

§2019. Grade 11 Achievement Level Descriptors, §2021. Content Standards, §2023. English Language Arts Tests Structure, §2025. Mathematics Test Structure, §2027. Science Tests Structure, §2029. Social Studies Tests Structure, and §3507. Office of Youth Development.

Agenda Item 7-C On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 124, *Supplemental Educational Services*: §101. Definition of Supplemental Educational Services, §103. Supplemental Educational Services Model, §105. Supplemental Educational Service Providers, §107. State Educational Agency Role and Responsibilities, §109. Local Educational Agency Role and Responsibilities, §111. Optional LEA Responsibilities, §113. SES Agreement Between Provider and LEA, §115. SES Provider Responsibilities, §117. State Approval and Sanctions of SES Providers, §119. SES Appeal Process – LEA, §121. SES Provider Request for Appeal, §123. SES Appeal Process – State, §125. SES Provider Request for Appeal, and §127. SES Provider Appeals on the Record; Submissions.

Agenda Item 7-D On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §2319. High School Graduation Requirements, §2373. Agricultural Education, §2377. General Career and Technical Education, and §2381. Health Occupations.

Agenda Item 7-E On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §2395. Distance Education.

Agenda Item 7-F On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*: §1101. General Provisions, §1103. Highly Qualified Policy for Teachers, §1105. Highly Qualified Policy for Paraprofessionals, §1107. Continuing Learning Units (CLUs), §1109. Federal Legislation Related to Qualifications of Teachers and Paraprofessionals, §1201. Period of Validity, §1203. Reinstatement of a Lapsed Certificate, §1205. Certificate Reinstatement Coursework, §1207. Responsibility of the Employing Authority, §1209. Early Childhood (PK, K, PK-3), §1211. Middle Grades (4-8, 5-8), §1213. Secondary (6-12, 7-12), §1215. Special Education, §1217. All Level (K-12), §1219. Ancillary Certificate, §1301. General Provisions, §1303. Ancillary Teaching Certificates, §1305. Ancillary School Services Certificates, and Chapter 14. Glossary.

Agenda Item 7-G On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 1566, *Pupil Progression Policies and Procedures*: §101. Foreword, §103. Preface, §501. State Requirements, §503. Regular Placement, §505. Progression – Students Participating in LEAP Alternate Assessment Level 1 (LAA1) or LEAP Alternate Assessment Level 2 (LAA2), §707. Other Local Option Factors, §901. Preface, §905. Definition and Purpose, §907. Responsibilities of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, §909. State Funding of Remedial Education Programs, §911. Criteria for State Approval, §1101. Definition of Terms, §1301. LEAP High Stakes Testing Policy, and §1501. Waiver Request.

Agenda Item 7-H On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 1794, *State Textbook Adoption Policy and Procedure Manual*: §507. Local Adoption Procedures and §701. Requirements for Publishers' Participation in State Textbook Adoption.

The Board agreed to take Agenda Item 14 out of order.

Agenda Item 14 Sheila Talamo, Assistant Superintendent of the Office of Educator Support, introduced and the Board recognized the following 2008 Regional Teachers of the Year who are the state finalists from throughout Louisiana:

2008 Regional Elementary School Teachers of the Year

Staci L. Thomas, A.C. Steere Elementary School, Shreveport, Caddo Parish;

Jamie Brooks, George Welch Elementary School, West Monroe, Ouachita Parish;

Stephanie N. Bordelon, Lafargue Elementary School, Effie, Avoyelles Parish;

Leslie Denise Smith Aguiard, W.W. Stewart Elementary School, Basile, Evangeline Parish;

Janne Elizabeth Lord Crews, Welsh Elementary School, Welsh, Jefferson Davis Parish;

Kayla Boudreaux, Mulberry Elementary School, Houma, Terrebonne Parish;

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Charmaine Vernon, Seventh Ward Elementary School, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; and

Kelley Toups, St. Rose Elementary School, St. Rose, St. Charles Parish.

2008 Regional Middle School Teachers of the Year

Sharman S. Burgess, Youree Drive Middle AP Magnet School, Shreveport, Caddo Parish;

Deanna H. Eley, Good Hope Middle School, West Monroe, Ouachita Parish;

Tracy Riscili, Dry Prong Junior High School, Dry Prong, Grant Parish;

Tamara Sneed Fontenot, Basile High School, Basile, Evangeline Parish;

Annette C. Oliva, Erath Middle School, Erath, Vermilion Parish;

Carla P. Murray, Northwestern Middle School, Zachary, Zachary Community;

Whitney Whealdon, West Feliciana Middle School, St. Francisville, West Feliciana Parish; and

Natalie A. Lartigue, Belle Chasse Middle School, Belle Chasse, Plaquemines Parish.

2008 Regional High School Teachers of the Year

Kimberly Ebarb Procell, Mansfield High School, Mansfield, DeSoto Parish;

Emma Elizabeth (Beth) Heatherly, Neville High School, Monroe, City of Monroe;

Michelle M. Roy, Louisiana School for Agricultural Science (LaSAS), Bunkie, Avoyelles Parish;

Gerald R. White, Pineville High School, Pineville, Rapides Parish;

Doña I. Robinson, Port Barre High School, Port Barre, St. Landry Parish;

Anne Robichaux, Plaquemine High School, Plaquemine, Iberville Parish;

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Benjamin A. Necaise, West Feliciana High School, St. Francisville, West Feliciana Parish; and

Laurie R. Carlton, Belle Chasse High School, Belle Chasse, Plaquemines Parish.

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Ms. Talamo introduced and the Board recognized the following Teachers of the Year for 2008:

2008 Elementary School Teacher of the Year

Louisiana's 2008 Elementary School Teacher of the Year is Leslie Denise Smith Aguillard, who teaches first grade at W.W. Stewart Elementary School in Evangeline Parish. Ms. Aguillard has fourteen years of teaching experience. Her principal is Ms. Christine Bacon; her superintendent is Ms. Toni Hamlin; and her BESE member is Ms. Linda Johnson. Ms. Aguillard received her Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and her Master of Education, with a concentration in Early Childhood Education, from McNeese State University in Lake Charles.

2008 Middle School Teacher of the Year

Louisiana's 2008 Middle/Junior High School Teacher of the Year is Whitney Whealdon, who teaches 8th grade English Language Arts at West Feliciana Middle School in West Feliciana Parish. Ms. Whealdon has five years of teaching experience. Her principal is Mr. Darryl Powell; her superintendent is Mr. Lloyd Lindsey; and her BESE member is Ms. Linda Johnson. Ms. Whealdon earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature as well as her Master's of Education degree from Louisiana State University. She also was a Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Program recipient through the International Institute of Education.

2008 High School Teacher of the Year

Louisiana's 2008 High School Teacher of the Year is Michelle M. Roy, who teaches 9th, 10th, and 12th grade English at the Louisiana School for Agricultural Science (LaSAS) in Avoyelles Parish. Ms. Roy has eighteen years of teaching experience, and she holds National Board Certification in Adolescent/Young Adult ELA. Her principal is Mr. Jude Pitre; her superintendent is Mr. Dwayne Lemoine; and her BESE member is Ms. Linda Johnson. Ms. Roy's Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary

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English Education is from Louisiana State University, and her Master of Education Supervision of Instruction degree is from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches.

2008 Teacher of the Year

Louisiana's 2008 Teacher of the Year is Laurie R. Carlton, who teaches English I, English I Honors, and English IV in 9th and 12th grades at Belle Chasse High School in Plaquemines Parish. Ms. Carlton has fourteen years of teaching experience, and she is a National Board Certified teacher. Her principal is Mrs. Monica Wertz; her superintendent is Mrs. Eva Jones; and her BESE member is Ms. Glennie Lee Buquet. Ms. Carlton's Bachelor of Arts degree in Secondary English Education is from the University of Louisiana/Lafayette, and she is currently pursuing a Masters in Educational Leadership from our Lady of Holy Cross College.

(Schedule 3)

The Board returned to the regular agenda order.

Agenda
Item 8

Report by the State Superintendent of Education

- Superintendent Pastorek recognized a group of Louisiana teachers who have received one of the most prestigious honors in the nation. They are the recipients of the 2006 Presidential Award and the 2007 finalists for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.
 - The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching is the highest and most prestigious national honor that a K-12 math or science teacher can receive.
 - The recognition includes a \$10,000 grant from the National Science Foundation along with a recognition ceremony held by the President of the United States at the White House in April or May of each year.
 - These teachers are recognized not only for their abilities to teach, but also for serving as role models for other teachers.
 - They have actively participated in local and state mathematics organizations, have extensive content knowledge of the subject and pedagogy for classes they teach, are involved in professional development for themselves and other teachers, and participate in many other activities. They are the best of the best!

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- To be considered for the award, teachers are nominated by their peers, principals, students, parents, or others who know the teachers personally.
 - These teachers go through an extensive application and review process which includes both written information and a video section.
 - Up to three nominees in each content area may be designated as State Finalists by a state selection committee.
 - The State Finalists' applications are forwarded to a National Review committee that may choose to designate one person in math and one in science as the Presidential Awardee for the designated year.
- The 2006 Presidential Awardees received their awards from President Bush in May 2007. While we recognized them as finalists in January, we would like to recognize them today as Awardees. Superintendent Pastorek presented Certificates of Recognition to the following awardees:
 - The 2006 Louisiana Presidential Awardee for Mathematics is Ms. Suzanne Buras. Ms. Buras is a teacher at Lake Harbor Middle School in Mandeville. Ms. Dastugue is her board member. Ms. Gayle Sloan is the local superintendent, and the principal is Ms. Susan Patin.
 - The 2006 Louisiana Presidential Awardee for Science is Ms. Jennifer Williams. Ms. Williams teaches at the Isidore Newman School in New Orleans. Her board members are Ms. Givens, Ms. Jacobs, and Mr. Chase. The Head of School is Dr. Thomas Price. Ms. Ellen Martinez serves as the Lower School principal.
 - The 2007 State Finalists for the Presidential Award were announced in July. Their applications are currently under review, and they will find out in about three months if they have been designated as a 2007 Awardee. Superintendent Pastorek presented Certificates of Recognition to the following three State Finalists for the 2007 Presidential Award in Mathematics:

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- Dr. Patricia Edmiston has seventeen years of teaching experience at the middle school, high school, and college levels. She currently teaches Calculus, Robotics, and Algebra II at Covington High School in St. Tammany Parish. Ms. Dastugue is her board member. Ms. Gayle Sloan is the local superintendent, and the principal is Mr. Danny Guillory.
- Ms. Pam Goodner is an eighth grade math teacher at Episcopal High School in Baton Rouge. Ms. Goodner has worked in a variety of public and private schools for seventeen years and has six years of experience working in the chemical industry. Ms. Kay Betts is the Head of School. Ms. Lucy Smith is the middle school principal. Her BESE member is Ms. Broussard.
- Ms. Kim Melancon was nominated for the award while serving as an Algebra II and Advanced Math teacher at St. Amant High School in Ascension Parish. She has recently assumed the position of Master Teacher at Donaldsonville High School. Ms. Melancon has eleven years of teaching experience. The principal at St. Amant High School is Mr. Steve Westbrook. Ms. Gwen Boudreaux is the principal at Donaldsonville High School. Mr. Donald Songy is her superintendent. Ms. Broussard is her BESE representative.
- The state science committee chose two finalists to be considered by the National Selection Committee.
 - Ms. Lai Thi Cao currently teaches physics and mathematics at Baton Rouge High School in East Baton Rouge Parish and has twenty years of teaching experience. Her principal is Ms. Nanette Greer, and her superintendent is Ms. Charlotte Placide. Ms. Broussard is her BESE member.
 - Ms. Stella Allen teaches Chemistry at the New Orleans Charter Science and Mathematics High School. She has 21 years of experience in middle school and high school. Ms. Bridget Ramsey is her principal. Mr. Darryl Kilbert is the New Orleans Public Schools superintendent. Her BESE members are Ms. Givens, Ms. Jacobs, and Mr. Chase.

Committee of the Whole (COW)

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Item 9-A1

8(g) Public Hearing COW

(Schedule 4)

NOTE: See Motion 9-A2-3 on page 9 for Board action on this item.

Agenda Item 9-A2 **8(g) Committee COW** (Schedule 5)

9-A2-1 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received the report of block grant projects for elementary/secondary education for FY 2007-2008.

9-A2-2 On motion of Dr. Chase, 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 project audits with no 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-A2-3 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received the minutes of the 8(g) Public Hearing held on September 19, 2007.

9-A2-4 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board approved the recommendations for 8(g) program evaluators for FY 2007-2008.

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

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

- Enhanced Assessment Grant (EAG) and
- LEAP Alternate Assessment, Level 1 (LAA 1).

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

9-B-3 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board received the report on the Regional Education Service Centers (RESC).

9-B-4 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board approved as a Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 118, *Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices*: §305. Test Security Policy and §1801. Description.

- 9-B-5 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board deferred until October 2007 "Consideration of revisions to the High Stakes Testing Policy concerning LEAP waivers and the issue of students repeating classes previously passed and consideration of recommendations from the School and District Accountability Commission on these matters." (Referred to the School and District Accountability Commission, August 2007.)
- 9-B-6 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board approved the dates for Algebra I end-of-course testing, as presented by the Department.
- 9-B-7 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board approved the Request for Proposals release for maintenance of PASS and development of online tutorials for Algebra I and other high school courses. Further, the Board directed that Superintendent Pastorek follow-up on the timelines for the development of content-specific online tutorials to determine if the process can be shortened.
- 9-B-8 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board received the *2006-2007 Nongraduating Seniors Survey* report.
- 9-B-9 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Dr. Stafford, 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, §305. Calculating the CRT Index, §309. Formula for Calculating a CRT Index for a School [K-8], §311. Calculating the CRT Index [9-12], Chapter 4. Assessment Index Calculations, §405. Calculating a K-8 Assessment Index, §409. Calculating a 9-12 Assessment Index, Chapter 5. Calculating the NRT Index, §501. Formulas Relating Student Standard Scores to NRT Index (K-8), §503. Calculating the NRT Index [K-8], §505. Calculating the NRT Index [9-12], §507. Formula for Calculating a NRT Index for a Combination School, §509. Inclusion of Alternate Assessment Results in the NRT, §519. Inclusion of Schools, and Chapter 24. Recovery School District.
- 9-B-10 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board deferred "Consideration of a global report on how the Department is addressing the issue of streamlining the paperwork of LANA and DIG."
- Agenda Item 9-C **Board Administration/Relations Committee COW** (Schedule 7)
- 9-C-1 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received the Charter School Informational reports, including School/District activities.

- 9-C-2 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received the reports from Education Finance staff concerning charter school budgets and expenditure reports, including irregularities or concerns as follows: 2006-2007 Fourth Quarter Financial Reports for Type 2 Charters, FY 2007-2008 Annual Operating Budgets for Type 2 and Type 5 Charters, and FY 2006-2007 Third Quarter Financial Reports for Type 5 Charters.
- 9-C-3 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board approved the staff recommendation to grant the material amendment to Esperanza Charter School Association, Inc., to increase its enrollment capacity to 313 students, subject to the following conditions:
1. Esperanza must submit an educational plan to the Recovery School District (RSD) for review and must cooperate with the Recovery School District (RSD) to make any edits deemed necessary by the Recovery School District (RSD)
 2. Esperanza's class size shall not exceed 29 students as set forth in its enrollment projection table in its existing charter contract, and
 3. Esperanza must update its budget submitted to the Division of Education Finance for FY 2007-2008 to reflect the increased revenue and expenditures that will result from an enrollment increase, and Esperanza must produce a fiscal impact statement.
- A status report is to be presented to the Board at its October 2007 meeting.
- 9-C-4 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received the Recovery School District Update.
- 9-C-5 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board deferred consideration of the revisions to the *Recovery School District Employee Handbook: Public Information Procedures: Unauthorized Communications*.
- 9-C-6 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board deferred until October 2007 consideration of the procurement procedures for the Recovery School District.
- 9-C-7 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received the report on the Recovery School District Legislatively Required Action Plan and retained the item on the agenda.
- 9-C-8 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received the Superintendent's report of personnel actions and approved the personnel actions requiring Board approval for the Special School District (SSD) and Board Special Schools (BSS).

9-C-9 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board approved the 2007-2008 Pupil Progression Plans for the Special School District (SSD) and the BESE Special Schools (BSS).

Agenda **Finance/Audit Review Committee COW** (Schedule 8)
Item 9-D

9-D-1A On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on the proposed FY 2008-2009 MFP Formula, the FY 2009-2010 MFP Formula, and the Economy of Scale Weight.

9-D-1B On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received and referred to the Student and School Standards/Instruction Committee: Consideration of a discussion of Universal Pre-K.

9-D-2 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on the revised Fiscal Risk Assessment Model, development of regulations for Fiscal Administrator statute, and process to include the Recovery School District.

9-D-3 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following nonpublic school allocation:

Allocation:	Non-public School Lunch Salary Supplements
Amount:	\$7,907,556.00
Funding Period:	07/01/07 – 06/30/08
Source of Funds:	State

Purpose: This program provides financial assistance for salary supplements to lunchroom employees of nondiscriminatory, state approved nonpublic schools.

9-D-4 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following nonpublic school allocation:

Allocation:	Classroom Based Technology (non-public)
Amount:	\$3,750,000.00
Funding Period:	07/01/07 – 06/30/08
Source of Funds:	State

Purpose: The purpose of this funding will provide classroom based technology support to non-public state approved Louisiana schools. Fifteen (15%) of the 25 million dollars appropriated by the Legislature for CBT is to be allocated to the non-public schools and distributed on a per pupil basis.

Grants and Allocations**Disadvantaged or Disabled Student Support - Competitive**

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

Allocation: Special Education – IDEA Part B Assistive Technology Centers
Amount: \$1,660,000
Funding Period: 10/01/07 – 09/30/08
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The program will provide continued funding for five established regional technical assistance centers and initial funding for two new assistive technology centers in an effort to increase the capacity of school districts to provide assistive technology services for students with disabilities. These centers will make training and technical assistance available to teachers, therapists, administrators, paraprofessionals, and parents throughout Louisiana.

Basis of Allocation: Competitive Request for initial and Continued Applications (RFAs) were reviewed and scored by external reviewers. All seven projects are being recommended for funding.

Educators Support

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

Allocation: National Board for Certified Counselors Program
Amount: \$1,250,000
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 06/30/08
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, who hold a National Certified School Counselor credential issued by the National Board for

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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 2007-2008 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.

School and Community Support

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

Allocation: HIPPY/AmeriCorp
Amount: \$67,425
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 06/30/08
Source of Funds: IAT

Purpose: The purpose of this program expands the HIPPY Program to serve more at-risk 3, 4, and 5 year olds. The AmeriCorps funds will support additional home visitors in existing programs. Seven HIPPY sites in Louisiana, funded through the state HIPPY allocation and collaborations with Title I, will receive \$4,320 per half-time AmeriCorps member/home visitors for 15 home visitors and \$375 for one HIPPY Coordinator per LEA.

Basis of Allocation: The amount of \$4,320 is allocated for each HIPPY home visitor who becomes an AmeriCorp member and \$375 for one HIPPY Coordinator at each site. Funds are to be expended as follows: HIPPY supplies and materials for Home Visitors at \$3,000 per member, including Member Service Gear; Travel for Home Visitors at \$900 per member, including costs associated with local travel, such as bus passes to local sites, mileage reimbursement for use of car, etc., as well as costs for airfare, transportation, lodging, per diem, and other related expenses for members to travel outside their service location or between sites; member training at \$420 per member, including the costs associated with member training to support them in carrying out their service activities. If using a consultant(s) for training, the daily rate limit may not exceed \$540 per day (excluding costs for indirect expenses, travel, supplies, etc.); and travel for Site HIPPY Coordinator at \$375 per site, including costs associated with local travel, as well as costs for airfare, transportation, lodging, per diem, and other travel related expenses incurred for coordinators to travel to National and Statewide HIPPY conferences and meetings.

Disadvantage or Disabled Student Support - Other

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

Allocation: Special Education Grants to States IDEA-Part B
Amount: \$1,105,900
Funding Period: 10/01/07 - 09/30/08
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: This project seeks to improve systems of professional development and service delivery at the state level. It also proposes to improve the systems of professional development, service delivery, and student outcomes at the district, campus, and individual levels. This is a continuation of programs that were begun in the state improvement grant designed to increase the access to, and participation of, children and youth with disabilities and their families in appropriate and effective special education services and supports; increase the number of general and special education teachers, related service personnel, administrators, and other staff; and increase and improve the learning results of children and youth with disabilities.

Basis of Allocation: Funds allocated to schools and districts will be based on a funding formula and specific criteria. New districts will receive a base amount of \$5,000 for district improvement activities and \$15,000 per school for school improvement activities. An additional amount of \$5,300 is included in the formula to support initial family leadership activities. Continuing districts still working at the school level will receive a base amount of \$5,000. Districts going district-wide with their efforts will receive a base amount of \$25,000 and a per school allocation based on their years of participation in LASIG ranging from \$10,000 to \$4000.

Classroom Based Technology

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

Allocation: Classroom Based Technology
Amount: \$21,250,000
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 06/30/08
Source of Funds: State

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Purpose: The 2007-2008 state CBTF funds will provide support to public and state approved non-public schools to support the implementation and improvement of technical and instructional technology resources in Louisiana schools. In general, funds will be used to purchase hardware and software, expand networking infrastructure, and increase bandwidth to schools. More specifically, these funds will be used to support public high schools with improving technical readiness levels needed to implement the High School Redesign Commission's recommendation of online end-of-course exams by improving student-to-computer ratios, increasing network and high-speed internet capabilities, and readying overall infrastructure for delivery of online end-of-course exams.

Basis of Allocation: The Legislature appropriated \$25 million dollars in Classroom-Based Technology Funds. Fifteen percent (15%) of the allocation must be allocated to non-public schools and will be distributed on a per pupil basis. The allocations to public school districts will target high schools and be based on the following three: weighted needs criteria; the number of high schools, current student to computer ratio; and the bandwidth capacity currently available to high schools.

School and Community Support – Other

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

Allocation: School and Community Support Program
Amount: \$10,706,469
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 06/30/08
Source of Funds: Statutory Dedication

Purpose: The sum of \$10,706,469 was provided in HB1 payable out of the Academic Improvement Fund to assist with recovery efforts in Jefferson Parish, Cameron Parish, and the City of Bogalusa to offset losses in total MFP funding between FY 2006-2007 and FY 2007-2008.

Basis of Allocation: Funds in the amount of 55.95% of the loss in MFP funding between FY 2006-2007 and FY 2007-2008 are provided to the Cameron Parish, the City of Bogalusa, and the Jefferson Parish School Systems.

9-D-11 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-12 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**Executive Office of the Superintendent**

9-D-13 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Hometown Productions
 Previous Contract: Yes
 Amount: \$49,270.00
 Contract Period: 10/01/07 - 06/30/08
 Fund: See Attachment 1

Office of School and Community Support

9-D-14 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Ciber, Inc.
 Previous Contract: Yes
 Original Amount: \$300,000.00
 Amended Amount: \$300,000.00
 Revised Amount: \$600,000.00
 Contract Period: 02/01/07 - 01/31/08;
 Amendment End Date: 01/31/09;
 Revised Contract Duration: 2 years
 Fund: Federal

9-D-15 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Department of Social Services/Office of Family Support
 Previous Contract: Yes
 Amount: \$500,000.00
 Contract Period: 10/01/07 - 09/30/08
 Fund: Federal - TANF

Office of Student and School Performance

9-D-16 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and deferred on the following contract:

Contractor: Cheryl Lutz
 Previous Contract: Yes

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Amount: \$49,000.00
Contract Period: 11/01/07 - 11/01/08
Fund: K-12 State Reading

Action**Office of Superintendent**

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

Contractor: Office of the Lieutenant Governor – Learn & Serve
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$518,232.06
Contract Period: 08/01/07 - 08/31/08
Fund: Learn & Serve America – Federal

Description of Services: The contract allows for the transfer of funds from LDOE to the contractor for administration of the Learn & Serve Program. The program supports service-learning initiatives for K-12 students in Louisiana schools. Teachers make direct application for funding which supports student volunteer efforts.

Special Consideration**Office of Educator Support**

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

Contractor: EduLead – University of Virginia
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$235,893.00
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: LSTS 8(g)

Description of Services: The contractor will develop a statewide program, called the LA School Turnaround Specialist Program which will focus on creating a leadership pipeline of specialists who are trained to implement educational and business principles to turn around the performance of low performing schools.

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

Contractor: Teach for America
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$468,468.00
Contract Period: 09/20/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: State

Description of Services: This agreement will train and place 140 Teach for America corps members in under-resourced public schools in Greater New Orleans and Southern Louisiana, as well as provide support, professional development opportunities and recruit applicants for openings in the new school year.

Office of School and Community Support

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

Contractor: Advance Baton Rouge
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$250,000.00
Contract Period: 10/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: State – Line Item Appropriation

Description of Services: This agreement is a result of a line item appropriation – House Bill 1/Act 18, 2007 Regular Legislative Session. The funds will be used for start-up for the Laboratory for Educational Ventures in Leadership program and used to create more autonomous schools in the Baton Rouge area.

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

Contractor: Calcasieu Association for Social Enrichment, Inc.
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$100,000.00
Contract Period: 10/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: State – Line Item Appropriation

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Description of Services: This agreement is a result of a line item appropriation – House Bill 1/Act 18, 2007 Regular Legislative Session. The funds will be used toward the Upward Bound Program. This program provides assistance to participants (grades 4-12) with regular class work and homework.

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

Contractor: School for a New Millennium
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$80,000.00
Contract Period: 10/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: State – Line Item Appropriation

Description: This agreement is a result of a line item appropriation – House Bill 1/Act 18, 2007 Regular Legislative Session. The funds will be used to purchase science materials, wireless routers for classrooms, twenty-one (21) laptop computers and provide training and professional development activities to ensure that all teachers are adequately equipped to deliver high quality instruction.

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

Contractor: Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church #2
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$30,000.00
Contract Period: 10/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: State – Line Item Appropriation

Description: This agreement is a result of a line item appropriation – House Bill 1/Act 18, 2007 Regular Legislative Session. The funds will be used to provide after school tutoring to students in the Caddo Parish area. Students will receive six (6) hours of academic tutoring and two (2) hours of cultural enrichment activities a week.

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

Contractor: St. Landry Community Services – Project PASS
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$225,000.00
Contract Period: 08/17/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: State – Line Item Appropriation
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Description: This agreement is a result of a line item appropriation of the 2007 Regular Legislative Session. The contractor will produce videotaped programs, DVDs, radio and television public service announcements, and maintain a website that will provide information regarding school issues to parents of students in St. Landry and surrounding parishes.

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

Contractor: Urban Support Agency
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$100,000.00
Contract Period: 10/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: State – Line Item Appropriation

Description: This agreement is a result of a line item appropriation – House Bill 1/Act 18, 2007 Regular Legislative Session. The funds will be used to provide a tutoring program to improve math scores for students in the Caddo Parish area. The contractor will provide educational enhancements as well as opportunities for social interactions through recreational activities.

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

Contractor: United Way of Southwest Louisiana Success by Six Initiative
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$60,000.00
Contract Period: 10/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: State – Line Item Appropriation

Description: This agreement is a result of a line item appropriation – House Bill 1/Act 18, 2007 Regular Legislative Session. The funds will be used to provide after school tutorial services at ten (10) locations to children in grades K-5 in Calcasieu Parish.

Office of Student and School Performance

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

Contractor: iSTEEP, LLC
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$922,991.00

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Contract Period: 10/15/07 - 10/15/10
Fund: Statewide Literacy Plan/IDEA Part B

Description: As the result of an RFP, the awarded contractor will develop staff at the Department of Education and local districts of the literacy pilot initiative on the components of the STEEP process to include the benchmark screening, reading assessments, intervention, and progress monitoring of a three tier Response to Intervention model.

Louisiana School For The Deaf

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

Contractor:	National Deaf Academy
Previous Contract:	Yes
Original Amount:	\$13,500.00
Amended Amount:	\$42,750.00
Revised Contract Amount:	\$56,250.00
Contract Period:	05/29/07 - 09/30/08;
Amendment End Date:	06/30/08
Revised Contract Duration:	13 months
Fund:	State

Description: This amendment is necessary to allow the contractor the time needed to provide basic skills and appropriate medical assistance for a Louisiana School for the Deaf student who is a patient at the National Deaf Academy and enrolled in the Charter School at the National Deaf Academy.

Action

Recovery School District

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

Contractor:	Developmental Therapy Associates, LLC
Previous Contract:	Yes
Original Amount:	\$40,320.00
Amended Amount:	\$71,120.00
New Amount:	\$111,440.00
Contract Period:	Begin Date: 10/09/06; Original End Date: 09/30/07; Revised End Date: 09/30/08
Fund:	Special ED – IDEA B – IAT

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Description of Services: The amendment is necessary to cover costs associated with additional students requiring occupational therapy services. Services include occupational therapy assessments and provision of services.

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

Contractor: Vicki Jensen
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$23,200
Amended Amount: \$67,840.00
New Amount: \$91,040.00
Contract Period: Begin Date: 08/31/06; Original End Date: 09/30/07;
Revised End Date: 09/30/07
Fund: Special ED – IDEA B – IAT

Description of Service: The amendment is necessary to cover costs associated with additional RSD students requiring physical therapy services. Services include assessments, re-evaluations, and provision of physical therapy.

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

Contractor: Karen Mahl
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$60,000
Amended Amount: \$71,120.00
New Amount: \$131,120.00
Contract Period: Begin Date: 10/09/06; Original End Date: 09/30/07;
Revised End Date: 09/30/08
Fund: Special ED – IDEA B – IAT

Description of Service: The amendment is necessary to cover costs associated with additional students requiring physical therapy services. Services include assessments and provision of physical therapy services.

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

Contractor: AnswerQuick Telecommunications
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$41,500.00
Contract Period: 08/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: Federal - IAT

Description: The contractor to handle inbound and outbound phone calls related to the placement and transportation of students enrolled in the Recovery School District.

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

Contractor: Brent Thompson
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$72,120.00
Contract Period: 09/01/07 - 08/31/08
Fund: MFP

Description: The contractor will assist with the implementation of procedures, conduct assessments, and provide services regarding occupational therapy aligned with the *Reference Handbook Goal*.

9-D-34 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board approved the issuance of a Request for Proposal to provide community relations and media services for the Recovery School District. The Board also approved the following amended contract assuming it would terminate upon completion of the Request for Proposal process or December 31, 2007, whichever comes first. The amended contract includes \$128,000.00 for subcontract work performed by Bright Moments for media buys and \$28,000.00 per month for other media related services to be performed by Bright Moments.

Contractor: Linden, Alschuler, Kaplan, Inc.
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$100,000.00
Amended Amount: \$212,000.00
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Revised Contract Amount: \$312,000.00
Contract Period: 8/01/07 - 10/01/07
Amendment End Date: 12/31/07
Fund: MFP

Description: The contractor will plan and execute media related activities to the rebuilding plans of the Recovery School District.

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

Contractor: New Leaders for New Schools
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$200,000.00
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/10
Fund: MFP

Description: This memorandum of understanding will allow contractor to select and train individuals to become school leaders in the Recovery School District; identify principals with the potential to make outstanding Mentor Principals; and provide training and support through summer foundations, leadership coach meetings, and residency seminars.

Ms. Givens was recorded as being opposed to the motion.

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

Contractor: Public Consulting Group (PCG)
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$315,000.00
Contract Period: 09/01/07 - 11/30/07
Fund: MFP

Description: The contractor will assist the Recovery School District with the development and implementation of special education processes and solutions that will enable the ability to meet compliance regulations and improve delivery of special education services.

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

Contractor: SAMSCHOOLS, LLC
Previous Contract: No

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Amount: \$120,000.00
 Contract Period: 08/30/07 - 08/31/08
 Fund: IDEA/Title I/Title IV

Description: The contractor will provide content enhancement strategies for math/literacy, positive behavioral support, professional development activities in the schools, and formative and summative assessments to track implementation progress.

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

Contractor: Synesi Associates
 Previous Contract: No
 Amount: \$172,800.00
 Contract Period: 08/01/07 - 01/31/08
 Fund: MFP

Description: The contractor will provide consulting services in the areas of counsel and academic administration. The contractor will finalize the curriculum and instruction adjustments needed.

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Ms. Givens offered a motion, seconded by Dr. Stafford, to reconsider Agenda Item 9-D-35.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Yeas: Ms. Givens, Mr. Lee, and Ms. Washington.

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

Abstains: None

The Roll Call Vote to reconsider Agenda Item 9-D-35 failed.

Ms. Givens requested that she be recorded as being opposed to Motion 9-D-35.

The initial motion stands (See motion 9-D-35 on page 25).

Ms. Buquet requested that a transcript of the discussion which took place in Finance/Audit Review Committee on Wednesday, September 19, 2007, concerning Motion 9-D-35 be provided to Ms. Givens.

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

9-E-1 On motion Ms. Buquet, seconded Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the follow-up report on the Tuition Opportunity Program (TOPS) statistics.

9-E-2 On motion Ms. Buquet, seconded Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved LEA applications for Options Program/Skills Certificates from Central Community Schools and the Recovery School District

Agenda Item 9-F **Quality Educators Committee COW** (Schedule 10)

9-F-1 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following redesigned teacher preparation programs at Centenary College and the University of New Orleans:

- a. Centenary College – College of Arts/Sciences Degree Pathway to Secondary Education (Grades 6-12) in Biology, Business, Chemistry, English, French, Geology, German, Latin, Mathematics, Physics, and Spanish and
- b. University of New Orleans – Non-Master's/Certification-Only Programs Secondary Grades 6-12 in General Science and Physics.

9-F-2 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved as a Notice of Intent a revision to the Ancillary Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Instructor (ROTC) Policy for Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*. This policy language will be moved from Chapter 4, Subchapter A, §410 to Chapter 3, Subchapter C, §347.

9-F-3 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deferred until October 2007 consideration of the teacher certification appeal of **Melissa W. Pierce**.

Agenda Item 9-G **Strategic Planning Study Group COW** (Schedule 11)

9-G-1 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the report from the Madison Parish School System concerning its high percentage (26%) of non-graduating seniors and directed that Madison Parish School System return in October 2007 to present data regarding the number, if any, of Carnegie Units that are still needed for the 87 seniors to

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graduate. If any Carnegie units are missing, the district should provide a plan for those Carnegie units to be achieved between now and the end of the school year. Further, the Board directed that GEE data be presented on how many of the 87 students have to re-take tests.

- 9-G-2 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the Department's follow-up data profile on the City of Baker School System; directed that the Superintendent of the City of Baker School System report back to the Strategic Planning Study Group on a plan of action for 2007-2008, including more definite ideas on what is being done to improve district performance; directed that the district redefine the plan on the use of a Distinguished Educator; and directed that the district provide a presentation on the fiscal status. Further, the Board directed the Department to coordinate the Academic and Financial Dialogues between October 2007 and December 2007 to reflect a more accurate picture of the district.

Agenda
Item 9-H

Student and School Standards/Instruction Committee COW

(Schedule 12)

- 9-H-1 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the requests from Iberia Parish and St. Martin Parish to increase to 27 the number of Carnegie units required for graduation provided that no student is denied a state high school diploma if he/she meets the state minimum requirements.
- 9-H-2 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board granted conditional approval to the New Directions Alternative School, a non-public school in St. Tammany Parish, to operate a satellite school in Lafayette Parish under the same guidelines as the school's original application until a full application for the Lafayette site is submitted to BESE for approval at its December 2007 meeting.
- 9-H-3 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on the revision of the *Louisiana Comprehensive Curriculum* and plans for the development of curriculum for the visual and performing arts.
- 9-H-4 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on the State's evaluation by the U. S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), approved the Department's recommendations on evaluation criteria for LEAs, directed that the Department provide a report back to the Board after the Department has reviewed the districts, and retained this item on the agenda.

9-H-5 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Dr. Chase, the Board approved the recommendation of the Superintendent of Education to offer two-year contracts to the Supplemental Educational Services Providers listed as scoring 80 or above and probationally approved contracts to the Supplemental Educational Services Providers listed as scoring between 60 and 80, with the condition that those providers be evaluated at an interval to be determined by the Superintendent of Education, to assure that quality services are being provided. The Department will report in October 2007 concerning the time frame established for evaluation of SES providers scoring between 60 and 80 and on criteria that will be used for evaluation.

9-H-6 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved as a Notice of Intent revisions to the following sections of Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*:

- a. §501.F – The addition of this paragraph is required by HB 969 (R.S. 14:81.4);
- b. §1117F - The addition of this paragraph is required by SB 169 (Children's Code Arts. 791.1, et seq.);
- c. §1307 (A)(2), §1309 – The revisions to these sections are required by SB 265 (R.S. 17:416); and
- d. §2321 – The revisions to this section are needed to add Introduction to Business Computer Application to the list of high school courses that middle school students can take and to clarify language.

Agenda
Item 10

Board Advisory Council Reports

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Item 10-A

Special Education Advisory Council

(Schedule 13)

On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Council meeting held September 5, 2007, and approved the tentative agenda for October 3, 2007.

Agenda
Item 11

Board Advisory Council Appointments

(Schedule 14)

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. Mike Darbonne to the Louisiana Educational Assessment Testing Commission upon the recommendation of Ms. Andrea Martin, Executive Director of the Louisiana Association of Principals. Mr. Darbonne replaces Mr. Joey Comeaux on the Commission.

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On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the appointment of Superintendent Charlotte Placide to the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council upon the recommendation of Dr. Edgar Chase. Superintendent Placide fills a vacancy on the Council.

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the appointment of Superintendent Dorman Jackson to the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council upon the recommendation of Mr. Walter Lee. Superintendent Jackson fills a vacancy on the Council.

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the appointment of Superintendent Wayne W. Williams, Jr., to the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council upon the recommendation of Ms. Mary A. Washington. Superintendent Williams fills a vacancy on the Council.

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. Herman Bignar to the Special Education Advisory Council upon the recommendation of Dr. Frederick P. Cerise, Secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals. Mr. Bignar replaces Ms. Valarie LaDay on the Council.

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the reappointment of Mr. Raymond Cassimere to the Teacher Certification Appeals Council upon the recommendation of Ms. Andrea Martin, Executive Director of the Louisiana Association of Principals.

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the reappointment of Ms. Yvette Lavergne to the Teacher Certification Appeals Council upon the recommendation of Ms. Lavergne, President of the Louisiana School Supervisors' Association.

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the reappointment of Mr. Tim Francis to the Teacher Certification Appeals Council upon the recommendation of Ms. Polly Broussard, Executive Director of the Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana.

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the appointment of Superintendent Dan Rawls to the 8(g) Advisory Council upon the recommendation of Ms. Mary Washington. Superintendent Rawls fills a vacancy on the Council.

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the appointment of Superintendent Robert Webber to the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council upon the recommendation of Ms. Leslie Jacobs. Superintendent Webber fills a vacancy on the Council.

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On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board received and referred to the Board Administration/Relations Committee: Consideration of the requirements for the composition of the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council.

The Board agreed to return to Agenda Item 8, Report by the State Superintendent of Education.

Agenda Item 8

Report by the State Superintendent of Education

- Superintendent Pastorek thanked Board members for recently touring schools in New Orleans.
- The Superintendent stated that he believes that the emergency situations regarding the Recovery School District have been resolved and there will be a slower pace regarding activities of the Recovery School District in the future.
 - Budget issues of the Recovery School District are of great concern to the Superintendent of Education.
 - If the Department of Education receives the monies from the Orleans Parish School System that it should receive, the Department will be in fairly good shape. However, the Orleans Parish Public School System has some very significant financial issues, and it is going to have some difficulty trying to make payments that are owed to the Department.
- Superintendent Pastorek announced that Dr. William Miller will be leaving the Department at the end of September 2007. The Superintendent thanked Dr. Miller for doing an outstanding job.
- The Superintendent stated that organizationally, there are some challenges within the Department. There are climate issues and salary issues.
 - Regarding climate issues, the Superintendent feels that some employees feel constrained by some of the policies and procedures and by some of the working processes. The Department is considering flex time and casual Fridays. The Department is also looking more deeply into issues surrounding diversity and concerns regarding promotion.

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- In regard to salary issues, with the increased salaries of teachers and administrators in the districts, the Department is becoming non-competitive. The Superintendent has requested that the Department's Human Resource Director evaluate salaries, and he is studying a proposal which she put forth at the current time. The only issue is whether or not the Department has the budget necessary to make the increases. Some adjustments will probably be made within the next 30 - 45 days.
- Superintendent Pastorek met with 100 of his senior staff to discuss these issues. There will be a meeting of the entire Department of Education staff within the next week.
- The first monthly Superintendents' telephone conference was conducted recently. Approximately 15 to 20 items of business were discussed during this one-hour conference. Superintendent Pastorek requested that district superintendents comment on and/or critique this telephone conference.
- The Department will meet with district superintendents on September 28, 2007, concerning the Options Program.
- The Department is also looking at the High School Redesign issue and has determined that there needs to be a structured organization around High School Redesign.
- The Department of Education has taken a specific charge prompted by the accountability results reported several weeks ago. The charge is that, within in the next 45 days, the Department will develop some straight forward strategies that will have a dramatic impact on the accountability test scores in March 2008.
 - Superintendent Pastorek invited Board members to attend the afternoon and evening segments of the Department's Retreat to be held Thursday, October 4, 2007, in Robert, Louisiana, to hear what the Department plans to do in this regard and to offer their suggestions.

The Board returned to the regular agenda order.

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

Agenda On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received and
Item 12-A referred to the Legal/Due Process Committee: Consideration of the
 reinstatement of the teaching certificate of Mr. Dema Thomas Schexnayder.

Agenda Item 12-B On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received and referred to the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council: Consideration of approval of the revised School Bus Transportation Bulletin. (Schedule 15)

Agenda Item 12-C On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received and referred to the Quality Educators Committee: Consideration of alternate mentoring, assistance, and assessment experiences for second year teachers in Louisiana public schools that are implementing the Teacher Advancement Program (TAP) or participating in the E-mentoring Pilot. (Schedule 16)

Agenda Item 12-D On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received and referred to the Student and School Standards/Instruction Committee: Consideration of establishing a project in numeracy.

Agenda Item 13 The following proclamation declaring October as Dyslexia Awareness Month in Louisiana was issued by Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco on September 19, 2007:

Whereas, dyslexia is a language-based disorder affecting 15 to 20 percent of the American population; and

Whereas, dyslexia, which comes from the Greek, meaning "difficulty with words," constitutes one of several distinct yet related learning disabilities and is characterized by language processing problems when decoding oral and written words or translating thought to language; and

Whereas, this disorder deeply affects a person's ability to read, write, spell, and comprehend as well as cause problems in sequencing with numbers, letters, or instructions; differentiating between left and right handedness; confusing concepts of space and time; and

Whereas, the emotional interactions and well-being of persons with dyslexia may be affected by the disorder; and

Whereas, with proper diagnosis, appropriate instructions, hard work, and support from families, teachers, and friends, individuals with dyslexia can excel in school and/or employment; and

Whereas, children with dyslexia usually can succeed at the same level as their peers once they are diagnosed and begin receiving extra training at home and at school; and

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Whereas, adults with dyslexia can improve their skills with programs utilizing multisensory structured language techniques that help them learn to read, process, and express information more effectively; and

Whereas, Louisianans are encouraged to offer support to those affected by dyslexia and related learning disorders and to recognize the dedicated efforts of those who are working to raise awareness and understanding and to identify, treat, and prevent problems associated with dyslexia.

Now, therefore, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim October 2007 as

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Louisiana.

Agenda Item 15 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the monthly report of appointments and separations in the Department of Education. (Schedule 17)

Agenda Item 16 **Received and/or Referred**

Agenda Item 16-A On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board received and referred to the Nonpublic School Commission: Consideration of revisions to Nonpublic Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators*, regarding §303. Instructional Staff.

Agenda Item 17 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board approved the following contract amendment:

Amended description of services:

Augenblick, Palaich, and Associates, Inc. (APA) will conduct necessary research and analysis of existing components of the Minimum Foundation Program formula (MFP), possible revisions to MFP components, and new MFP components. Research will include the At-Risk Student Weight and the Vocation Education Unit Weights and provide information on Performance Based Pay Models in other states. APA will conduct working sessions with the Louisiana Department of Education MFP staff and facilitate discussions on existing components of the MFP, possible revisions to MFP components, and new MFP components. APA will attend BESE meetings and Legislative meetings as needed to assist with presentations on any research and analysis.

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Contractor: Augenblick, Palaich, and Associates
 Amount: \$9,000.00
 Amended Amount: \$48,000.00
 Contract Period: July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008
 Funds: State

(Schedule 18)

Agenda Item 18 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board deferred on Agenda Item 18 until later in the meeting.

Agenda Item 19 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board approved the following emergency allocations/grant awards as recommended by the Department, for the Department and Board agencies:

1. Allocation: GED Program – Adult and Family Literacy Service (TANF) (See Attachment 1)
 Amount: \$450,000.00
 Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 06/30/08
 Source of Funds: IAT – TANF

Purpose: The GED – Adult and Family Literacy Service provides funding for educational activities to move participants toward self-sufficiency and to improve the overall well-being of the family by improving educational outcomes for the participants.

2. Allocation: Jobs for America’s Graduates-Louisiana (JAG-LA) (See Attachment 2)
 Amount: \$56,000.00
 Funding Period: 07/01/07– 06/30/08
 Source of Funds: State

Purpose: The funding is provided to dropout prevention and workforce preparation programs for at-risk youth. This program keeps at-risk students in school through graduation to obtain a high school diploma or a GED (Louisiana High School Equivalency Diploma) and, during that time, to improve their rate of success in acquiring employability and occupational competencies.

3. Allocation: Jobs for America’s Graduates-Louisiana (JAG-LA) (See Attachment 3)
 Amount: \$110,400.00
 Funding Period: 07/01/07– 06/30/08
 Source of Funds: IAT – TANF

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Purpose: The purpose of this allocation is to provide funding to dropout prevention and workforce preparation programs for at-risk youth. The purpose of the Jobs for America's Graduates-LA (JAG-LA) program is to keep at-risk students in school through graduation to obtain a high school diploma or a GED (Louisiana High School Equivalency Diploma) and, during that time, to improve their rate of success in acquiring employability and occupational competencies.

4. Allocation: Classroom Based Technology (TOTL Governor's Laptop Initiative)
 Amount: \$4,906,233.10
 Funding Period: 07/01/07– 06/30/08
 Source of Funds: Statutory Dedication

Purpose: Turn on to Learning (TOTL) is a collaborative and voluntary research and development pilot that funds and provides laptops to select 6th grade students and teachers in each of Louisiana's public school districts. To support these efforts and ensure development of digital learning statewide, Turn on to Learning also provides laptops to the Regional Teaching, Learning, and Technology Centers (TLTC), partnering public colleges of education and local district technology coordinators.

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The Board returned to the regular agenda order.

Agenda Item 18 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board:

amended Motion 9-C2-4 and Motion 9-C2-6 passed on February 15, 2007, in reference to the lease of school facilities under the jurisdiction of the Recovery School District, as follows:

Motion 9-C2-4, February 15, 2007

~~On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the request from the Orleans Parish School Board to use Recovery School district controlled facilities as follows:~~

- ~~1) extend the lease on Allen Elementary (New Orleans Math and Science Charter and Priestly Charter) and on Village de l'Est Elementary School (Einstein Charter) for the duration of the charter school agreements with the Orleans Parish School Board and~~
- ~~2) extend the lease on Gaudet Elementary (Lake Forest Charter) for one year.~~

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~~Approval is contingent upon the Orleans Parish School Board providing the 1700 seats to replace these buildings.~~

- 1) delegated the State Superintendent the authority to enter into lease agreements with any non-RSD school, including negotiation of the terms and conditions; and
- 2) clarified that BESE must approve any school operating under the auspices of the RSD that is not directly run by RSD employees, such as a charter school, University Partnership School, contract school, school operated pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding, or any school awarded via a Request for Proposal.

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~~On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the request from the International School of Louisiana (ISL) to extend the lease of the Andrew Jackson school facility for the duration of their charter.~~

- 1) delegated the State Superintendent the authority to enter into lease agreements with any non-RSD school, including negotiation of the terms and conditions; and
- 2) clarified that BESE must approve any school operating under the auspices of the RSD that is not directly run by RSD employees, such as a charter school, University Partnership School, contract school, school operated pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding, or any school awarded via a Request for Proposal.

(Schedule 20)

Agenda
Item 20

On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contracts and leases, etc., as recommended by the Department, for the Department and Board agencies:

Department of Education

Office of School and Community Support

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| 1. | Contractor Name: | Ohio Board of Regents |
| | Previous Contract: | Yes |
| | Begin Date: | 09/01/06 |
| | End Date: | 06/03/07 |
| | Amendment End Date: | 06/30/08 |
| | Revised Contract Duration: | 21 months |
| | Total Amount: | \$125,000.00 |
| | Amendment Amount: | \$125,000.00 |

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Revised Contract Total Amount: \$250,000.00
 Source of Funds: State – Incoming

Description of Services: This amendment will provide funding for the second year of the contract. The contract will enable the Department of Education to participate in a research pilot regarding the best practices in drop-out recovery.

Office of Student and School Performance

2. Contractor Name: Martha H. Thornhill
 Previous Contract: Yes
 Begin Date: 10/15/07
 End Date: 09/30/07
 Total Amount: \$26,800.00
 Source of Funds: State

Description of Services: The contractor will provide content area literacy training to arts curriculum writers and provide feedback to writers as they work to infuse the strategies into the curriculum.

Recovery School District

Professional Development

1. Contractor Name: Linda Bryant Landry
 Previous Contract: Yes
 Begin Date: 05/07/07
 End Date: 09/30/07
 Amendment End Date: 10/31/07
 Revised Contract Duration: 5 months
 Total Amount: \$24,000.00
 Amendment Amount: \$15,000.00
 Revised Contract Total Amount: \$39,000.00
 Source of Funds: Federal - IAT - IDEA B

Description of Services: The amendment will allow the contractor to continue to assist the Recovery School District with rebuilding the records (evaluations, IEPs, etc.) of students with disabilities.

2. Contractor Name: National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA)
 Previous Contract: Yes
 Begin Date: 07/01/07

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End Date:	06/30/08
Total Amount:	\$634,089.00
Amendment Amount:	\$153,578.00
Revised Contract Total Amount:	\$787,667.00
Source of Funds:	Federal – Charter Grant

Description of Services: The amendment will allow the additional services of managing the charter application evaluation process for up to twenty-five (25) applications, coordinating Louisiana Department of Education staff and retaining external consultants.

(Schedule 21)

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

ATTACHMENT 1

GED Program - Adult and Family Literacy Service
TANF
FY 2007-2008

Recipient	Allocation
City of Baton Rouge	\$ 225,000.00
Literacy Alliance of Greater New Orleans	\$ 225,000.00
TOTAL ALLOCATION	\$450,000.00

ATTACHMENT 2

**Jobs for America's Graduates-Louisiana (JAG-LA)
State General Fund
FY 2007-2008**

Recipient	Allocation
St. Mary Community Action Agency – Morgan City	\$ 56,000.00
TOTAL ALLOCATION	\$ 56,000.00

ATTACHMENT 3

**Jobs for America's Graduates-Louisiana (JAG-LA)
TANF
FY 2007-2008**

Recipient	Allocation
Jefferson Parish School Board	\$ 55,200.00
Desoto Parish School Board	\$ 55,200.00
TOTAL ALLOCATION	\$ 110,400.00