

# LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

OCTOBER 18, 2007

## The Louisiana Purchase Room Baton Rouge, LA

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in regular session on October 18, 2007, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Board President Linda M. Johnson and opened with a prayer by Ms. Karen Williams, Principal of M. J. Kaufman Elementary School.

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.

Mr. Anthony J. "Tony" Guilando, Principal of Rayville Junior High School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 5      On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board approved the agenda as printed and disseminated, adding Emergency Agenda Item 17.  
(Schedule 1)

Agenda Item 6      On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board approved the minutes of September 20, 2007.

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

Agenda Item 7-A      On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*: §301. School Performance Score Goal, §1101. Performance Labels, §1403. Entry Into Academic Assistance, §1405. Movement In and Exit From Academic Assistance, and §1407. Exit From Academic Assistance.

Agenda Item 7-B      On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 118, *Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices*: §2007. Performance Standards.

Agenda Item 7-C      On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §1103. Compulsory Attendance, §2323. Proficiency Examinations, and §2324. Credit Recovery.

- Agenda Item 7-D      On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §503. Staff Organization, §505. Certification of Personnel, §1107. Entrance Requirements, §1109. Assignment and Transfer of Students, §2305. Ancillary Areas of Instruction, §2313. Elementary Program of Studies, §2319. High School Graduation Requirements, and §2355. Music.
- Agenda Item 7-E      On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*: §325. Out-of-Field Authorization to Teach (OFAT).
- Agenda Item 7-F      On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*: §241. PRAXIS I Scores.
- Agenda Item 7-G      On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*: §507. VTIE, CTTIE, and CTTIE-1 Certificates Renewal Guidelines.

The Board agreed to take Agenda Items 13 and 14 out of order.

- Agenda Item 13      The School Health Award honors outstanding schools throughout the state that conducted positive activities promoting a healthful school environment. This program is sponsored by the Department of Education, Pennington Biomedical Research Center, the Louisiana Dietetic Association, and the Southwest United Dairy Industry. The Board recognized the following schools that are recipients of the School Health Awards:
- Meadowview Elementary School in Bossier Parish – Principal Shelly Barrett and Superintendent Kenneth Kruithof;
  - M. J. Kaufman Elementary School in Calcasieu Parish – Coach Sharon Floyd, Principal Lawrence Primeaux, and Superintendent Wayne Savoy; and
  - North Caddo Magnet High School in Caddo Parish – teacher Misti Speck, Principal Kenneth Cochran, and Superintendent Rodney Watson.

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The Louisiana Principals of the Year (POY) Awards Program is an annual event designed to honor outstanding elementary, middle, and high school principals throughout the state. The program provides an excellent opportunity to recognize principals, both regionally and statewide, as well as spotlight the positive aspects of educational leadership within the state. The Board recognized the following 2008 Louisiana Regional Principals of the Year:

Region 1

Karen Bucher, Hazel Park-Hilda Knoff Elementary School, Jefferson Parish;  
Dr. Cheryl P. Milam, John Quincy Adams Middle School, Jefferson Parish;  
and  
Rita J. Foster, Cuillier Career Center, Jefferson Parish;

Region 2

Michelle Kauffman, Port Allen Elementary School, West Baton Rouge Parish;

Region 3

Jevella M. Williamson, Duplessis Primary School, Ascension Parish; and  
Linda M. Embry, Galvez Middle School, Ascension Parish;

Region 4

Gwendolyn Coleman Lewis, Prairie Elementary School, Lafayette Parish;  
Bobby Badeaux, Edgar Martin Middle School, Lafayette Parish; and  
Bobby Hamlin, Rayne High School, Acadia Parish;

Region 5

Lynne P. Boggs, East Beauregard Elementary School, Beauregard Parish;  
Kimberly A. Hayes, DeRidder Junior High School, Beauregard Parish; and  
M. Keith Bonin, Sulphur High School, Calcasieu Parish;

Region 6

Nancy Rials, Forest Hill Elementary School, Rapides Parish;

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Region 7

Linda Mitchell, Central Park Elementary School, Bossier Parish;  
Cooper Knecht, Herndon Magnet School, Caddo Parish; and  
Kenneth Cochran, North Caddo Magnet School, Caddo Parish; and

Region 8

Anthony (Tony) J. Guirlando, Rayville Junior High School, Richland Parish;  
and  
Rosie M. Armstrong, Lake Providence Senior High School, East Carroll  
Parish.

The Board recognized the following 2008 Elementary, Middle, and High  
School State Principals of the Year:

2008 Elementary School Principal of the Year

Nancy Rials, Forest Hill Elementary School, Rapides Parish;

2008 Middle School Principal of the Year

Dr. Cheryl P. Milam, John Quincy Adams Middle School, Jefferson Parish;  
and

2008 High School Principal of the Year

Bobby Hamlin, Rayne High School, Acadia Parish.

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The Board returned to the regular agenda order.

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**Report by the State Superintendent of Education**

- On behalf of the Board and the Department of Education, Superintendent Pastorek and Dr. Stafford recognized and presented a framed certificate to Mr. Tommy Henry, who has spent more than 30 years with the Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA). Mr. Henry recently retired after 24 years as Commissioner of that organization. He began as an Administrative Assistant back in 1976 and has led the LHSAA through a period of unprecedented growth. Athletics are an important part of a school's pride and identity, and Commissioner Henry is leaving with the respect of educators and parents across the state.

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- Superintendent Pastorek made three key staffing announcements.
  - The Superintendent stated that one of the key positions in the Department of Education is the Director of the Division of Educational Improvement and Assistant and announced that Ms. Susan Batson has agreed to become the Acting Division Director.
    - Ms. Batson began working as a director for the Special Education section 25 years ago and has extensive knowledge in her field, and Superintendent Pastorek is confident that she will provide continuity as the Department and Board work toward their goal of raising student achievement across the state.
- The Superintendent also announced the retirement of Mr. Cline Jenkins, who has 28 years of service to the Special School District. Mr. Jenkins began as a teacher with Mandeville Hospital in 1979 and became the Director of the Special School District more than three years ago.
- Superintendent Pastorek announced that Ms. Virginia Beridon has agreed to accept the position of Acting Director for the Special School District. Ms. Beridon began her employment with the Department in the Special Education area in 1979 and most recently worked with the RSD. The Superintendent stated that he will count on her knowledge and understanding of what must happen in order for Special Education students to succeed and will also count on her empathy and caring for the special students who make up the Special School District.
- The Superintendent also announced that the Department has been selected to receive a 2007 USDA Team Nutrition Grant for approximately \$200,000. This grant will help to further a Coordinated School Health approach in nutrition education, will provide training and technical assistance to food service professionals, and will launch a communications campaign about the value of improving lifelong eating habits.

At this point in the meeting, the Board received remarks from Ms. Sharon Robinson, State Inspector General, regarding audit findings at Louisiana School for the Deaf.

Agenda  
Item 9-A

**8(g) Committee**

(Schedule 5)

9-A-1

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report of block grant projects for elementary/secondary education for FY 2007-2008.

- 9-A-2 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the following monitoring visit reports:
- recap reports for FY 2003-2004, FY 2004-2005, and 2005-2006;
  - report of project audits with no irregularities for FY 2005-2006;
  - the report of project audits with irregularities and responses accepted for FY 2005-2006; and
  - reports of project audits with irregularities awaiting a response for FY 2005-2006.
- 9-A-3 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the first quarter report on expenditures and budget balances of 8(g) projects for FY 2007-2008.
- 9-A-4 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board required the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board to refund \$1,103.70 to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education as a result of an audit finding for FY 2005-2006 competitive project number 6076. A computer system purchased for use by students being served by this project was located in a locked building being used for storage and, therefore, not being used for instructional purposes.
- 9-A-5 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the Annual Report for FY 2006-2007.
- 9-A-6 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the recommendations from the 8(g) Advisory Council of priorities for the allocation of 8(g) funds for FY 2008-2009.
- 9-A-7 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved setting the FY 2008-2009 8(g) budget at \$40,000,000.
- Agenda Item 9-B **Accountability and Assessment Committee** (Schedule 6)
- 9-B-1 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the following reports on LEAP, GEE, and iLEAP testing:
- Graduation Exit Examination (GEE) Fall Retest and
  - Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting.
- 9-B-2 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the monthly update on the public awareness campaign for accountability.

- 9-B-3 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report on the Regional Education Service Centers (RESC).
- 9-B-4 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the quarterly report on School Choice Plans.
- 9-B-5 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred until December 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" and referred this item to the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council. (This item was referred to the School and District Accountability Commission August 2007.)
- 9-B-6 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved as Notice of Intent Bulletin 127, *LEAP Alternate Assessment (LAA 1) Extended Standards* (LAC 28:CXLI), and authorized the Department to disseminate "draft" versions of the document to LEAs at this time.
- 9-B-7 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) and deleted this item from the agenda.
- 9-B-8 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred until December 2007 "Consideration of the 2006-2007 LEAP Remediation Summary Report."
- 9-B-9 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred until December 2007 "Consideration of a global report on how the Department is addressing the issue of streamlining the paperwork of LANA and DIG."
- 9-B-10 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved as a Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System: §703. Inclusion of Students in the Subgroup Component, §4302. District Responsibility Indicators, §4310. Subgroup Component AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress), and §4313. Corrective Actions.*
- 9-B-11 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the Department's recommendations regarding appeal and waiver requests submitted by LEAs/schools following the 2006-2007 accountability release, as follows:

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GRANT

<u>District</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Problem Area</u>
Avoyelles	Louisiana School for Agri. Science	Exit Data
Caddo	Fair Park School	Exit Data
Caddo	Green Oaks Magnet	Exit Data
Calcasieu	S.P. Arnett Middle	Testing Score
Calcasieu	Vinton Middle School	Test Coding
East Baton Rouge	La Belle Aire Elementary	Test Coding
East Baton Rouge	McKinley Sr. High	Exit Data
East Baton Rouge	Polk Elementary	Waiver
East Carroll	Lake Providence Jr. High	Exit Data
East Carroll	Lake Providence Sr. High	Exit Data
Livingston	Doyle High (Grad Cohort)	Exit Data
Lafayette	Acadiana High	Exit Data
Lafayette	Comeaux High	Exit Data
Livingston	Doyle High	Exit Data
Morehouse	Delta Jr. High	Bonus Points
Morehouse	East Side Elementary	Entry Data
Ouachita	Highland Elementary	Entry Data
Ouachita	Ouachita High School	Test Coding
Pointe Coupee	Livonia High	Exit Data
St. James	Lutcher High	Exit Data
St. Landry	Eunice Jr. High	Exit Data
St. Landry	Grand Coteau Elementary	Exit Data
St. Landry	Lawtell Elementary	Exit Data
St. Landry	Opelousas High	Exit Data
St. Landry	Port Barre Middle	Exit Data
St. Landry	North Central High	Exit Data
St. Landry	Beau Chene High	Exit Data
St. Landry	Arnaudville Elementary	Exit Data
St. Landry	Port Barre High	Exit Data
St. Landry	Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts	Exit Data
St. Martin	Catahoula Elementary	Exit Data
St. Martin	St. Martinville High	Exit Data
St. Mary	Berwick High	Exit Data
Tangipahoa	Independence High School	Exit Data
Tangipahoa	Kentwood High	Exit Data
Washington	Franklinton Jr. High	Exit Data
Washington	Franklinton High (Grad Cohort)	Exit Data
Washington	Mt. Hermon School	Exit Data
Washington	Pine High School (Dropouts)	Exit Data
Washington	Varnado High School	Exit Data

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PARTIALLY GRANT

<u>District</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Problem Area</u>
Avoyelles Requested 4	Avoyelles High School Granted 2	Exit Data
Caddo Requested 14	Captain Shreve High Granted 3	Exit Data
Caddo Requested 3	Captain Shreve High Granted 3	Test Data
Caddo Requested 17	Southwood Granted 12	Exit Data
East Baton Rouge Requested 19	Kenilworth Middle Granted 11	Test Data
Evangeline Requested 11	Mamou High School Granted 3	Exit Data
Evangeline Requested 8	Ville Platte High School Granted 1	Exit Data
Iberia Requested 7	Loreauville High Granted 2	Exit Data
Iberia Requested 7	Jeanerette Sr. High Granted 3	Exit Data
Lafayette Requested 5	Carencro High Granted 3	Exit Data
Lafayette Requested 3	Northside High Granted 1	Exit Data
Livingston Requested 4	Maurepas High Granted 3	Exit Data
Livingston Requested 3	Doyle High (Dropouts) Granted 2	Exit Data
Madison Requested 6	Madison High School Granted 1	Exit Data

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Ouachita Requested 3	Ouachita Junior High Granted 0	LAA1 1%
Ouachita Requested 2	Ouachita Junior High Granted 2	Exit Data
Ouachita Requested 2	West Ouachita High Granted 0	LAA1 1%
Ouachita Requested 2	West Ouachita High Granted 2	Test Data
Ouachita Requested 3	Jack Hayes School Granted 0	LAA1 1%
Ouachita Requested 2	Jack Hayes School Granted 2	Test Data
Red River Requested 7	Red River High School Granted 5	Exit Data
Richland Requested 2	Delhi High Granted 1	Exit Data
Sabine Requested 18	Many High Granted 17	Exit Data
Sabine Requested 7	Zwolle High Granted 5	Exit Data
St. Landry Requested 5	Eunice High Granted 4	Exit Data
St. Martin Requested 9	Cecilia High School Granted 7	Exit Data
Tangipahoa Requested 10	Ponchatoula High School Granted 5	Exit Data
Tangipahoa Requested 8	Hammond High Granted 2	Exit Data

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Washington Requested 16	Franklinton High (All Dropouts) Granted 14	Exit Data
City of Monroe Requested 2	Carroll High School Granted 1	Exit Data
SU Lab Requested 18	Southern U. Lab Granted 17	Exit Data

DENY

<u>District</u> Ascension Change has no impact	<u>School</u> St. Amant High	<u>Problem Area</u> Test Data
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Caddo Will receive credit in 2008	Northwood High School	Exit Data
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Evangeline Insufficient documentation	Pine Prairie High School	Exit Data
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Jackson Policy	Southside Elementary	Policy-Sharing
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Morehouse Policy	Oak Hill Elementary	Policy-Sharing
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Ouachita	Central/Calhoun Elem. (054)	LAA1 over 1%
Ouachita	Claiborne	LAA1 over 1%
Ouachita	Kiroli	LAA1 over 1%
Ouachita	Ouachita Parish Alt. Ctr.	LAA1 over 1%
Ouachita	Riser Middle	LAA1 over 1%
Ouachita	Robinson Elementary	LAA1 over 1%
Ouachita	Shady Grove Elementary	LAA1 over 1%
Ouachita	Swartz Upper/Lower Elem.	LAA1 over 1%
Ouachita	West Monroe High - Growth SPS	LAA1 over 1%
Ouachita	Riverbend Elementary	LAA1 over 1%
Documentation does not support student assessment with LAA1		

Ouachita Insufficient documentation	Good Hope Middle	Exit Data
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Ouachita Documentation does not support student assessment with LAA1	Richwood Jr. High	LAA1 over 1%
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Red River Policy	Red River Junior High	Policy - AA
St. Mary Assessment policy	Wyandotte Elementary	Test Voids - Plagiarism
Tangipahoa 2/3 will receive credit in 2008	Amite High School 1/3 insufficient documentation	Exit Data
Washington Will receive credit in 2008	Pine High School (All Grad Roster)	Exit Data
SSD Policy	LA School for Visually Impaired	Policy (Waiver)

9-B-12 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report on the Department's recommendations for the improved use of the Comprehensive Curriculum in the schools that are failing.

9-B-13 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred until December 2007 "Consideration of options and interventions BESE can consider regarding chronically failing schools, from prescriptive remedies such as precise curriculums to revoking school approval."

Agenda Item 9-C **Board Administration/Relations Committee** (Schedule 7)

9-C-1 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board received the status report on Board advisory council attendance.

9-C-2 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, 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. Jacobs, the Board approved the out-of-state travel request for Ms. Glenny Lee Buquet to attend the Education Trust meeting as Chair of the Blue Ribbon Commission in Washington, DC, on November 8-10, 2007.

9-C-4 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board received the travel reports for Department of Education employees' out-of-state expenditures.

- 9-C-5 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board received the travel reports for out-of-state travel to be reimbursed by the Department of Education for non-employees.
- 9-C-6 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board approved as a Notice of Intent the repeal of Bulletin 904, *Guidelines for Submission of a Charter School Proposal* (LAC 28:XXIII), in its entirety. All regulatory policy regarding charter schools will be contained in Bulletin 126, *Charter Schools* (LAC 28: CXXXIX), to be adopted in the next several months.
- 9-C-7 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board received the update report on the policy recommendations regarding the role and the authority of BESE and the State Superintendent concerning the Recovery School District, including timelines for policy development and a working outline of the RSD Bulletin, and retained this item on the agenda.
- 9-C-8 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board received the draft outline of the Charter School Bulletin for developing and implementing charter school authorizing policies and administrative procedures, and retained this item on the agenda.
- 9-C-9 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board received the written implementation plan of the Department's activities and state initiatives for the current year.
- 9-C-10 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board received the FY 2006-2007 Fourth Quarter Financial Reports and the FY 2007-2008 Annual Operating Budgets for Type 2 and Type 5 Charters Schools from Education Finance staff concerning the charter school budgets and expenditure reports, including irregularities or concerns.
- 9-C-11 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board received the "mock up" of the Charter School Annual Performance Report using the new evaluation framework and retained this item on the agenda.
- 9-C-12 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board received the status report on the material amendment granted to the Esperanza Charter School Association, Inc.
- 9-C-13 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board received the monthly report on the Recovery School District regarding the description of the Transitional School and Alternative School operated by the Recovery School District.

- 9-C-14 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board approved in concept the proposed 2008-2009 "Common Application Policy and Timeline for Public Schools in New Orleans."
- 9-C-15 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board deleted from the agenda, "Consideration of revisions to the Employee Handbook: Unauthorized Communications."
- 9-C-16 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board deferred until December 2007 consideration of the Annual RSD Legislatively Required Action Plan.
- 9-C-17 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Dr. Stafford, the Board deferred until December 2007, consideration of the framework and revised policy language for the procurement guide for the Recovery School District. Further, the Board directed that the Superintendent work with the Board President, Board Administration/Relations Committee Chair, and the Finance/Audit Review Committee Chair to complete the review of the procurement framework, develop a summary of proposed changes, and draft proposed policy language to be provided to Board members by November 26, 2007.

**NOTE:** Superintendent Pastorek stated that he will also prepare administrative procedures to reflect proposed RSD policy.

- 9-C-18 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board received the Superintendent's report of personnel actions and approved the personnel actions requiring Board approval for the Special School District and the BESE Special Schools.
- 9-C-19 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board deferred consideration of revisions to the Uniform Pay Scale.
- 9-C-20 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, the Board received the report on the Board policy regarding eligibility criteria for members of the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council (PSAC).

Agenda  
Item 9-D

**Finance/Audit Review Committee**

(Schedule 8)

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

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Ms. Johnson expressed the following concerns regarding the report of contracts over \$25,000:

- Clear measurable outcomes. We are spending a lot of money on tutoring and remediation, and it is not clear what success is achieved.

Example: Alexandria Housing Authority.

- Contacts. Whom should Board members contact for questions? Some staff listed on the report are no longer here.

Example: A comprehensive and coordinated disaster recovery plan in the wake of Hurricane Katrina was previously handled by Robin Jarvis.

- Multi year funding. Some contracts are to provide students with high quality mentoring and tutoring, and we spent a lot of time yesterday looking at the reading results. I am just concerned that if we are constantly putting money into some of these programs, we may need to take a closer look at their results on an annual basis.

Example: The Big Buddy Program.

I am basically trying to make the Department aware that I am very concerned about what the results are, in terms of mentoring and tutoring and remediation, for the dollars that we are spending. Yesterday, we could not see the results of it. So those are my concerns, and I did want it read into the record.

Ms. Washington stated that she would simply like to add to the concerns that President Johnson expressed by asking for a review of the results from these educational programs to determine program effectiveness.

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

9-D-3 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the BA-7 for Louisiana School for the Deaf for an increase in budget authority to receive additional special education federal funds.

- 9-D-4 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved allowing for the consolidation of all RSD business under Section IV.F. by adding IV.F.6 to include consideration of all RSD contracts.
- 9-D-5 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the property in Natchitoches, Louisiana, owned by BESE and retained this item on the agenda.
- 9-D-6 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report of the Fiscal Dialogue with Morehouse Parish School Board.
- 9-D-7 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board:
- a. received the report on the MFP formula;
  - b. approved including the FY 2008-2009 simulation in the FY 2008-2009 Budget Request as a “placeholder” with the actual FY 2008-2009 formula being submitted to the Legislature on or before March 15, 2008;
  - c. received the analysis of Career and Technical Education Unit Weight;
  - d. received the history of inclusion of LSU and Southern University Lab Schools in the MFP; and
  - e. received the information on Pay for Performance plans.
- 9-D-8 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board referred to the High School Redesign Committee consideration of future funding needs for Career and Technical Education, including the establishment of learning facilities.
- 9-D-9 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report regarding the use of weights in the MFP Formula and the at-risk weight target.
- 9-D-10 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the audit report by the Legislative Auditor on the Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired.
- 9-D-11 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the audit report from the Department of Education’s Director of Internal Audit and the report from the Louisiana Inspector General regarding the Louisiana School for the Deaf audit findings.
- 9-D-12 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board authorized the submission of the BESE Special Schools and Special School District budget requests for FY 2008-2009.

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

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

Allocation: Neglected and Delinquent  
Amount: \$22,419  
Funding Period: 07/01/06 – 09/30/07  
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of these funds is to provide assistance to meet the special needs of neglected and delinquent children and youth in state operated or supported institutions for neglected or delinquent youth, adult correctional institutions, and community day programs for neglected or delinquent children.

Basis of Allocation: The state received additional funding from USDOE after internal audits were conducted in other states. These audits resulted in downward adjustments to the state agency neglected or delinquent counts that these states submitted. Additional allocations to each entity were arrived at by taking the additional funding and dividing it by the total enrollment to determine the per pupil amount. Allocations are computed on the 2005 student enrollment in a regular program of instruction as reported to USDOE in state operated or supported institutions, adult correctional institutions, and community day programs for neglected or delinquent children.

**Educators Support- Formula**

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

Allocation: National Certified School Social Work Specialist  
Amount: \$1,210,000  
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 06/30/08  
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: R.S. 17:421.9 is designed to provide a relative salary supplement for public school social workers who hold certain school psychology credentials and certificates issued by the National School Social Workers Board.

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Basis of Allocation: School Social Workers who hold both a valid Louisiana

ancillary certificate approved and issued by BESE and a National Certified School Social Workers credential issued by the National School Social Workers Certification Board and who are employed by a school board to provide services to students will receive an additional \$5,000 salary supplement in the 2007-2008 school year. Submitted documentation was required by September 15 of this school 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.

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

Allocation: National School Psychologists  
Amount: \$910,000  
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 06/30/08  
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: R.S. 17:421.9 is designed to provide a relative salary supplement for public school psychologists who hold certain school psychology credentials and certificates issued by the National School Psychology Board (NSPCB).

Basis of Allocation: School psychologists who hold both a valid Louisiana ancillary certificate approved and issued by BESE, and a National Certified School Psychologist credential issued by the National School Psychology Certification Board (NSPCB) and who are employed by a school board to provide services to students will receive an additional \$5000 salary supplement in the 2007-2008 school year. Submitted documentation was required by September 15<sup>th</sup> of this school 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.

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

Allocation: Louisiana Teacher Assistance & Assessment  
Program  
Amount: \$2,826,580  
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 06/30/08  
Source of Funds: State

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Purpose: The Louisiana Teacher Assistance and Assessment Program

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

Basis of Allocation: Approximately \$400 per new teacher will be provided to participating school systems based on the number of new teachers in semesters 1 through 7 of LaTAAP as of October 2, 2007.

#### **School and Community Support - Formula**

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

Allocation: Rural Education Achievement Program  
Amount: \$5,607,191  
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 09/30/08  
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: Title VI, Part B of ESEA, as amended, provides funds to high-poverty, rural LEAs to supplement the LEA's activities under selected formula-funded Federal programs. LEAs have the flexibility to use their allocations for any of the following:

- 1) teacher recruitment and retention, including use of signing bonuses and other financial incentives;
- 2) teacher professional development, including special needs teachers;
- 3) educational technology, as described in Part D of Title II;
- 4) parental involvement activities;
- 5) activities authorized under Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program under Part A of Title IV;
- 6) activities authorized under Part A of Title I; and
- 7) activities authorized under Title III.

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Basis of Allocation: Eligible LEAs are districts with Title I poverty data

reflecting a rate of poor children ages 5 to 17 equal to or greater than 20% and with all schools with Locale Codes of 6, 7, or 8. The formula is based upon student count using average daily attendance (ADA) weighted for LEAs with poverty rate of students ages 5 to 17 equal to or greater than 40%. Each LEA must submit a plan and budget to the Department of Education for approval before their allocation can be expended.

**Disadvantaged or Disabled Student Support - Competitive**

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

Allocation: Even Start Family Literacy Program  
Amount: \$11,035.00  
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 09/30/08  
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to break the cycle of poverty and illiteracy by integrating early childhood education, adult education, parenting education, and parent and child together time into a unified family literacy program. Implementation is achieved through cooperative projects that build on existing community resources to create a new range of services, to promote academic achievement of children and adults, and to assist them in achieving challenging state content and student performance standards.

Basis of Allocation: This additional funding from the USDOE is Louisiana's portion of funds that were turned down by Kansas for the 2007-2008 program year. Louisiana Even Start grantees were awarded \$136.50 times the number of families served per project for FY 06-07.

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

Allocation: Even Start Family Literacy Program  
Amount: \$41,225.00  
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 09/30/08  
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to break the cycle of poverty and illiteracy by integrating early childhood education, adult education, parenting education, and parent and child together time into a unified family literacy program. Implementation is achieved through cooperative projects that build on existing community resources to create a new range of services, to

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promote academic achievement of children and adults, and to assist them in

achieving challenging state content and student performance standards.

Basis of Allocation: This additional funding reflects Louisiana’s portion of funds the USDOE no longer uses for the Institute of National Literacy. Louisiana’s Even Start grantees were awarded \$136.50 times the number of families served per project for FY 06-07.

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**Classroom Technology - Other**

Ms. Washington offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, that the Board approve the following grant and direct the Department, under the supervision of the Superintendent, to change the formula of the Classroom Technology fund, so that the funding criteria reflects the number of high school students in the district (in lieu of the number of high schools), the student to computer ratio in the high schools in the district (in lieu of the overall district student to computer ratio), and the district bandwidth capacity. Further, it was moved that the Board cap the Technology Grant at \$850,000 per district and that those remaining dollars be redistributed to the smaller districts as defined in the 8(g) Competitive Awards guidelines.

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

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 reading overall infrastructure for delivery of online end-of-course exams.

Discussion followed.

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Ms. Johnson offered a substitute motion, seconded by Dr. Stafford, that the

Board approve the grant allocation and that the Classroom Based Technology public allocations for FY 2007-2008 be allocated based on Column A (Allocation Amount Based on Schools) of the spreadsheet provided by the Department; that the allocations be capped at \$700,000; and that the difference be redistributed to the smaller districts as defined in the 8(g) Competitive Awards guidelines.

Discussion followed.

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A Roll Call Vote was taken on Ms. Johnson's substitute motion.

Yeas: Mr. Lee, Dr. Stafford, and Ms. Johnson.

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

Abstains: None.

The substitute motion offered by Ms. Johnson failed.

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Mr. Bayard offered a second substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Givens, that the Board approve the Technology Grant and direct the Department, under the supervision of the Superintendent, to change the formula of the Classroom Technology fund, so that the funding criteria reflects the number of high school students in the district (in lieu of the number of high schools), the student to computer ratio in the high schools in the district (in lieu of the overall district student to computer ratio), and the district bandwidth capacity. Further, it was moved that the Board cap the Technology Grant at \$700,000 per district and that those remaining dollars be redistributed to the smaller districts as defined in the 8(g) Competitive Awards guidelines.

A Roll Call Vote was taken on Mr. Bayard's substitute motion.

Yeas: Mr. Bayard, Ms. Givens, Mr. Lee, Dr. Stafford, and Ms. Johnson.

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

Abstains: None.

The substitute motion offered by Mr. Bayard failed.

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**Classroom Technology - Other**

9-D-20 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the following grant and directed the Department, under the supervision of the Superintendent, to change the formula of the Classroom Technology Fund, so that the funding criteria reflects the number of high school students in the district (in lieu of the number of high schools), the student to computer ratio in the high schools in the district (in lieu of the overall district student to computer ratio), and the district bandwidth capacity. Further, the Board capped the Technology Grant at \$850,000 per district and directed that those remaining dollars be redistributed to the smaller districts as defined in the 8(g) Competitive Awards guidelines.

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

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 reading overall infrastructure for delivery of online end-of-course exams.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

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

Nays: Mr. Lee and Dr. Stafford.

Abstains: None.

The motion passed.

**School Accountability & Improvement - Other**

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

Allocation: Public Charter School Grant Program  
Amount: \$3,000,000  
Funding Period: 04/01/07 – 07/31/08  
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The Purpose of this program 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.

9-D-22 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the Community Development Block Grant Program funds.

9-D-23 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the Retention Incentive Plan and Referral Incentive Plan for the RSD and retained this item on the agenda. The annual report will be due June of each year.

9-D-24 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the FEMA reimbursements to the RSD and retained this item on the agenda.

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

- a. received the report on the 2007-2008 RSD Budget separated according to the categories of recurring funds, one-time funds, and capital funds and retained this item on the agenda; and
- b. approved the recommendations to:
  1. allow the RSD to access \$8,900,800 of the \$10 million district-wide Restart contingency fund, an allocation approved by BESE this summer. This allocation will cover the \$7,500,800 cost of the RSD's Teacher Reserve and the initial \$1.4 million cost of the district's city-wide Alternative Education Program.
  2. allocate an additional \$5,620,429 million in FY 2008 in federal Restart funds to cover the costs of the district's 2006-2007 contractual carryover costs for food service and transportation and an additional \$5 million to serve as a reserve for the district's Alternative Education program, which will serve all New Orleans students, regardless of school or district of origin.

- 9-D-26 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the 2006-2007 RSD Budget and deleted this item from the agenda.
- 9-D-27 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board authorized the Department to submit the FY 2008-2009 Budget Request for all Department and BESE appropriations to the Commissioner of Administration by November 1, 2007.
- 9-D-28 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board authorized BESE to submit the BESE Budget Request for FY 2008-2009 to the Office of Planning and Budget by November 1, 2007.
- 9-D-29 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the contracts \$25,000 and under approved by the State Superintendent.
- 9-D-30 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the Recovery School District (RSD) contracts approved by the State Superintendent and the Chair of the Finance/Audit Review Committee.

### **Action**

#### **Executive Office of Superintendent**

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

Contractor: Hometown Productions  
Previous Contract: Yes  
Amount: \$49,270.00  
Contract Period: 08/01/07 - 08/31/08  
Fund: See Attachment 1

Description of Services: The contractor will provide production and statewide placement of video news releases via satellite uplink.

#### **Office of School and Community Support**

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

Contractor: Ciber, Inc.  
Previous Contract: Yes  
Original Amount: \$300,000.00

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Amended Amount: \$300,000.00  
 Revised Amount: \$600,000.00  
 Contract Period: 02/01/07 - 01/31/08  
 Amended End Date: 01/31/09  
 Revised Contract Duration: 2 years  
 Fund: Federal

Description of Services: This amendment is necessary to allow the Division of Nutrition Assistance to exercise the renewal option for a one year period. This continuation of services is to be provided under a three (3) year contract approved by BESE effective January 2007. The contractor will provide enhancement developments and maintenance of the Child Nutrition Programs database and user interface systems.

9-D-33 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved 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

Description of Services: This Memorandum of Understanding's overall goal is to provide adult education basic literacy and workplace preparation instruction as authorized by Act 18 of the Regular Legislative Session targeting Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and surrounding areas.

#### **Office of Student and School Performance**

9-D-34 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

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

Description of Services: The contractor will provide support for schedule and redesign and implementation of schedule changes for the middle and high schools implementing the Louisiana Literacy Plan.

#### **Special Consideration**

**Office of Management and Finance**

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

Contractor: Grover Austin  
Previous Contract: Yes  
Amount: \$360,000.00  
Contract Period: 10/1/07 - 09/30/09  
Fund: Federal- IAT- Restart

Description of Services: The contractor to provide financial management/accounting and auditing services to the Department of Education in the recovery of Louisiana school boards.

**Office of School and Community Support**

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

Contractor: The Power Project  
Previous Contract: No  
Amount: \$197,964.00  
Contract Period: 11/01/07 - 08/31/08  
Fund: TANF – IAT – DSS

Description of Services: The contractor to provide after school youth development programs for K-12 students, which will include academic instruction, enrichment, and recreation activities.

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

Contractor: Rapides Parish School Board  
Previous Contract: No  
Amount: \$300,000.00  
Contract Period: 11/01/07 - 06/30/08  
Fund: State – Line Appropriation Item

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 salaries and related benefits for the principal, twenty (20) special education teachers, and twenty (20) special education para-professionals at the St. Mary's Residential Training Facility.

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

Contractor: The Restoration Center  
Previous Contract: Yes  
Amount: \$72,833.00  
Contract Period: 11/01/07 - 08/31/08  
Fund: TANF – IAT-DSS

Description of Services: The contractor to provide after school youth development programs for K-12 students, which will include academic instruction, enrichment, and recreation activities.

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

Contractor: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Programs  
Previous Contract: Yes  
Original Amount: \$2,588,049.50  
Amended Amount: \$1,709,088.29  
Revised Amount: \$4,297,137.81  
Contract Period: 07/10/07 - 12/31/07  
Fund: Federal – 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Description: This amendment increases funding to provide expanded academic enrichment opportunities for children attending low performing schools through the creation of community learning centers.

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

Contractor: Vietnamese (VIET) Initiatives in Economic Training  
Previous Contract: Yes  
Amount: \$123,078.00  
Contract Period: 11/01/07 - 08/31/08  
Fund: TANF – IAT – DSS

Description: The contractor to provide after school youth development programs for K-12 students, which will include academic instruction, enrichment, and recreation activities.

**Office of Student and School Performance**

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

Contractor: JBHM Educational Group, LLC  
 Previous Contract: Yes  
 Original Amount: \$2,044,050.00  
 Amended Amount: \$429,000.00  
 Revised Amount: \$2,473,050.00  
 Contract Period: 01/19/07 - 06/30/08  
 Fund: State – Distinguished Educators

Description: This amendment will provide funding to support the inclusion of the additional Scholastic Audits for the Academically Unacceptable Schools identified in the Fall 2007 Accountability Release.

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

Contractor: University of New Orleans  
 Previous Contract: Yes  
 Original Amount: \$750,000.00  
 Amended Amount: \$2,250,000.00  
 Revised Amount: \$3,000,000.00  
 Contract Period: 06/01/07 - 11/30/07  
 Amended End Date: 05/31/10  
 Revised Contract Duration: 3 years  
 Fund: Federal - IDEA B Support Services Policy

Description: This amendment will provide additional funding and extended time to support teacher preparation programs leading to certification of Highly Qualified teachers in Louisiana for the area of low incidence disabilities.

**Office of Educator Support - LCET**

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

Contractor: Education Development Center  
 Previous Contract: Yes  
 Amount: \$289,250.00

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

Fund: LSTS 8(g)

Description: Through a competitive request for proposal process, the contractor will develop a coordinated series of Algebra I focused online professional development modules that will provide teachers with anywhere, anytime access to targeted professional development opportunities designed to increase their Algebra I mathematics knowledge and pedagogy.

**Office of Special School District – Central Office**

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

Contractor: Office of Citizens with Developmental Disabilities  
Previous Contract: Yes  
Amount: \$1,438,262.00  
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08  
Fund: Incoming Funds

Description: The contractor will provide services to eligible IDEIA for Special School District students residing in Office of Citizens with Developmental Disabilities facilities consistent with levels established per this agreement.

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

Contractor: Education Research & Info. Services  
Previous Contract: Yes  
Amount: \$41,988.00  
Contract Period: 11/05/07 - 06/3008  
Fund: Federal - IAT - Special Education IDEA B

Description: The contractor will provide training to employees on how thinking and behaviors affect participants personally and professionally as they communicate, create, work in teams, lead, and teach.

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

Contractor: ECM Consultants, Inc.  
Previous Contract: Yes  
Original Amount: \$355,431.00  
Amended Amount: \$331,153.70  
Revised Amount: \$686,584.70  
Contract Period: 06/15/07 - 06/30/09  
Fund: Federal - FEMA

Description: This amendment modifies the original contract to include additional architectural scope of work for the environmental assessment and design and contract administration for demolition of RSD schools at multiple sites.

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

Contractor: Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Inc.  
Previous Contract: Yes  
Original Amount: \$2,693,508.00  
Revised Amount: \$3,346,103.00  
Amended Amount: \$652,595.00  
Contract Period: 01/11/07 - 01/10/08  
Fund: Federal - FEMA

Description: The contractor is hired to perform architectural and engineering services in constructing modular schools for the Recovery School District. This amendment amount is needed for the following reason:

Adjust the Available Funds for Construction (AFC) for the site work scope of \$36,756,439.72 in construction costs, of which the designer fee calculates to the amended amount reflected.

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

Contractor: Mathes Brierre Architects  
Previous Contract: Yes  
Amount: \$202,532.00  
Contract Period: 08/20/07 - 08/20/08  
Fund: Federal - FEMA

Description: The contractor is hired to perform architectural services for the environmental assessment, design, and contract administration for demolition of RSD schools at multiple sites.

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

Contractor: A & A Consulting, LLC  
Previous Contract: Yes  
Amount: \$23,000.00  
Contract Period: 10/01/07 - 12/31/07  
Fund: Federal - IAT- Restart

Description: This contractor will continue to provide consulting services in identifying and implementing best practices in procurement management.

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

Contractor: Armando Almendarez  
Previous Contract: Yes  
Original Amount: \$38,400.00  
Amended Amount: \$14,400.00  
Revised Amount: \$52,800.000  
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 10/31/07  
Amended End Date: 01/31/08  
Revised Contract Duration: 7 months  
Fund: Federal - IAT- Restart

Description: This contractor will continue to provide consulting services to the RSD on curriculum and early childhood for the effective and efficient operation of RSD schools.

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

Contractor: Cozette Buckney  
Previous Contract: Yes  
Original Amount: \$38,400.00  
Amendment Amount: \$14,400.00  
Revised Amount: \$52,800.00  
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 10/31/07  
Amended End Date: 01/31/08  
Revised Contract Duration: 7 months  
Fund: Federal - IAT- Restart

Description: This contractor will continue to provide consulting services to the RSD on inner district operations, policy, and labor relations for the effective and efficient operation of RSD schools.

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

Contractor: DHH Office of Public Health  
Previous Contract: Yes  
Amount: \$1,200,000.00  
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08  
Fund: Incoming Funds

Description: The contractor will transfer these funds to the Recovery School District for the purpose of constructing or renovating 1 – 4 schools within the RSD that will be used to house school-based health centers.

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

Contractor: GCR and Associates  
Previous Contract: Yes  
Amount: \$183,813.00  
Contract Period: 08/01/07 - 04/27/08  
Fund: Federal - IAT- Restart

Description: Through a competitive request for proposal process, the contractor will assist the RSD and OPSB in creating an immediate demographic projection study for the 2007-2008 school year and preparing a

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demographic analysis at the neighborhood and planning district levels over the next 10 schools. The contractor will work with the Facilities Master Planner and project implementation schedule addressing future enrollment projections and capacity needs.

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

Contractor:	Nilsa Gonzales
Previous Contract:	Yes
Original Amount:	\$57,600.00
Amended Amount:	\$28,800.00
Revised Amount:	\$86,400.00
Contract Period:	07/01/07 - 10/31/07
Amended End Date:	01/31/08
Revised Contract Duration:	7 months
Fund:	Federal - IAT- Restart

Description: This contractor will continue to provide consulting services to the RSD on recruitment and school management for the effective and efficient operation of RSD schools.

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

Contractor:	Gwendolyn Morris
Previous Contract:	Yes
Original Amount:	\$38,400.00
Amended Amount:	\$21,600.00
Revised Amount:	\$60,000.00
Contract Period:	07/01/07 - 10/31/07
Amendment End Date:	01/31/08
Revised Contract Duration:	7 months
Fund:	Federal - IAT- Restart

Description: This contractor will continue to provide consulting services to the RSD on alternative schools and student discipline for the effective and efficient operation of RSD schools.

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

Contractor:	New Orleans Parish School Board
Previous Contract:	Yes

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Amount: \$2,853,265  
Contract Period: 08/16/07 - 07/31/08  
Fund: Federal – IAT- Title I

Description: The contractor will provide all required Title I services required by law to private schools in Orleans Parish assigned to the Recovery School District

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

Contractor: Louise Zimmerman  
Previous Contract: Yes  
Amount: \$34,560.00  
Contract Period: 09/01/07 - 08/31/07  
Fund: Federal - IAT- IDEA

Description: The contractor will assist the RSD in implementing procedures regarding the provision of PT services that is aligned with the Referenced Handbook for OT and PT in LA schools. The contractor will conduct PT assessments on newly identified special education students in the RSD and PT assessments for re-evaluation or additional concerns of previously identified special education students.

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

Contractor: Urban League of Greater New Orleans  
Previous Contract: No  
Amount: \$250,000  
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08  
Fund: State

Description: The agreement provides for the establishment of an Urban League Parent Information Center (PIC) which will provide valid and reliable data to parents to support informed school choice decisions.

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

Contractor: Universal Placement International, Inc.  
Previous Contract: No  
Amount: \$50,000

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Contract Period: 08/01/07 - 12/31/07  
Fund: Federal - IAT- Restart

Description: The contractor will provide the District with teacher recruitment and placement services which meets the needs of the District as well as recruit up to 20 teachers in the area of special education to be employed by the RSD

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

Contractor: Hillard Heintz, LLC  
Previous Contract: Yes  
Amount: \$95,000  
Contract Period: 08/01/07 - 06/30/08  
Funds: Federal - IAT- Restart

Description of Service: The contractor will provide consulting services to the RSD on Safety and Security.

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

Contractor: The Burge Group  
Previous Contract: No  
Amount: \$60,000  
Contract Period: 11/1/07 - 06/30/08  
Funds: MFP-IAT

Description of Service: The contractor will assist the RSD in establishing its high schools as successful, high performing schools in the larger, newly created, New Orleans "system of schools" within three to five years.

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

Contractor: Greater New Orleans Foundation  
Previous Contract: No  
Amount: \$0.00  
Contract Period: 09/01/07 - TBA

Description of Service: This agreement provides for the Greater New Orleans Foundation to assist in ensuring that monetary donations to the Recovery School District are distributed in a legal, efficient, and expeditious manner.

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

Contractor: The Shaw Group  
Amount: \$28,800  
Contract Period: 09/01/07 - 12/31/07  
Funds: Federal - IAT- Restart

Description of Service: The contractor will provide consulting services in the area of finance and audit.

9-D-64 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: AT&T  
Amount: \$48,125  
Contract Period: 09/01/07 - 12/31/07  
Funds: Federal - IAT- Restart

Description of Service: The contractor will provide consulting services to RSD Central Office on technology infrastructure.

9-D-65 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: La Public Health Institute, School Health Connections  
Previous Contract: Yes  
Amount: \$0.00  
Contract Period: 10/01/07 - 09/30/07  
Funds: N/A

Description of Service: The agreement provides for collaboration between the Recovery School District and the Louisiana Public Health Institute, School Health Connections, to establish School Based Health Clinics.

9-D-66 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board:

- a. received the policies concerning required reporting of movable property; and
- b. approved as Notice of Intent revisions to §1105 of Bulletin 1929, *Louisiana Governmental and Accounting Handbook*, to increase the capitalization threshold for tangible assets from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

- Agenda Item 9-E      **High School Redesign Committee**      (Schedule 9)
- 9-E-1      On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board received the report on the development of statewide articulation agreements and retained this item on the agenda.
- 9-E-2      On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board received the report on consideration of alternative ways to structure electives for students who opt into the Louisiana Core Curriculum in order to emphasize career pathways and deleted this item from the agenda.
- 9-E-3      On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board received the report on the High School Redesign Commission.
- 9-E-4      On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board received the report regarding the results of the Math Catch-up Curriculum and deleted this item from the agenda. Further, the Board directed the LDE to study the preponderance of 9<sup>th</sup> grade students with low-level reading skills making it through high stakes testing and being enrolled in traditional high school classes and referred this item back to the Committee for discussion in December 2007.
- 9-E-5      On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board deleted from the agenda the report regarding the results and issues related to the field testing of the End-of-Course Algebra I test.
- 9-E-6      On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board deferred consideration of naming options for the new proposed high school core curriculum until January 2008.
- 9-E-7      On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board approved the revised Request for Proposal for the Credit Recovery Grant Program.
- 9-E-8      On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board approved the revised letter to the Louisiana Craft Workforce Development Board regarding "Recommendations for Confronting the Skilled Construction Workforce Shortage in Louisiana" and deleted this item from the agenda.
- 9-E-9      On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board deferred until February 2008 consideration of the revisions to Nonpublic Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrations*, regarding changes to graduation requirements.

Agenda Item 9-F      **Legal/Due Process Committee**      (Schedule 10)

9-F-1      On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board granted the reinstatement of the Louisiana teaching certificate, Type A045192, of **Mr. Dema Thomas Schexnayder** as a result of a court order issued by Judge Kay Bates of the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court in Docket No. 553113, which vacated BESE's denial of Mr. Schexnayder request for reinstatement and ordered BESE to grant **Mr. Dema Thomas Schexnayder's** request for reinstatement of his teaching certificate.

9-F-2      On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board granted the reinstatement of the Type B teaching certificate for **Mr. John Rougeou**.

Agenda Item 9-G      **Legislative/Policy Oversight Committee**      (Schedule 11)

9-G-1      On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board deferred until December 2007 consideration of the study report pursuant to House Resolution 121 of the 2007 Regular Session of the Legislature regarding teacher benefits.

Agenda Item 9-H      **Quality Educators Committee**      (Schedule 12)

9-H-1      On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board received the following reports of activities for Professional Accountability:

- a. Louisiana Teacher Assistance and Assessment Program (LaTAAP),
- b. Louisiana FIRST (*Framework for Inducting, Retaining, and Supporting Teachers*) *Online Activities*, and
- c. Professional Development System Implementation.

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

- a. Louisiana School Turnaround Specialist Program (LSTS) and
- b. Louisiana Educational Leaders Induction Program (LELI).

9-H-3      On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board received the report on the Teacher Advancement Program (TAP).

- 9-H-4 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board approved the following redesigned teacher preparation programs at Northwestern State University: Scholars' College Option for Baccalaureate Degrees in Elementary Education Grades 1-5, English Education Grades 6-12, Instrumental Music Education K-12, and Vocal Music Education Grades K-12.
- 9-H-5 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board approved the request for a one year delay, from Spring 2008 to Spring 2009, of the NCATE accreditation visit for Grambling State University.
- 9-H-6 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board approved the 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.
- 9-H-7 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board followed the Teacher Certification Appeals Council's recommendation and continued deferral of 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, Texas, 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-8 On motion of Ms. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board granted **Melissa W. Pierce** certification as School Counselor K-12.
- Agenda Item 9-I **Strategic Planning Study Group** (Schedule 13)
- 9-I-1 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the status report on the St. Helena Parish School System.
- 9-I-2 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred 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-3 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred until December 2007 consideration of a discussion with the Madison Parish School System regarding their progress in addressing the high percentage of non-graduating seniors.
- 9-I-4 On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred until December 2007 consideration of the results from an audit of City of Baker Schools' attendance data.
- Agenda Item 9-J **Student and School Standards/Instruction Committee** (Schedule 14)
- 9-J-1 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the October 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. Givens, the Board approved the Recovery School District's (RSD) request for waiver of §505, of Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, which requires that all personnel providing professional services be certified according to the requirements of Bulletin 746. The RSD wishes to hire seven individuals who have Master's Degrees in Counseling and are working toward full certification to serve as school counselors for the 2007-2008 school year; these persons are: Phadria Reed, Violida Barnett, Niquelle Lackings, Aline Perkins, Neisha Riley, Vanessa Claverie, and Wanda Cordoba.
- 9-J-3 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the recommendation from the Department for the waiver of §907, of Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, on a pilot basis for the 2007-2008 school year for East Baton Rouge Parish CAN Academies for 4,500 instructional minutes to award a Carnegie Credit as opposed to the 7,965 minutes required as a minimum for schools on an 8-period schedule; this waiver applies only to students who are two or more years behind their peers and are enrolled at the East Baton Rouge CAN Academies. Further, the Board approved with the following stipulations:
- a. the courses at the Baton Rouge CAN! Academies meet all Louisiana content standards and Grade-Level Expectations,
  - b. the students pass a credit exam approved by the Department to receive Carnegie credit for any course not meeting the minimum instructional minutes required in §907 of Bulletin 741, and
  - c. East Baton Rouge Parish provide a report to the Department on the results of the pilot program at the end of the 2007-2008 school year.

- 9-J-4 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the recommendation from the Department for the approval of a waiver of §913.A. of Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, which limits the class size in grades K-6 to 26 students, for one third grade class at Catahoula Elementary School in St. Martin Parish; twenty-seven students are enrolled in this class.
- 9-J-5 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the 2006-2007 Nonpublic Annual School Reports and 2007-2008 Nonpublic School Classifications.
- 9-J-6 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report and retained on the agenda the approval for 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.
- 9-J-7 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred action on consideration of a report on the State's evaluation by the U. S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).
- 9-J-8 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report on revisions to Bulletin 1706, *Regulations for Implementation of the Children with Exceptionalities Act*, and referred these revisions to the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council and the Special Education Advisory Council.
- 9-J-9 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report on the Annual Performance Report (APR) under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and referred this item to the Special Education Advisory Council.
- 9-J-10 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report on the list of school districts not administering DIBELS, including the results of the reading scores for their students on the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade iLEAP.
- 9-J-11 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report on the Spring 2007 Reading Report.
- 9-J-12 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved requests for Before and After School Enrichment waivers for the LA4 Pre-Kindergarten Program, as recommended by the Department.
- 9-J-13 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report on a discussion regarding alternative school programs.

- 9-J-14 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the request to apply for a Coordinated School Health Infrastructure Grant.
- 9-J-15 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the evaluation criteria and a timeline that requires that evaluations will be completed in June 2008 for the 2007-2008 Supplemental Education Providers that were *Provisionally Approved*, those scoring between 60 and 80, in September 2007.
- 9-J-16 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved as a Notice of Intent the revisions to Bulletin 120, *Adult Education Data Quality and Procedures*: §101. Introduction, §303. Approved Assessments, §305. Placement in an Educational Functioning Level, §307. Follow-up Assessments, §309. Special Populations, §501. NRS Core and Secondary Measures, §505. Student Goal Setting for Core Measures, §507. Data Matching, §701. Data Accuracy and Entry, §703. Quarterly Reporting, §705. LiteracyPro Data System, and §707. Resolving Data Analysis Problems and Deviations.
- 9-J-17A On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Dr. Chase, the Board approved the list of K-12 Reading and Literature textbooks, as recommended by the Department.
- 9-J-17B On motion of Dr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board directed that the Superintendent of Education review the textbook adoption process and make recommendations to the Board, including the following:
- that the Board set the percentages established for the GLEs and that the percentage is decided upon before the Textbook Adoption Committee is selected,
  - that there is actual teacher representation for each grade level on all Textbook Adoption Committees, and
  - that there is assurance of adoption of full series.
- 9-J-18 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred until December 2007 consideration of establishing a project in numeracy.
- 9-J-19 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report on Universal PreKindergarten.

Agenda **Board Advisory Council Reports**  
Item 10

Agenda **8(g) Advisory Council** (Schedule 15)  
Item 10-A

On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board received the minutes of the 8(g) Advisory Council meeting held October 2, 2007.

Agenda **Nonpublic School Commission** (Schedule 16)  
Item 10-B

On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Given, the Board received the minutes of the Nonpublic School Commission meeting held September 28, 2007.

Further, the Board approved as Notice of Intent revisions to Nonpublic Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators*, regarding the requirement of twelve semester hours of professional education courses adding §303.J. as follows:

§303. Instructional Staff

J. In lieu of the 12 hours of Knowledge of the Learner and the Learning Environment courses. A teacher may be considered qualified providing the following stipulations have been met:

1. The teacher has documented experience at one of the following levels:
  - a. Ten years teaching experience at the collegiate level as an assistant professor, associate professor, or full professor or
  - b. Ten years teaching experience in an approved elementary, middle, or secondary school; and
2. The teacher has the content knowledge qualifications required in §303(A)(2)(b) or §303(B); or
3. The teacher has a master's degree in the teaching area; and
4. The teacher has taught for a probationary period of at least one year with a satisfactory evaluation at the school seeking employment of the teacher.

In addition, the Board approved as Notice of Intent revisions to Nonpublic Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators*, regarding §303.B. Instructional Staff deleting the word "secondary" as follows:

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## §303. Instructional Staff

- B. A ~~secondary~~ teacher may teach in areas other than the major field for a period of time that is less than one-half of the school day provided that he has earned at least 12 semester hours in each such area. (Exception may be made for teachers in trade and industrial education classes.) These teachers must hold a degree from a regionally accredited institution and have earned 12 semester hours of professional education courses.

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Item 11

**Board Advisory Council Appointments**

(Schedule 17)

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the appointment of Ms. Chris Cohea to the 8(g) Advisory Council upon the recommendation of Ms. Cohea, President of the Louisiana PTA. Ms. Cohea replaces Ms. Cheryl Joslyn on the Council.

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the appointment of Ms. Cleopatra Pete to the Louisiana Educational Assessment Testing Commission upon the recommendation of Ms. Chris Cohea, Louisiana PTA President. Ms. Pete replaces Ms. Cathy Lorio on the Commission.

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the appointment of Superintendent P. Edward Cancienne, Jr., to the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council upon the recommendation of Ms. Linda M. Johnson. Superintendent Cancienne fills a vacancy on the Council.

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the appointment of Ms. Susan Batson to the Special Education Advisory Council upon the recommendation of Superintendent Paul G. Pastorek. Ms. Batson replaces Dr. Susan Aysenne on the Council.

Agenda  
Item 12

**Received and/or Referred**

Agenda  
Item 12-A

On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board received and referred to the Quality Educators Committee: Consideration of a request for revisions to the Practitioner Teacher Program.

(Schedule 18)

- Agenda Item 12-B On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board received and referred to the Quality Educators Committee: Consideration of revisions to the Cooperative Office Education certification policy for inclusion in Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*. (Schedule 19)
- Agenda Item 15 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Dr. Chase, the Board received the report given by Dr. Craig Ramey, noted Early Childhood researcher, regarding the 2006-2007 evaluation of the LA 4 and Starting Points Prekindergarten Programs. Further, the Board requested that in December 2007 the Department provide additional data regarding the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade iLEAP. (Schedule 20)
- NOTE:** This item is referred to the Accountability and Assessment Committee.
- Agenda Item 16 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board received the monthly report of appointments and separations in the Department of Education. (Schedule 21)
- Agenda Item 17 **Received and/or Referred**
- Agenda Item 17-A On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received and referred to the Accountability and Assessment Committee and to the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council: Consideration of a request from the Bossier Parish superintendent concerning student test scores. (Schedule 22)
- Agenda Item 17-B On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received and referred to the Board Administration/Relations Committee: Consideration of requesting that the BESE staff and Department staff explore the possibility of posting BESE agenda packets on the web.
- Agenda Item 17-C On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received and referred to the Legal/Due Process Committee: Consideration of adding to the agenda the following Standing Item: Administrative Hearings pursuant to La. R.S. 49:951 et seq and La. R.S. 43 et seq.
- Agenda Item 17-D On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Broussard, the Board received and referred to the Quality Educators Committee: Consideration of a 2007 update of activities from the Louisiana Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (LACTE).

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

**Attachment 1**

**Consideration of Contracts and Leases for Receive and Defer, Action, and Special Consideration  
For  
Department of Education, Special School District, BESE Special Schools**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Cost Center</b>	<b># VNRs</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Air Date</b>	<b>w/ Radio</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Standards & Assessments		1300/8131	3	\$5685	March May November		Scott Norton, 3-3406
Motorcycle Safety	Motorcycle Safety	1590/8194	1	\$1895	May		Larry Ourso, 3-3906
Milken Awards	Teacher Quality	1460/8478	1	\$1895	October		Teddy Broussard
Teacher of the Year	ToY	1403/8574	1	\$1895	October		Kathy Mouton, 3-6980
Principal of the Year	PoY	1413/8598	1	\$1895	January		Kathy Mouton, 3-6980
Educator Extravaganza	EE	1110/8002	1	\$1895	June or July		Cheryl Michelet, 3-7080
Accountability	Various	1110/8002	10	\$18,990			Cheryl Michelet, 3-7080
High School Redesign	Adult Ed	1546/8487	4	\$7,540			Debi Faucette, 3-3336
Student of the Year	SoY	1302/8599	1	\$1895	April		Mary Louise Jones, 3-3372
Distinguished Partners In Education	Distinguished Partners in Education	1585/8183	1	\$1895	June		Donna Nola-Ganey, 3-3900
School Health Awards	School Health Awards	1572/8608	1	\$1895			Andrala Walker, 3-4147
Perfect Attendance Awards	Perfect Attendance	2577/8710	1	\$1895	June		
<b>Total</b>			<b>26</b>	<b>\$49,270</b>			<b>Cheryl Michelet, 3-7080</b>