification-Only Program, upon recommendations from the Dean of the College of Education and the Special Education Coordinator at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and with the stipulation that he takes a core content PRAXIS exam within one year.
- 9-H-26 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and granted **Robbi A. Simon** an extension of her PL 3 certificate in Elementary Education 1-5 because the scheduling pattern at Southeastern Louisiana University did not permit her to complete the Internship that she lacks; she will complete this internship in the 2007-2008 school year.
- 9-H-27 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation that, if she gains employment in a school for the 2007-2008 school year, **Sherri Stanley** be granted a one-year renewal of her PL 3 certification in Mild/Moderate.

9-H-28 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board granted **Grace Sibley** certification as Parish/City Supervisor of Instruction upon successful completion of three semester hours in School Law.

Dr. Chase and Ms. Dastugue were recorded as voting “No.”

9-H-29 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board granted **Mark J. Jones** certification as Secondary School Principal based on his extensive experience as an assistant principal.

9-H-30 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council’s recommendation and denied **Deborah Paddock** add-on certification as Educational Diagnostician because she has no post-IDEA course work and because of the following 15 semester hours of course work deficiency:

Applied Learning Theory	3 semester hours,
Consulting Teacher Strategies	3 semester hours,
Precision Assessment and Diagnostic/Prescriptive Strategies	3 semester hours,
Educational Diagnosis and Supervised Internship to include 100 Child Contact Clock Hours	3 semester hours,
	<u>3 semester hours.</u>
Total	15 semester hours.

9-H-31 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council’s recommendation and deferred action on the appeal of **Kimberly Steele** for certification as Elementary School Principal pending Ms. Steele’s obtaining transcript evaluations from two universities/colleges in the Houston area to determine what courses need to be taken to be eligible to take the principal test in Texas. In addition, the Board directed the Department to determine if certification in Louisiana is the only way for Ms. Steele to gain certification as a principal in Texas.

9-H-32 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council’s recommendation and deferred until August 2007 on the appeal of **Tara Sullivan** for certification as an Educational Diagnostician.

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

9-I-1 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred until August 2007 "Consideration of a report on the effectiveness of the Distinguished Educator Program, including New Orleans data and excluding New Orleans data, and requesting 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-I-2 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred until August 2007 "Consideration of a dialogue with the City of Baker School System."

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

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

9-J-2 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the Pointe Coupee Vocational Academy (an alternative school) located in Morganza, Louisiana, with the understanding that 11-year-olds not be told that they cannot receive a high school diploma.

9-J-3 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the recommendations from the Department for the following local education agencies for waivers of Bulletin 741 school approval standards, for regular and special education, submitted by the State Superintendent of Education:

- a. granted conditional approval of the waiver request from East Baton Rouge Parish School System for the 2007-2008 school year to allow the Scholastic Academy (non-identified gifted) students to receive instruction in gifted classes, but only if the following conditions are met:

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- 1) The criteria for admission to the Scholastic Academy must be clearly established and concentrated in the elementary grades (PK-6). Studies show the greatest impact on disproportionality is in the lower grades. Above sixth grade, the only students who can be recommended for the Scholastic Academy are students who move into the parish from other districts, states, countries, or transfer from private or parochial schools.
 - 2) After two years in the Scholastic Academy, those students who do not meet the state criteria for gifted must be placed in separate Scholastic Academy classes or in regular classrooms rather than remaining in the Scholastic Academy for the remainder of their school careers. Students will exit the program, if need be, at the end of a school year rather than at mid-term.
 - 3) The East Baton Rouge Parish School System 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.
- b. approved the §2503.I waiver requests from Plaquemines Parish to allow Claude Henry Ansardi, who is certified in General Science and Health, Physical, & Safety Education, to teach Driver's Education in summer school; and to allow Merl Stanley Thornton, who is certified in General Science and Social Studies, to teach Chemistry in summer school.
 - c. approved the §2503.I waiver request from Union Parish to allow Juanita Tisdale Johnson, who is certified in Spanish, but not in English, to teach English I and English III in summer school. Ms. Johnson has earned 27 college hours in English.
 - d. approved, for the 2007-2008 school year, the St. Charles Parish waiver request to pilot a program in which they teach gifted students blended with advanced regular education students at Destrehan High School.

9-J-4

On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the textbook waiver requests from the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Fiscally Independent Schools, The Diocese of Lafayette, the Diocese of Baton Rouge, and the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux School seeking permission to use more than 10% of their state allocation for textbooks to purchase materials not on the approved lists for the FY 2006-2007 and FY 2007-2008 school years as follows:

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- a. Archdiocese of New Orleans Catholic Schools:
 - 1) Academy of the Sacred Heart, Orleans;
 - 2) Christian Brothers School, Orleans;
 - 3) Holy Ghost;, Orleans;
 - 4) St. Andrew the Apostle, Orleans;
 - 5) St. Anthony of Padua, Orleans;
 - 6) St. Dominic, Orleans;
 - 7) St. Pius X Catholic School, Orleans;
 - 8) Faith Lutheran Church and School, Jefferson; and
 - 9) Highland Baptist Christian School, Iberia.

- b. Fiscally Independent Schools:
 - 1) The Montessori School for Shreveport, Caddo.

- c. Diocese of Lafayette:
 - 1) St. Cecilia School, Lafayette;
 - 2) St. Ignatius School, St. Landry; and
 - 3) St. Thomas More, Lafayette.

- d. Diocese of Baton Rouge:
 - 1) St. Alphonsus School, East Baton Rouge; and
 - 2) St. Louis King of France Catholic School, East Baton Rouge.

- e. Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Schools:
 - 1) Holy Rosary, Lafourche;
 - 2) Holy Savior, Lafourche;
 - 3) St. Mary's Nativity, Lafourche;
 - 4) St. Genevieve, Lafourche;
 - 5) St. Joseph, Lafourche;
 - 6) Holy Cross, St. Mary;
 - 7) Central Catholic, St. Mary;
 - 8) Maria Immacolata, Terrebonne;
 - 9) St. Francis de Sales, Terrebonne; and
 - 10) St. Gregory, Terrebonne.

9-J-5

On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved adding a standing item to the agenda to handle routine revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*.

- 9-J-6 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the Department's recommendation regarding the request from the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) as follows:
- a. approved removing General Science as an equivalent for Physical Science effective with the 2009 graduates;
 - b. approved removing Speech Debate 1 and 2 (2 units) as an equivalent of Fine Arts Survey effective with the 2009 graduates; and
 - c. approved making Speech III and IV (2 units) equivalent to Fine Arts Survey effective with the 2007 graduates.

In addition, the Board directed the Department to review the possibility of developing course curriculum guides for Speech I- IV.

- 9-J-7 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved as a Notice of Intent the revisions to Bulletin 741: *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, §2321. Middle School Carnegie Credit Policy.

- 9-J-8 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board:
- received the report on the *Louisiana Literacy Plan: Literacy for All*;
 - approved the Department's recommendation to report quarterly in the months of September, December, April, and June;
 - directed that an update report be provided to the Board in August 2007; and
 - approved the 2007-2008 K-3 Reading and Mathematics Initiative Application Packet.

- 9-J-9 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred until August 2007 a report on the list of school districts not administering DIBELS, including the results of the reading scores for their students on the 3rd grade iLEAP.

- 9-J-10 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received and retained on the agenda the report on the 2007-2008 Adult Education allocation recommendations and other funding formulas and GED testing issues.

- 9-J-11 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved as a Notice of Intent for Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, the adoption of the following standardized health forms for use by local education agencies:

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- a. School Entrance & General Health Exam Form/LHSAA Medical History Evaluation,
 - b. Physician's Authorization for Special Health Care,
 - c. Medication Order,
 - d. Authorization for Release of Confidential Information, and
 - e. Health Information.
- 9-J-12 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the release of a Request for Proposals for the 2007-2008 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) and directed that the Department report back to the Board with the results of this survey.
- 9-J-13 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following list of textbooks in accordance with Bulletin 1794, *State Textbook Adoption Policy and Procedures Manual*, Section 711E, which allows publishers to add programs and new editions to an existing approved list of materials:
- a. *World Geography and Cultures* - Grades 9-12, Glencoe McGraw Hill;
 - b. *World History-The Human Journey* (Addition to the Series) - Grades 9-12, Holt Rinehart Winston;
 - c. *American Anthem*, Student Edition (Addition to the Series - Grades 9-12, Holt Rinehart Winston;
 - d. *World History Ancient Civilizations* (Addition to the Series) - Grade 6, Holt Rinehart Winston;
 - e. *United States History* (Addition to the Series) – Grade 7, Holt Rinehart Winston;
 - f. *Holt World Geography Today* – Grades 9-12, Holt Rinehart Winston; and
 - g. *Sociology – The Study of Human Relationship* – Grades 9-12, Holt Rinehart Winston.
- 9-J-14 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board referred to the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council consideration of revisions to §505 of Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, regarding the certification of district superintendents.

At this point in the meeting, the Board returned to Agenda Item 8, "Report by the State Superintendent of Education."

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

- Recently, members of the Department's Data Collection and Reporting Sections returned from a meeting where Secretary Margaret Spellings presented the Louisiana Department of Education with two awards for Excellence and one Honorable Mention award. These awards reflect upon the accuracy and timeliness with which data from throughout the Department is submitted to the USDOE.
 - Superintendent Pastorek congratulated Steve Marangos, Allen Schulenberg, Mike Collier, and Steve Yunk on a job well done. This group works under the direction of Dave Elder in the Division of Planning, Analysis, and Information Resources.
- The Superintendent stated that he joined Department staff at an awards ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Governor's mansion, for eight businesses and one foundation that were named the 2007 Distinguished Partners in Education. This award was first presented in 1991 and is given annually to a select number of businesses, industries, associations, or individuals that have made significant contributions to education in Louisiana.
 - Superintendent Pastorek thanked the following groups, which have donated money and time and have become true partners to school systems across the state:
 - AYES Business & Education Council in Shreveport,
 - EATEL in Gonzales,
 - VH1 Save The Music Foundation for their partnership in Jefferson Parish,
 - Sweet Lake Land & Oil Company in Lake Charles,
 - Concordia Parish Library in Ferriday,
 - Foundation Assisting Zachary Education,
 - Community Trust Bank in Ruston,
 - Rotary Club of New Orleans, and
 - the Lafayette Schools' Federal Credit Union.
 - The Superintendent thanked Linda Ruffin, Office of School and Community Support, for her hard work in coordinating both events.

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- Each year the Louisiana Association of School Executives (LASE) recognizes the best of the best when it comes to our local school superintendents. This year, LASE named Ollie Tyler Superintendent of the Year. Superintendent Pastorek recognized and presented a certificate to Superintendent Tyler in honor of her achievement.
 - Ms. Tyler has headed up Caddo Parish schools since 1993 and in that short period of time raised Caddo's District Accountability Score to 82-point-three---up from 77 when she first began. That score is just under the state average and has steadily increased each year.
 - When she took over as Superintendent of Caddo Parish, the district was facing a budget shortfall of \$14 million. She not only turned that around, but she also coordinated new grant funding of nearly \$40 million and in the 2005 school year alone secured enough grants and special revenue to add 371 teachers, reading and behavior interventionists, and paraprofessionals that allowed the district to reduce class size and offer more individualized instruction.
 - Last year, Ms. Tyler formulated a plan to educate the more than 1500 students forced to evacuate to Caddo Parish after Hurricane Katrina. Through her leadership, the students were given clothing, schools supplies, and transportation to ensure some semblance of normalcy for these children. Her plan was replicated across the state as a model for Crisis Response.
 - She is very involved in the community and has received numerous awards.
- In August 2007, Ms. Tyler will assume the position of Deputy Superintendent of Education. Superintendent Pastorek publicly welcomed Ms. Tyler to the Department and stated that he is confident that she will succeed here—just as she has in every position she has held in her long years of experience in Louisiana schools.
- Superintendent Pastorek announced that LDE Communications Director Meg Casper has accepted a position at the Cecil Picard Early Childhood Center in Lafayette. He stated that Ms. Casper has played an integral role in the Department—first as Press Secretary when she joined us from the East Baton Rouge Parish system four years ago—and for the past two years as Communications Director. She has been the spokesperson for the Department, liaison with the media, and has successfully coordinated our many events---especially the Louisiana LEADS conference. Ms. Casper gracefully took on the added

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responsibilities that came after the hurricane, especially those that involved the expanded Recovery School District. Superintendent Pastorek publicly thanked Ms. Casper for all that she has done and introduced BESE members who made a presentation in her honor.

The Board returned to the regular agenda order.

Agenda **Board Advisory Council Reports**
Item 10

Agenda **Louisiana Educational Assessment Testing Commission**
Item 10-A (Schedule 16)

On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board received the minutes of the Louisiana Educational Assessment Testing Commission meeting held June 8, 2007, and approved the tentative agenda for September 7, 2007.

Agenda **Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council**
Item 10-B (Schedule 17)

On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board received the minutes of the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council meeting held June 7, 2007, and approved the tentative agenda for August 2, 2007.

Agenda **Board Advisory Council Appointments**
Item 11

There were no Advisory Council appointments in June 2007.

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

Agenda On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board received and
Item 12-A referred to the Accountability and Assessment Committee: Consideration of
administrative procedures regarding Pupil Progression Plans.

Agenda On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board received and
Item 12-B referred to the Nonpublic School Commission at its next regular meeting
(September 4, 2007) and to the Student and School Standards/Instruction
Committee: Consideration of revising Bulletin 741 for Nonpublic Schools.
(Schedule 18)

Agenda Item 12-C On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board received and referred to the Quality Educators Committee: Consideration of a revision to the Foreign Certification Policy for inclusion in Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*. (Schedule 19)

Agenda Item 13 Ms. Jacobs offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Washington, that the Board cast its vote in opposition to Mr. Kenneth Willard as President of the NASBE Board of Directors.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Yeas: Dr. Chase, Ms. Givens, Ms. Jacobs, and Ms. Washington.

Nays: Mr. Bayard, Ms. Broussard, Ms. Buquet, Ms. Dastugue, Mr. Lee, and Dr. Stafford.

The motion failed.

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On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board authorized the Board President to cast its vote for Mr. Kenneth Willard as President of the 2008 NASBE Board of Directors.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Yeas: Mr. Bayard, Ms. Broussard, Ms. Buquet, Ms. Dastugue, Mr. Lee, and Dr. Stafford.

Nays: Ms. Givens, Ms. Jacobs, and Ms. Washington.

Abstains: Dr. Chase.

The motion passed.

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On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board authorized the Board President to cast votes for the election of the 2008 NASBE Board of Directors as follows:

Secretary-Treasurer – Greg Haws, Utah, and
Southern Area Director – Lowell Johnson, West Virginia.

(Schedule 20)

Agenda
Item 15 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board received the report and recognized the following 2006-2007 Outstanding School Support Employees:

Acadia Parish

Angela Vincent, Elementary School Award,
Judea LaCombe, Middle School Award, and
Ernie Istre, High School Award;

Ascension Parish

Sandra Brown, Elementary School Award,
Carolyn McMeller, Middle School Award, and
Jancy Templet, High School Award;

Assumption Parish

Kathy Oubre, Elementary School Award,
Susan Thibodaux, Middle School Award, and
Karen Wise, High School Award;

Avoyelles Parish

Doris Hayes, Elementary School Award,
Twanna Tyler, Middle School Award, and
Donna Lemoine, High School Award;

Beauregard Parish

Sandy Suire, Elementary School Award,
Sonja Lambert, Middle School Award, and
Shirley Childs, High School Award;

Bienville Parish

Doris Simon, Elementary School Award,
Gloria Brown, Middle School Award, and
Andre Vernon, High School Award;

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Bossier Parish

Kathie Harper, Elementary School Award,
Angela Kellogg, Middle School Award, and
Earnest Hamilton, High School Award;

Caddo Parish

Kathy Bowman, Elementary School Award,
Sandra Ratliff, Middle School Award, and
Susan Heun, High School Award;

Calcasieu Parish

Susanna Daigle, Elementary School Award,
Sarah Bargeman, Middle School Award, and
Pam Trouille, High School Award;

Caldwell Parish

Earnest Owens, Elementary School Award and
Paul Roquemore, High School Award;

Catahoula Parish

Jean Atkins, Elementary School Award,
Kerry Ferrington, Middle School Award, and
Chrissy Book, High School Award;

City of Baker

Percy Johnson, Elementary School Award,
Chermane Richardson, Middle School Award, and
Jill Taylor, High School Award;

City of Monroe

Olin Turner, Elementary School Award,
Tommy Landers, Middle School Award, and
Ralph Wimbush, High School Award;

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DeSoto Parish

Alice Coburn, Elementary School Award,
Terri Boston, Middle School Award, and
Sue Deutsch, High School Award;

East Baton Rouge Parish

Brenda Fussell, Elementary School Award,
Brenda Harris, Middle School Award, and
Barbara Primus, High School Award;

East Carroll Parish

Angela Mitchell, Elementary School Award,
Wanda Roberson, Middle School Award, and
Umiki Hawkins, High School Award;

Grant Parish

Cathy Littleton, Elementary School Award,
Joan Leonard, Middle School Award, and
Janelle Brumley, High School Award;

Jackson Parish

Suzanne Greer, Elementary School Award,
Raymond Anderson, Middle School Award, and
Cheryl Mosley, High School Award;

Jefferson Parish

Maxine Neams, Elementary School Award,
Cheryl Yeargin, Middle School Award, and
Anthony Jackson, High School Award;

Jefferson Davis Parish

Mary Freeman, Elementary School Award,
Flora Mixon, Middle School Award, and
Donita Cormier, High School Award;

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Lafayette Parish

Joseph Guidry, Elementary School Award,
Tina Desormeaux, Middle School Award, and
Karen Romero, High School Award;

Lafourche Parish

Lacie Naquin, Elementary School Award,
Mitzi Thibodaux, Middle School Award, and
Phillip Gisclair, High School Award;

Lincoln Parish

Aleshia Smith, Elementary School Award,
George Bolton, Middle School Award, and
Arthur Thomas, High School Award;

Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts

Ruth Prudhomme, High School Award;

Ouachita Parish

Carolyn Frantom, High School Award;

Orleans Parish

Gregory Jackson, Elementary School Award;

Pointe Coupee Parish

Donita Jack, Elementary School Award and
Stacy Stelly, High School Award;

Rapides Parish

Cynthia Bynog, Elementary School Award,
Collette Clanton, Middle School Award, and
Paul Smith, High School Award;

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Red River Parish

Ranette Smith, Elementary School Award,
Kay James, Middle School Award, and
Cynthia Smith, High School Award;

Richland Parish

JoAnn Dunn, Elementary School Award,
Chasity Rieger, Middle School Award, and
Teresa Jackson, High School Award;

Sabine Parish

Yvette McClanahan, Elementary School Award,
Wanda Harris, Middle School Award, and
Diette Remedies, High School Award;

St. Bernard Parish

Shirley Serigne, Elementary School Award,
Sandra Reuther, Middle School Award, and
Debbie Ruiz, High School Award;

St. Charles Parish

Cheryl Foret, Elementary School Award,
Orvett Smith, Middle School Award, and
Karen Gossett, High School Award;

St. James Parish

Rose Burke, Elementary School Award and
Lorraine Webster, High School Award;

St. Landry Parish

Brenda Stelly, Elementary School Award,
Charlotte Nezat, Middle School Award, and
Susan Guidry, High School Award;

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St Martin Parish

Allen Dorè, Elementary School Award,
Samantha Miller, Middle School Award, and
Bernadine Jones, High School Award;

St. Mary Parish

Tina Leonard, Elementary School Award and
Carla Crochet, High School Award;

St. Tammany Parish

Lydia Bedo, Elementary School Award,
Patricia McLaughlin, Middle School Award, and
Margaret Cusimano, High School Award;

Tangipahoa Parish

Laura Robertson, Elementary School Award,
Heather Donahue, Middle School Award, and
Sherry Simpson, High School Award;

Terrebonne Parish

Patricia Stewart, Elementary School Award,
Sandy Naquin, Middle School Award, and
Belle Davis, High School Award;

Vermilion Parish

Felicia Williams, Elementary School Award,
Nell Suire, Middle School Award, and
Frances Toups, High School Award;

Vernon Parish

Albert Sweat, Jr., Elementary School Award,
James Brewer, Middle School Award, and
Carolyn Toney, High School Award;

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Webster Parish

Mary Wright, Elementary School Award,
Ken Jenkins, Middle School Award, and
Suzanne Williams, High School Award; and

Zachary Community Schools

Brenda Triche, Elementary School Award,
Antoinette Lacey, Middle School Award, and
Shannon Beadle, High School Award.

(Schedule 21)

Agenda Item 16 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a communications/awareness campaign for high school redesign.
(Schedule 22)

Agenda Item 17 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the monthly report of appointments and separations in the Department of Education.
(Schedule 23)

Agenda Item 18 **Received and/or Referred**

Agenda Item 18-A On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received and referred to the Nonpublic School Commission and the High School Redesign Committee: Consideration of revisions to Nonpublic Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators*, regarding changes to graduation requirements.
(Schedule 24)

Agenda Item 23 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board granted Brumfield-Dodd approval to Beauregard Christian Academy in Beauregard Parish and to Cenla Christian Academy in Rapides Parish. (Schedule 25)

Agenda Item 24 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Dr. Chase, the Board approved the following contracts and leases, etc., as recommended by the Department, for the Department and Board agencies:

Educator Support

- 1. Contractor Name: Louisiana State University
Previous Contract: Yes

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Begin Date: 11/01/06
Original End Date: 06/30/07
Revised End Date: 09/30/07
Amount: \$235,097
Source of Funds: Federal Louisiana Advanced Placement
Academy – IAT

Description of Services: The amendment extends the end date of the contract. The amendment is necessary in order to carry out all activities outlined in the USDOE APIP grant for the first grant period. Activities identified in the original scope of work will extend beyond the June 30, 2007, original end.

2. Contractor Name: Questar Assessment, Inc.
Previous Contract: No
Begin Date: 07/01/07
End Date: 06/30/08
Amount: \$105,875
Source of Funds: Prof Accountability ADM STATE

Description of Services: The contractor will provide support services to the Louisiana Teacher Assistance and Assessment Program (LaTAAP) by creating, shipping, and collecting assessment instruments, as well as providing electronic data files and appropriate reports of assessment results. The contract is the result of a competitive process.

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3. Contractor Name: Peter Mayer Advertising, Inc.
Previous Contract: Yes
Begin Date: 06/15/07
End Date: 11/01/07
Amount: \$450,000
Source of Funds: Restart – IAT

Description of Services: The contractor will provide consultation, development, and implementation of strategies for outreach, public awareness activities, communications vehicles, copywriting, graphic design, pre-press work, and direct contact with target audiences – which may include educators, parents, stakeholders, policymakers, and other interested parties.

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Recovery School District

4. Contractor Name: Montgomery Barnett, LLP
Previous Contract: No
Begin Date: 06/15/07
End Date: 06/15/10
Amount: \$350,000
Source of Funds: Restart – IAT

Description of Services: The contractor will provide legal representation of the interests of the Recovery School District (RSD), the LDOE, and BESE in the matter of Orleans Parish School Board (OPSB) v. Lexington Insurance Company. The state intervened in this lawsuit filed by OPSB against its insurer(s) in order to recover insurance proceeds that Orleans alleges are owed to it by its insurer(s), arising out of Hurricane Katrina. The state has an interest in the litigation because the RSD is entitled to receive insurance proceeds recovered by OPSB.

- 5.-15. Contractor Name: Various Architectural Firms (See Attachment 1)
Previous Contract: N/A
Begin Date: 06/15/07
End Date: 06/30/09
Amount: \$8,600,556
Source of Funds: FED FEMA Admin

Description of Services: Contractors will provide architectural services for the construction of new schools or the repair of existing schools. Work includes construction of a new high school for 600 to 800 students; a new elementary school for 400 to 600 students; renovation and repair of five existing schools; and various storm-related repairs to approximately 10 school sites for protecting and security of assets and property.

Further, the Board approved the Department's request and authorized the Superintendent, with consent of the Chair of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education's (SBESE) Finance/Audit Review Committee, to issue final approval of emergency contracts and allocations necessary to ensure appropriate delivery of services for the Recovery School District during July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008. Any actions taken shall be reported to SBESE at each monthly scheduled meeting. (Schedule 26)

Agenda Item 25 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Dr. Chase, the Board approved the following emergency allocations/grant awards as recommended by the Department, for the Department and Board agencies:

1. Allocation: High School Redesign 9th Grade Initiative
(See Attachment 2)
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 06/30/08
Amount: \$982,500.00
Source of Funds: IAT

Purpose: The purpose of the High School Redesign 9th Grade Initiative Grant is to provide school funds for: contracting nationally recognized expert consultants to provide continuing technical assistance and/or professional development; making site visits to schools that are exemplary models of 9th grade redesign and/or arrange meetings with leaders of redesign; attending conferences related to 9th grade redesign; purchasing redesign curriculum and professional development resources; and providing stipends/substitutes for faculty to engage in professional development and planning.

2. Allocation: National Board Certified Teachers (See Attachment 3)
Funding Period: 07/01/06 – 06/30/07
Amount: \$5,000.00
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: The funding provides an annual salary supplement for teachers who achieve National Board Certification and continuing service in the Louisiana public school system. It provides for payments to public school systems employing National Board certified teachers during the 2006-2007 school year.

(Schedule 27)

Agenda Item 26 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board approved the following emergency contract as recommended by the BESE Executive Director:

- Contractor: R. Bruce Macmurdo, Attorney-at-Law
Amount: \$5,000.00
Contract Period: July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008
Funds: State

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Purpose: Through this contract, counsel will furnish legal services which may include in-depth research of education issues; review and development of education policies and procedures for use in elementary schools, secondary schools, and special schools; drafting of pleadings and other court documents necessary in Board litigation; and other such legal duties as may be required by the Board. Counsel may also provide independent analysis of legal issues involving the Board's supervision of elementary, secondary, and special schools. These services will not include litigation or proceedings arising out of tort or workmen's compensation.

(Schedule 28)

Agenda
Item 27

On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the Bulletin 741 waiver request for a pilot program in St. Charles Parish for the 2007-2008 school year with results of gifted screening and testing reported to the Supervisor of Gifted and Talented annually. Future waivers for this pilot will depend on the success of the pilot in improving disproportionality in the school.

(Schedule 29)

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On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board went into Executive Session at 11:50 a.m. to discuss litigation concerning Kathey Boisseau, et. al v. Cecil Picard, et. al, Civil Action No. 07-0565; and David Bentley, et. al v. Louisiana Department of Education, et. al, Civil Action No. 07-0571.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

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

Nays: None.

Abstains: None.

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

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On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Dr. Chase, the Board reconvened into Regular Session at 12:22 p.m. A quorum was present.

Agenda On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Dr. Chase, the Board approved the
Item 28 following Recovery School District Enrollment Policy:

The Recovery School District (RSD) shall maintain a centralized registration, assignment, and enrollment process through which students may register for RSD-operated non-charter schools.

The RSD shall not place on waiting lists or otherwise deny enrollment to any child eligible to attend RSD-operated non-charter schools under applicable federal and state laws.

The RSD shall ensure that all eligible students are enrolled and able to attend classes by the second instructional day after they present themselves for enrollment and complete the RSD's registration forms to the best of their ability. (For example: (a) a student registering on Monday of any given week will be enrolled by Wednesday of the same week, (b) a student registering on Thursday of any given week will be enrolled by Monday of the following week, and (c) a student registering on Friday of any given week will be enrolled by Tuesday of the following week.) However, students will not be enrolled in classes on days during which the RSD is administering end-of-the-semester examinations or statewide LEAP or GEE or SAT or ACT or similar examinations and will instead be enrolled on the next non-testing instructional day thereafter.

(Schedule 29)

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

ATTACHMENT 1

Architectural Firms for School Construction and Repair Recovery School District		
Project	Firm	Contract Amount
High School #1	Eskew Dumez Ripple	\$1,878,159.00
High School #2	Verges Rome Architects	1,878,159.00
Elementary School	Lachin Oubre & Associates	1,164,480.00
Renovation/Repair – Existing School #1	Yeates and Yeates Architects, LLC	522,693.00
Renovation/Repair – Existing School #2	HMS Architects, Inc.	522,693.00
Renovation/Repair – Existing School #3	SCNZ Architects, LLC	522,693.00
Renovation/Repair – Existing School #4	Chenevert Architects, LLC	522,693.00
Renovation/Repair – Existing School #5	NY-Associates, Inc.	522,693.00
Security Repairs to Various Schools/Group 1	Wink Companies, LLC	355,431.00
Security Repairs to Various Schools/Group 2	ECM Consultants, Inc.	355,431.00
Security Repairs to Various Schools/Group 3	Mathes Brierre Architects	355,431.00
Total		\$8,600,556.00

ATTACHMENT 2

High School Redesign 9th Grade Initiative
FY 2007-2008 Allocations

District	Schools	Allocation
Bossier Parish	Airline High School	\$60,000
	Houghton High School	\$55,500
Caddo Parish	Green Oaks Perf.	\$50,200
	Southwood High	\$60,000
Calcasieu Parish	Alfred Barbe High	\$60,000
	Westlake High	\$40,100
DeSoto Parish	Mansfield High	\$36,600
East Feliciana Parish	Clinton High	\$31,600
Jefferson Parish	Grace King High	\$60,000
	W. Jefferson High	\$60,000
Livingston Parish	Walker Freshman Academy	\$60,000
Ouachita Parish	W. Ouachita High School	\$50,700
Plaquemines Parish	Belle Chasse High	\$52,100
St. Charles Parish	Destrehan High	\$60,000
	Hahnville High	\$60,000
St. Landry Parish	Eunice High	\$47,300
St. Mary Parish	West St. Mary High	\$42,200
Tangipahoa Parish	Independence High	\$41,700
Vernon Parish	Leesville High School	\$54,500
TOTAL		\$982,500

ATTACHMENT 3

**National Board Certified Teachers
Stipend Payments
FY 06-07**

RECIPIENT NAME	ORIGINAL ALLOCATION AMOUNT	ADJUSTMENT	REVISED ALLOCATION
Orleans Parish	\$81,215.74	\$5,000.00	\$86,215.74
TOTAL		\$5,000.00	