

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

JANUARY 17, 2008

The Louisiana Purchase Room Baton Rouge, LA

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in regular session on January 17, 2008, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 9:19 a.m. by Board President Linda M. Johnson and opened with a prayer by the Honorable Sharon Weston Broome, President Pro Tem of the Senate.

Board members present were: Mr. Dale Bayard, Ms. Glennie Lee Buquet, Dr. Edgar Chase, Mr. Jim Garvey, Ms. Louella Givens, Mr. Keith Guice, Ms. Leslie Jacobs, Ms. Linda M. Johnson, Mr. Walter Lee, Mr. Chas Roemer, and Ms. Mary A. Washington.

The Colors were presented by the following members of the Woodlawn High School U.S. Army JROTC: Steven Calkins, Antonya Kelley, Tyquincia Oby, and Toni Patterson. The Color Guard was accompanied by Master Sergeant Robert Morrisette.

Mr. Dudley Garidel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

“Go Light Your World” was sung by Alaina and Mallory Richard, students at West Feliciana High School.

Agenda Item 2 The Honorable Jay Dardenne, Secretary of State, administered the Oath of Office to the following elected Board members:

Mr. Dale Bayard; Ms. Glennie Lee Buquet; Mr. James “Jim” Garvey, Jr.; Ms. Louella Givens; Mr. Keith Guice; Mr. Walter Lee; Mr. Charles “Chas” Roemer; and Ms. Linda Johnson.

Agenda Item 3 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred on “Consideration of Election of Board Officers for 2008.”

Agenda Item 7 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the agenda as printed and disseminated, adding Emergency Agenda Items 16 - 17. (Schedule 1)

Agenda Item 8 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the minutes of December 6, 2007.

Agenda Item 9 **Notices of Intent** (Schedule 2)

Agenda Item 9-A On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Nonpublic Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators*: §303. Instructional Staff, §2103. Minimum Time Requirements, §2703. Administration, §3301. Abbreviations/Acronyms, and §3303. Definitions.

Agenda Item 9-B 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*: §311. Foreign Language Special Certificate PK-8.

Agenda Item 9-C 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*: §305. Professional Level Certificates.

Agenda Item 10 **Report by the State Superintendent of Education**

Superintendent Pastorek highlighted the following in his report.

- Superintendent Pastorek met with the Governor and his cabinet on January 15, 2008.
 - The Governor issued an Executive Order regarding a hiring freeze. The Department will not be able to hire new personnel without the approval of the Commissioner of Administration.
 - The Governor told the cabinet that the most important thing that they should attend to is the budgetary process. The Governor advised the cabinet that they will be meeting with the Commissioner of Administration in the latter part of January. The Department's budget, the budget for the MFP, the budget for new and expanded initiatives, and personnel vacancies will be discussed on January 24, 2008. The Department has been asked to identify a significant number of low performing programs that might be eligible for elimination or using elsewhere in the Department's budget.

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- The Superintendent informed the Board that the Policy Director and Deputy Chief of Staff for the Governor is Mr. Stephen Waguespack. Mr. Timmy Teepell is the Chief of Staff. Ms. Erin Bendily is the Education Policy Analyst. Superintendent Pastorek stated that he believes the policy interests of the new administration, the Department, and the Board are aligned quite well.
- Superintendent Pastorek announced the following position changes and hires within the Department of Education:
 - Mr. Joe Salter will lead the Department's governmental and municipal affairs group.
 - Mr. Patrick Dobard will serve as Mr. Salter's deputy.
 - Colonel Rodney Painting will serve as Confidential Assistant to both Superintendent Pastorek and Deputy Superintendent Ollie Tyler.
 - Ms. Cheryl Michelet will be assuming the post of Press Secretary for the Department.
 - Mr. David Grubb will be the Department's Acting Director of Communications.
 - Dr. Jim Owens will lead the Department's Career and Technical Education efforts.
 - Ms. Kathy Mouton will be the Department's Director of High School Redesign.
 - Dr. Kerry Laster will be the Department's Director of Literacy and Numeracy.

Agenda
Item 11-A

8(g) Committee

(Schedule 3)

11-A-1

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Dr. Chase, the Board received the following monitoring visit reports:

- a. recap reports for FY 2003-2004, FY 2004-2005, FY 2005-2006, and FY 2006-2007;
- b. report of project audits with no irregularities for FY 2005-2006 and FY 2006-2007;

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- c. the report of project audits with irregularities and responses accepted for FY 2005-2006 and FY 2006-2007; and
- d. reports of project audits with irregularities awaiting a response for FY 2005-2006 and FY 2006-2007.

11-A-2 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Dr. Chase, the Board received the second quarter report on expenditures and budget balances of 8(g) projects for FY 2007-2008.

11-A-3 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Dr. Chase, the Board received the report of all schools being served by the Block and Competitive grants for FY 2007-2008.

11-A-4 On motion of Ms. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board:

- approved the following focus areas for FY 2008-2009 Block Grants:
 - preschool programs for at-risk four-year-olds and
 - remediation for students unsuccessful on high stakes testing and/or unable to keep up with their peers;
- reduced the FY 2008-2009 Block Grant allocation from \$17,600,000 to \$17,500,000 allocating the \$100,000 to Statewide grants in order to reinstate the Mini-Grant Awards of Excellence statewide program.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Yeas: Ms. Buquet, Dr. Chase, Mr. Garvey, Ms. Givens, Ms. Jacobs, Mr. Roemer, and Ms. Washington.

Nays: Mr. Bayard, Mr. Guice, and Mr. Lee.

Abstains: None.

The motion passed.

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On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board received and referred to the 8(g) Committee: "Consideration of discussion regarding the Mini Grant Awards of Excellence program."

- 11-A-5 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved amending the FY 2008-2009 8(g) Block allocation to \$17,199,154 and the Statewide allocation to \$19,682,000. Further, the Board approved the recommendations for the Statewide Program allocations as follows:

	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
1.	TAP: Teacher Advancement Program (LDE)	\$1,800,000
2.	Louisiana Virtual School (LDE)	\$2,500,000
3.	Louisiana Educational Leaders Induction (LDE)	\$450,000
4.	National Teacher Certification Program (LDE)	\$500,000
5.	Louisiana FIRST Online (LDE)	\$400,000
6.	Local Teacher Quality (LDE)	\$1,600,000
7.	Louisiana Online Professional Development Initiative (LDE)	\$300,000
8.	LaSIP Professional Development (LaSIP)	\$500,000
9.	Quality Classroom Literacy & Numeracy Initiative (LDE)	\$5,000,000*
10.	LA E-Portal (BoR)	\$242,000
11.	LEAP for the 21 st Century (LDE)	\$2,850,000
12.	High School Redesign 9 th Grade Initiative (LDE)	\$2,000,000
13.	Louisiana School Turnaround Specialist Program (LDE)	\$1,000,000
14.	Superior Textbooks (LDE)	\$0*
15.	Enhancement of the LA Instructional Material Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired (LSVI)	\$100,000
16.	Academic/Vocational Enhancement of BESE Schools (LSD, LSVI, SEC, SSD1)	\$140,000
17.	Foreign Language Model Program (LDE)	\$200,000
18.	Mini-Grant Awards of Excellence (BESE)	\$100,000
	TOTAL	\$19,682,000

*The Board reserves the option to reallocate up to \$250,000 from the Quality Classroom Literacy & Numeracy Initiative to Superior Textbooks provided that the Board makes a specific determination that the Quality Classroom Literacy & Numeracy Initiative can be implemented with a reduced allocation.

- Agenda Item 11-B **Accountability and Assessment Committee** (Schedule 4)
- 11-B-1 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the following reports on LEAP, GEE, and iLEAP testing:
- Planning Meeting with Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) and
 - Professional Development Related to Classroom Assessment Practices.
- 11-B-2 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the update on the public awareness campaign for accountability.
- 11-B-3 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the Regional Education Service Centers (RESC).
- 11-B-4 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the quarterly report on School Choice Plans.
- 11-B-5 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board deferred until February 2008 "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."
- 11-B-6 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board deferred until February 2008 "Consideration of additional data regarding the 3rd grade iLEAP resulting from discussion of the 2006-2007 evaluation of the LA 4 and Starting Points Prekindergarten Programs."
- 11-B-7 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved as Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 118, *Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices*: §305. Test Security Policy, §307. Change of District Test Coordinator Notification, §312. Administrative Error, §501. District Test Coordinator Role, §511. School Test Coordinator Role, §701. Overview of Assessment Programs in Louisiana, §1801. Description, and §2501. General Provisions.
- 11-B-8 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the global report on how the Department is addressing the issue of streamlining the paperwork of LANA and DIG and deleted this item from the agenda.
- 11-B-9 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board deferred "Consideration of LEA requests to change alternative school's Option (routing) status."

- 11-B-10 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on an alternative accountability system and retained this item on the agenda.
- 11-B-11 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report and approved the Department's request to submit an application for a School Improvement grant under NCLB.
- 11-B-12 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report regarding the placement of schools in the Recovery School District under La. R.S. 17:10.5. and retained this item on the agenda.

Agenda **Board Administration/Relations Committee** (Schedule 5)
Item 11-C

- 11-C-1 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board received the status report on Board advisory council attendance.
- 11-C-2 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board received the in-state travel for Board members to be reimbursed from the BESE budget.
- 11-C-3 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board received the travel reports for Department of Education employees' out-of-state expenditures.
- 11-C-4 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board received the travel reports for out-of-state travel to be reimbursed by the Department of Education for non-employees.
- 11-C-5 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board received the information regarding the Charter School Annual Performance Report using the new evaluation framework and retained this item on the agenda for a report in February 2008. The report should indicate the School Performance Scores or assessment indexes for all charter schools, a comparison of the charter schools and the schools operated in the district and/or parish(es) in which charter schools are located, and all other information available for inclusion as presented in the format received by the Board in December 2007.
- 11-C-6 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board directed that an item be placed on the Board Administration/Relations Committee Agenda under which the RSD will present a report on student test scores in June of each year and school performance scores in September of each year for all RSD schools, chartered and operated.

- 11-C-7 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board received the summary update of policy development regarding the Recovery School District (RSD) and charter schools and retained this item on the agenda.
- 11-C-8 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board received the report concerning developing and implementing policies regarding BESE's approval of the administration of the RSD; approved an amendment to the Purchasing and Contracts section of the RSD Bulletin, §511, Section O. Waiver of Requirements; and retained this item on the agenda.
- 11-C-9 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board received the report on developing and implementing charter school authorizing policies and administrative procedures, approved as a Notice of Intent the sections of the *Charter School Bulletin*, as amended, and retained this item on the agenda.
- 11-C-10 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board removed the option to participate in Collective Bargaining from §1905.A, Non-Material Amendments, of the *Charter School Bulletin* and directed that it be placed in §1903.A. Material Amendments, of the *Charter School Bulletin*.
- 11-C-11 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board deferred consideration of the possibility of posting BESE agenda packets on the web.
- 11-C-12 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board approved the FY 2008-2009 Annual Meeting schedule.
- 11-C-13 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board received the Charter School issues and informational reports and approved the revised timeline for charter schools completing their fifth year of operation in the 2007-2008 school year.
- 11-C-14 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board received the information regarding Attendance Zones for Type 5 charter schools.
- 11-C-15 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board received the report from the Charter School Office concerning charter school budgets and expenditure reports, including irregularities or concerns.

- 11-C-16 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board received the report on the percentage of students with disabilities in Type 5 Charter Schools and retained this item on the agenda. Further, the Board directed that a report be presented in February 2008 on the Department's review of the Type 5 charter schools with an enrollment of students with disabilities of 5% or less, as noted in the report, including the Department's follow-up and recommended actions.
- 11-C-17 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board directed that the Department report in February 2008 on the responsibilities of the Charter School Office and the Recovery School District with respect to the management, support, and oversight of the charter schools.
- 11-C-18 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board received the report on the General Start-up Activities for Charter Schools approved for the 2008-2009 school year.
- 11-C-19 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board received the report on Alternate Assessment for certain charter schools approved for 2008-2009 school year and retained this item on the agenda. Further, the Board directed that in February 2008 Department staff present the final plan for the use of an Alternate Assessment, including the evaluation of schools using the Alternate Assessment. The report should include the Department's review of the possibility of using the same assessments currently used in the evaluation of students in early childhood and Pre-K programs, as has been reported to the Board by the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. The Board noted that such assessments would provide comparison data. The Board also directed that the Department, in its review of the early childhood and Pre-K assessments currently in use, examine the possibility of using a third party to evaluate the student performance of the charter schools in question, similar to the current evaluations performed of early childhood and Pre-K programs.
- 11-C-20 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board received the report on Facility Assignments and retained this item on the agenda.
- 11-C-21 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board received the report on enrollment timelines and approved the Department's recommendation that new operators of Type 5 charter schools be allowed to hold their open houses and accept applications from parents concurrently from January 28, 2008, to February 29, 2008, and that all other enrollment activities will be conducted according to the timeline set forth in the Board policy as adopted in November 2007.

11-C-22 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Guice, 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.

11-C-22A On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board approved the State Superintendent's recommendation to dismiss the following probationary employee employed by the Special School District based on the valid reasons provided:

Doris Anderson, Jetson Center for Youth.

Committee of the Whole (COW)

Agenda **Board Administration/Relations Committee COW** (Schedule 6)
Item 11-D1

11-D1-1 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board directed the Recovery School District to include in its monthly update report:

- 1) an update on special education with respect to RSD operated and charter schools;
- 2) data with regard to the number of students withdrawing from the RSD and where those students are enrolling in school and the number of students enrolling in the RSD and where those students were previously enrolled; and
- 3) an analysis of the issue of "dumping," including defining "dumping," with respect to Type 5 charter schools. The analysis should include the measurement of how many students are coming to the RSD from Type 5 charter schools, if there is a problem with "dumping" with regard to any or all Type 5 charter schools, and to what extent student transfer is based on general movement throughout the district.

11-D1-2 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board:

- 1) received the January 2008 Recovery School District Update report;
- 2) approved the Incentive Program for this year only (2007-2008) and directed that the words "TAP-Like" not be used in the name of the program;
- 3) directed that if the RSD plans to continue to implement a performance based plan it should implement TAP or an alternate plan to be presented for BESE approval no later than April 2008;

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- 4) directed that the RSD, if it decides to implement the TAP Program, work with Department staff on its plans to implement TAP and that such plans to be presented to BESE no later than April 2008; and
- 5) directed that the plan presented to BESE in April 2008 include how the RSD plans to sustain funding for TAP or an alternate plan and what sources of revenue will be used to fund the program.

11-D1-3 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the reports on 1) the Partnership with Lamar University for Advanced Degree Opportunities for staff; 2) the University Intern Program, and 3) the Work Study Program for seniors.

11-D1-4 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred consideration of procurement procedures.

11-D1-5 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred consideration of revisions to the Student Code of Conduct until February 2008.

11-D1-6 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the salary scale for 10-month Response to Intervention Appraisal Personnel.

11-D1-7 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred "Consideration of the Annual RSD Legislatively Required Action Plan."

Agenda **Finance/Audit Review Committee COW** (Schedule 7)
Item 11-D2

11-D2-1 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the Recovery School District contracts \$25,000 and under approved by the State Superintendent.

Special Consideration

11-D2-2 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Marcia Arceneaux
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$97,800.00
Contract Period: 01/15/08 - 01/15/09
Fund: IAT – Idea B Special Education

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Description of Services: The contractor will develop a self-review and accountability process for RSD operated and RSD chartered schools. The contractor will assist with the implementation of these processes in Spring 2008. The contractor will also develop recruitment and training procedures for surrogate parents and assist with professional development in all of the above.

11-D2-3 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Beecher Memorial Congregational United Church of Christ
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$50,000.00
Contract Period: 11/05/07 - 05/30/08
Fund: IAT – Title IV

Description of Services: The contractor will provide and implement the following:

- a school-wide attendance/truancy incentive program,
- a family mentoring program,
- parent awareness sessions,
- in-service programs for parents and community members about the Louisiana Compulsory Attendance Law,
- a program that monitors students' attendance, and
- a Saturday alternative to suspension.

11-D2-4 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Communities in Schools
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$50,000.00
Contract Period: 11/05/07 - 05/30/08
Fund: IAT – Title IV

Description of Services: The contractor will provide and implement the following:

- a school-wide attendance/truancy incentive program,
- a family mentoring program,
- parent awareness sessions,

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- in-service programs for parents and community members about the Louisiana Compulsory Attendance Law,
- a program that monitors students' attendance, and
- a Saturday alternative to suspension.

11-D2-5 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: New Orleans Outreach
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$50,000.00
Contract Period: 11/05/07 - 05/30/08
Fund: IAT – Title IV

Description of Services: The contractor will provide and implement the following:

- a school-wide attendance/truancy incentive program,
- a family mentoring program,
- parent awareness sessions,
- in-service programs for parents and community members about the Louisiana Compulsory Attendance Law,
- a program that monitors students' attendance, and
- a Saturday alternative to suspension.

11-D2-6 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: St. John's #5 Camp ACE
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$68,000.00
Contract Period: 11/05/07 - 05/30/08
Fund: MFP

Description of Services: The contractor will provide and implement the following:

- a school-wide FAST program to improve school attendance and
- a multi-sensory art enrichment activity that will support and enhance the academic experience in non-traditional classroom settings for students who have been expelled or suspended.

11-D2-7 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Suburban Baptist Church
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$50,000.00
Contract Period: 11/05/07 - 05/30/08
Fund: IAT – Title IV

Description of Services: The contractor will provide and implement the following:

- a school-wide attendance/truancy incentive program,
- training and supervision of volunteers for the implementation of parent awareness sessions,
- in-service programs for parents & community members about the Louisiana Compulsory Attendance Law,
- a program that monitors students' attendance,
- provision of an off-site detention center on Saturdays, and
- provision of crisis counseling and collaboration with the District's Truancy Center.

11-D2-8 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Urban Equity
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$50,000.00
Contract Period: 11/05/07 - 05/30/08
Fund: IAT – Title IV

Description of Services: The contractor will provide and implement the following:

- facilitate and supervise mentor and tutor volunteers;
- training for volunteers;
- a comprehensive after-school program that includes recreational games, etiquette training, and tutoring;
- a school-wide attendance/truancy incentive program;
- parent awareness sessions;
- in-service programs for parents and community members about the Louisiana Compulsory Attendance Law; and
- a program that monitors students' attendance.

11-D2-9 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: V.I.E.T
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$57,000.00
Contract Period: 11/05/07 - 05/30/08
Fund: MFP

Description of Services: The contractor will provide and implement the following:

- a school-wide attendance/truancy incentive program,
- parent awareness sessions,
- in-service programs for parents and community members about the Louisiana Compulsory Attendance Law, and
- a program that monitors students' attendance.

11-D2-10 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Young Audiences
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$200,000.00
Contract Period: 11/05/07 - 05/30/08
Fund: MFP

Description of Services: The contractor will provide and implement the following:

- school-wide arts in learning and hands-on experiences and multi-sensory art enrichment activities that will support and enhance the academic component of After School Power Hour.

11-D2-11 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Nilsa Gonzales
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$86,400.00
Amended Amount: \$72,000.00
Revised Amount: \$158,400.00

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Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 01/31/08
Amended End Date: 06/30/08
Revised Contract Duration: 12 months
Fund: Federal – IAT - Restart

Description of Services: 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.

11-D2-12 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Gwendolyn Morris
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$60,000.00
Amended Amount: \$48,000.00;
Revised Amount: \$108,000.00
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 01/31/08
Amended End Date: 06/30/08
Revised Contract Duration: 12 months
Fund: Federal – IAT - Restart

Description of Services: 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.

11-D2-13 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: National Guard
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$63,264.00
Contract Period: 10/04/07 - 10/4/08
Fund: MFP

Description of Services: The contractor will identify, interview (recruit), and enroll at-risk students that exhibit characteristics conducive to success in Youth Challenge and Job Challenge; provide transportation for all enrolled RSD students to initial transport; deliver academic and skills-based instruction and training, with the goal of graduating students from Youth Challenge; deliver around-the-clock care and supervision to include nutrition, housing, and medical care of the type normally provided by a registered school nurse on site; identify and screen potential students for Job Challenge; and deliver hands-on, industry-based training.

11-D2-14 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Public Consulting Group, Inc.
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$1,775,000.00
Contract Period: 01/01/08 - 12/31/09
Fund: Federal – Idea B

Description of Services: The contractor will develop a web-based single platform Special Education Management solution that includes management of response to intervention, special education, and Medicaid billing. The contractor will develop a RTI/Special Education current state summary of RTI/Special Education practices and processes, a best practice summary, a gap analysis and recommendations for closing the gap, and a RTI/Special Education Best Practices Procedural Manual. Services and products will provide an electronic mechanism for RSD staff to document health service delivery to students and Medicaid Fee-For-Service Billing.

11-D2-15 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Synesi Associates
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$624,000.00
Contract Period: 08/01/07 - 01/31/08
Amended End Date: 06/30/08
Fund: MFP

Description of Services: The contractor will provide consulting services in the areas of counseling and academic administration. The contractor will assist with curriculum development and implementation, reviewing benchmark assessment program and incorporating it into the managed curriculum, building of school partnerships, planning and implementing high school reforms, accountability, and other special projects

11-D2-16 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Dr. Chase, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Bright Moments, Inc
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$212,000.00

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Amended Amount: \$192,000.00
Revised Amount: \$404,000.00
Contract Period: 07/01/07 – 01/31/08
Amended End Date: 08/31/08
Revised Contract Duration: 13 months
Fund: MFP

Description of Services: This contractor will continue to provide consulting services to the RSD on planning and executing community outreach for the RSD, special projects support, and media consultation designed to gain community participation and buy-in to the policies and rebuilding plans of the RSD.

Agenda
Item 11-E

Finance/Audit Review Committee

(Schedule 8)

- 11-E-1 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board:
- a. received the summary report (YTD) by fiscal unit/BESE initiative on contracts \$25,000 and under approved by the State Superintendent and received by the Board; and
 - b. approved increasing the contract authority of the Superintendent to \$50,000 for the Department, Special School Districts, and BESE Special Schools.
- 11-E-2 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the summary report (YTD) by fiscal unit/BESE initiative on contracts over \$25,000 approved by the Board.
- 11-E-3 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received status report on federal/state grants received by the Department.
- 11-E-4 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the BA-7's for the Louisiana Special Education Center to:
- a. abolish a Resident Training Specialist position that was vacated through the early retirement of the incumbent; and
 - b. request that the position be reinstated to the Louisiana Special Education Center's table of organization.
- 11-E-5 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deferred consideration of property owned by BESE.
- 11-E-6 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on the MFP formula.

- 11-E-7 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on the Fiscal Dialogue with the St. Landry School District.
- 11-E-8 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on the Fiscal Dialogue with the Central Community School District.
- 11-E-9 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on the status of the fiscal matters of the Orleans Parish School District.
- 11-E-10 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following audit reports:
 - Bureau of Internal Audit – Voyager Literacy Initiative and
 - Office of the State Inspector General – Know Your Bible Ministries.

Grants and Allocations

Disadvantaged or Disabled Student Support - Formula

- 11-E-11 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Title I
Amount: \$265,704,797
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 09/30/08
Source of Funds: Federal

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

Basis of Allocation: Allocations to school districts are determined by USDOE according to a census poverty count that reflects the distribution of children 5-17 years of age from low-income families and adjusted for state administration and school improvement. This is a redistribution of funds based upon updated child counts for RSD, OPSB, new or expanded charters, and the Central School System. SIS counts for October 1, 2007, were used to determine the award amounts for these entities.

11-E-12 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Special Education – Grants to States IDEA – Part B
Amount: \$1,747,596
Funding Period: 07/01/07 - 09/30/08
Source of Funds: Federal

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

Basis of Allocation: Allocations are computed on the 12/01/98 LANSER 3-21 child count and a population/poverty allocation with 85% distributed according to public and non-public enrollment and 15% distributed according to the number of children living in poverty. These supplemental allocations are being distributed to all eligible LEAs from the high risk pool set aside for 2006-2007.

11-E-13 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Special Education– Grants To States IDEA–Part B
Amount: \$158,447,181
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 09/30/08
Source of Funds: Federal

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

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Basis of Allocation: Allocations are computed on the 12/01/98 LANSER 3-21 child count and a population/poverty allocation with 85% distributed according to public and non-public enrollment and 15% distributed according to the number of children living in poverty. This is a redistribution of funds based upon updated child counts for RSD, OPSB, new or expanded charters, and the Central School System.

11-E-14 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Special Education – Preschool Grants
Amount: \$4,869,752
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 9/30/08
Source of Funds: Federal

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

Basis of Allocation: Allocations are computed on the 12/01/97 LANSER 3-5 child count, and a population/poverty allocation with 85% distributed according to public and nonpublic enrollment and 15% distributed according to the number of children living in poverty. This is a redistribution of funds based upon updated child counts for RSD, OPSB, new or expanded charters, and the Central School System.

11-E-15 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Title III – English Language Acquisition State Grants
Amount: \$103,812
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 09/30/08
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of this grant is to focus on assisting school districts in teaching English to limited English proficient students and in helping students meet the challenging state standards required of all students.

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

11-E-16 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Title III – English Language Acquisition State Grants
(Student Influx Set Aside)
Amount: \$217,582
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 09/30/08
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of this grant is to focus on assisting school districts in teaching English to limited English proficient students and in helping students meet the challenging state standards required of all students.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations of the 10% set-aside for student influx monies were based on an increase in the number of limited English proficient students in the school districts over a two-year period. The allocations were computed based on the increased number of students in the second year, with a per pupil allocation of approximately \$175.77.

11-E-17 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Extended School Year Program - ESY
Amount: \$100,000
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 06/30/08
Source of Funds: State

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

Basis of Allocation: Allocations are formula based on the rate of approximately \$33.88 per child using the SER child count. This allocation represents a redistribution of the reserve for Charter Schools, Central School System, and OPSB/RSD based on their 10/01/07 SER Child count.

Educators Support - Formula

11-E-18 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Title V – Innovative Education Program Strategies
Amount: \$1,184,143

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Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 09/30/08
Source of Funds: Federal

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

Basis of Allocation: Eligible LEAs are allocated funds on a formula based 85% on enrollment and 15% on the SIS free lunch count for those LEAs with at least 40% of their enrolled students participating in the program. This is a redistribution of funds based upon updated child counts for RSD, OPSB, new or expanded charters, and the Central School System. SIS counts for 10/01/07 were used to determine the award amounts for these entities.

11-E-19 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Title II – Improving Teacher Quality State Grants
Amount: \$59,939,785
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 09/30/08
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: This program combines the Eisenhower Professional Development State Grants and Class-Size Reduction programs into one program that focuses on preparing, training, and recruiting highly-qualified teachers.

Basis of Allocation: Eligible recipients first receive the amount they received in FY 2001-02 for the Eisenhower Professional State Grants and Class-Size Reduction Programs. The remaining funds over and above the FY 2001-02 base funding is allocated based 20% on the Census population and 80% based on the same formula child count of individuals age 5-17 from families with income below the poverty line as provided by the Secretary of USDOE for the computation of Title I allocations. This is a redistribution of funds based upon updated child counts for RSD, OPSB, new or expanded charters, and the Central School System. SIS counts for 10/01/07 were used to determine the award amounts for these entities.

Educational Improvement and Assistance - Formula

11-E-20 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: LEAP 21 High Stakes Remediation
Amount: \$400,878
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 06/30/08
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide the required supplemental remedial instruction to those 4th and 8th grade students who fail to meet the minimum achievement level (*Basic/Approaching Basic*) necessary to be promoted to the 5th or 9th grade. Districts shall offer summer remediation to 4th and 8th graders that score at or below the *Approaching Basic* achievement level on the English Language Arts and/or Mathematics components of the Spring 2007 LEAP tests. The summer remediation program shall follow guidelines adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) [R.S. 17:24.4 (G) (4) (a)].

The funds provided are to supplement the cost of providing remediation services. Districts may choose to dedicate some of their LEAP remediation allocation to supplement locally developed school-year intervention/remedial education programs, designed for students repeating the 4th or 8th grades and initial 4th and 8th grade students at-risk of failing the spring 2008 LEAP tests. Use of these funds for such purposes shall be in accordance with guidelines adopted by the Department of Education and approved by BESE.

Basis of Allocation: The funding for LEAP High Stakes Remediation is allocated on a per unit basis. Each LEA receives funding for each *Approaching Basic* and *Unsatisfactory* score (4th and 8th) on the English Language Arts and Mathematics components of the Spring 2007 LEAP tests. The unit total is determined by the total statewide *Approaching Basic* and *Unsatisfactory* scores (for 4th and 8th graders) on the English Language Arts and Mathematics components of the Spring 2007 LEAP tests. The total funding available is divided by this total to determine how much per unit each system will receive. This allocation is to fund new Type 2 and Type 5 Charter Schools based on 10/01/07 4th and 8th grade student enrollments at a rate of \$109.27 per student. The balance of the appropriation was evenly distributed to all recipients on a per pupil basis.

11-E-21 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: K-3 Reading and Math Initiative
Amount: \$374,329.70
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 06/30/08
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: The Louisiana K-3 Reading and Math Initiative improves the reading and math skills of public school students in Kindergarten through third grade by providing comprehensive and ongoing staff development to teachers so that they will learn and employ effective strategies for reaching children with diverse learning styles and special needs.

Basis of Allocation: This allocation is to fund new Type 2 and Type 5 Charter Schools based on 10/01/07 K-3 student enrollment at a rate of \$109.27 per student. The balance of the appropriation was evenly distributed to all recipients on a per pupil basis.

School and Community Support - Formula

11-E-22 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Title IV–Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities
Amount: \$4,914,863
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 09/30/08
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: This grant supports programs designed to reduce drug, alcohol, and tobacco use and to reduce violence through education and prevention activities in schools. This program is designed to prevent violence in and around schools and strengthen programs that prevent the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs; involve parents in these programs; and coordinate these activities with related federal, state, and community efforts and resources.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations are computed with 60% of the funding based on the relative amount each agency received under Title I for the preceding year and 40% based on the enrollment count for each school district. This is a redistribution of funds based upon updated child counts for RSD, OPSB, new or expanded charters, and the Central School System. SIS counts for 10/01/07 were used to determine the award amounts for these entities.

Classroom Technology - Formula

11-E-23 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Educational Technology State Grant – Formula Grants
Amount: \$175,000
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 09/30/08
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of this grant is to support the integration of educational technology into classrooms to improve teaching and learning. Funds will serve to enhance ongoing efforts to improve teaching and learning through the use of technology.

Basis of Allocation: Funding is distributed to eligible recipients by formula based on each recipient's share of Title 1, Part A, funding for the given year. This is a redistribution of funds based upon updated child counts for RSD, OPSB, new and expended charters, and the Central School System.

Disadvantaged or Disabled Student Support - Competitive

11-E-24 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Special Education – Grants to States IDEA – Part B
Amount: \$1,850,000
Funding Period: 10/01/07 - 09/30/09
Source of Funds: Federal

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

Assist in providing direct services to students in state operated programs by complying with state and federal student transportation mandates and ensure access to services and community integration; in meeting personnel shortages; in expanding technology in the IEP process; in improving and

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supporting the use of classroom technology, assistive technology, and Universal Design for Learning to maximize access to the general curriculum; in supporting the transition of students to postsecondary activities; and in the provision of alternative programs for expelled students.

Basis of Allocation: The basis of this allocation is a targeted grant, authorized pursuant to 34 CFR 300.370(c). The BESE Special Schools serve a disproportionately high number of high-cost students with disabilities. Because these student populations are the most vulnerable student populations in Louisiana and the most at-risk student populations, the LDE has determined that it is important to provide additional supports to these programs as part of a comprehensive plan to improve the quality of education provided in these facilities.

Adult Education - Competitive

11-E-25 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation:	High School Redesign – Credit Recovery
Amount:	\$5,000,000
Funding Period:	01/01/08 – 06/30/08
Source of Funds:	State

Purpose: The purpose of the Credit Recovery Grant Program is to provide financial support for districts to establish rigorous, effective remediation and credit recovery programs that will support the on-time promotion of students to the 10th grade, to keep students on track for graduation, and to reduce the number of dropouts. The district credit recovery programs should serve both to prevent students from failing courses and to help students recover credit after they have failed a course.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations to LEAs were based on the guidelines approved by BESE in October 2007. Each school covered by the LEA's application was eligible for a minimum of \$25,000 with additional funds amounting to \$50 for every 9th and/or 12th grade student up to a maximum of \$50,000 per school. Priority was given to high needs schools, and funding requests were evaluated based on the goals of the program.

Disadvantaged or Disabled Student Support - Other

11-E-26 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Special Education-Grants to States IDEA Part B
Amount: \$45,000.00
Funding Period: 10/01/07 - 09/30/08
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of this allocation is to provide funding for the Region Three Assistive Technology Center to plan, direct, and administer the Assistive Technology Summer Institute. The Institute is designed to provide comprehensive training in the area of Assistive Technology for teachers and other personnel providing services to children with disabilities. It is further designed to assist in increasing the capacity of school districts to provide Assistive Technology services by making training available to teachers, therapists, administrators, paraprofessionals, and parents.

Basis of Allocation: The allocation is based on the implementation of past Assistive Technology Summer Institutes and will allow the Region III fiscal agent to conduct all aspects of the Assistive Technology Summer Institute for 2008.

Educators Support - Other

11-E-27 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Advanced Placement Fee Payment Program
Amount: \$4,050
Funding Period: 01/02/08 – 03/15/08
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: In support of the goals of High School Redesign, the Advanced Placement Task Force will explore ways to garner a greater awareness of and enrollment in AP® programs in the state, research and recommend appropriate AP coursework for students, and research and recommend appropriate AP professional development opportunities for educators.

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Basis of Allocation: The High School Redesign Commission calls for students to have access to more rigorous and relevant coursework, including Advanced Placement (AP) courses. It is increasingly important for the La. Department of Education to have a plan of action relative to dramatically expanding the types of AP courses offered to students, increasing the number of students accessing AP courses, and providing attention to the needed professional development of educators on the AP program. To that end, the Department of Education is creating an Advanced Placement (AP) Task Force. The Task Force will consist of approximately 15-20 individuals, including university faculty, Advanced Placement teachers, district-level K-12 personnel, workforce/business representatives, and department staff. It is anticipated that the task force will have three half-day meetings in Baton Rouge during the months of January-February 2008. The AP Task Force Allocation will assist districts in paying for substitutes of teachers who are serving on this important committee.

- 11-E-28 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on the Community Development Block Grant Program funds.
- 11-E-29 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board directed that a resolution be composed by the Department thanking Senator Mary Landrieu for her work on the reduction of the NFIP deduction from FEMA eligible amounts to one deduction per campus and all of her efforts in aiding education recovery throughout the hurricane affected areas.
- 11-E-30 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board directed the State Superintendent to provide information pertaining to the Department of Education possibly becoming the applicant for FEMA funds.
- 11-E-31 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board:
- a. approved the grants/allocations approved by the State Superintendent and the Chair of the Finance/Audit Review Committee;
 - b. directed that the existing emergency authorization granted to the State Superintendent and the Chair of the Finance/Audit Review Committee be amended to include this authority monthly rather than exclusively in those months when the Board does not meet;
 - c. limited approval to grants/allocations valued at \$1 million or less; and
 - d. directed the Department to produce an end-of-year report on the number of grants/allocations approved using the authority of the State Superintendent and the Chair of Finance/Audit Review Committee.
- 11-E-32 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the contracts \$25,000 and under approved by the State Superintendent.
- 11-E-33 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the

contracts approved by the State Superintendent and the Chair of the Finance/Audit Review Committee.

Received and Deferred

Office of School and Community Support

11-E-34 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: Dianna Dyer
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$18,480.00
Amended Amount: \$21,480.00
Revised Contract Amount: \$39,960.00
Contract Period: 10/12/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: IAT – LCTCS – Carl Perkins

11-E-35 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: Louisiana Public Health Institute
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$41,850.00
Contract Period: 03/01/08 - 1/31/09
Fund: Federal – Team Nutrition Training Grant

11-E-36 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: Meta Associates
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$23,100.00
Amended Amount: \$10,850.00
Revised Amount: \$33,950.00
Contract Period: 05/15/2007 - 03/30/2008
Amended End Date: 08/01/2008
Revised Contract Duration: 14.5 months
Fund: Federal – Migrant Educational Leadership

11-E-37 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: Professional Support Services (Nancy Midkiff)
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$19,200.00
Amended Amount: \$13,800.00
Revised Contract Amount: \$33,000.00
Contract Period: 09/01/2007 - 06/30/2008
Fund: IAT- LCTCS – Secondary Vocational Education Admin.

11-E-38 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: St. Mary Parish School System
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$50,000.00
Contract Period: 02/25/08 - 06/30/08
Fund: Federal – Project Serve – Title IV

11-E-39 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: Natchitoches Parish School System
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$36,209.00
Contract Period: 02/25/08 - 06/30/08
Fund: Federal – Project Serve – Title IV

11-E-40 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: Concordia Parish School System
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$50,000.00
Contract Period: 02/25/08 - 06/30/08
Fund: Federal – Project Serve – Title IV

11-E-41 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: Sabine Parish School System
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$50,000.00
Contract Period: 02/25/08 - 06/30/08
Fund: Federal – Project Serve – Title IV

11-E-42 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: Early Childhood Family Learning Foundation
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$100,000.00
Contract Period: 02/25/08 - 06/30/08
Fund: Federal – Project Serve – Title IV

11-E-43 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: Pointe Coupee Parish School System
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$50,000.00
Contract Period: 02/25/08 - 06/30/08
Fund: Federal – Project Serve – Title IV

11-E-44 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: Jackson Parish School System
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$50,000.00
Contract Period: 02/25/08 - 06/30/08
Fund: Federal – Project Serve – Title IV

11-E-45 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: Lafayette, Parish School System
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$50,000.00
Contract Period: 02/25/08 - 06/30/08
Fund: Federal – Project Serve – Title IV

11-E-46 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: St. Bernard Parish School Board
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$50,000.00
Contract Period: 02/25/08 - 06/30/08
Fund: Federal – Project Serve – Title IV

11-E-47 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: DeSoto Parish School System
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$50,000.00
Contract Period: 02/25/08 - 06/30/08
Fund: Federal – Project Serve – Title IV

11-E-48 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: Caddo Parish School System
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$50,000.00
Contract Period: 02/25/08 - 06/30/08
Fund: Federal – Project Serve – Title IV

11-E-49 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: Patrick H. Helson
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$46,150.00
Amended Amount: \$3,734.00
Revised Contract Amount: \$49,884.00
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: Federal – Project Serve – Title IV

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On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor:	CN Resource LLC
Previous Contract:	Yes
Original Amount:	\$500,000.00
Amended Amount:	\$200,000.00
Revised Contract Amount:	\$700,000.00
Contract Period:	05/01/06 - 04/30/08
Amended End Date:	04/30/09;
Revised Contract Duration:	3 years
Fund:	Federal – Food and Nutrition Services

Description of Services: Continuation for third year of services to be provided under three year contract approved by BESE effective January 2006. Contractor will assist the State in ensuring program integrity and assessing compliance of specified participating agencies with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child Nutrition Program requirements.

Office of Student and School Performance

11-E-51 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor:	Pacific Metrics Corp.
Previous Contract:	Yes
Original Amount:	\$13,571,307.00
Amended Amount:	\$1,594,785.00
Revised Amount:	\$15,166,092.00
Contract Period:	04/30/07 - 06/30/12
Fund:	State /Federal – Title VI

Description of Services: This amendment is to develop a web-based diagnostic assessment program (EAGLE) and end-of-course (EOC) tests which contain high-quality test items that are aligned with the Louisiana Grade-level Expectations for grades 1-12; this is necessary due to a change in the scope of services as EOC becomes high stakes. These changes in activities result in an overall increase in the Year 2 cost of \$1,594,785.

11-E-52 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: University of Louisiana at Lafayette
 Previous Contract: Yes
 Original Amount: \$2,183,571.00
 Amended Amount: \$18,000.00
 Revised Amount: \$2,201,571.00
 Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/10
 Fund: State – TANF – Pre-K

Description of Services: This amendment will allow the University of Louisiana at Lafayette to continue to implement a research program adequate to assess program quality for both short and long-term outcomes for Kindergarten students participating in the LA 4 program.

Special Consideration

Office of Management and Finance

11-E-53 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Postlethwaite & Netterville
 Previous Contract: Yes
 Original Amount: \$725,000.00
 Amended Amount: \$250,000.00
 Revised Amount: \$975,000.00
 Contract Period: 08/25/07 - 01/31/08
 Amended End Date: 06/30/08
 Revised Contract Duration: 1 year
 Fund: FEMA IAT; Federal Consolidated Admin.
 IDEA Part B and Preschool; Carl Perkins;
 Adult Education

Description of Services: Contractor will provide the services of 8 staff persons for review of RSD Contractor billings to determine eligibility for FEMA reimbursement and/or alternative grant sources. They will prepare invoices summarizing the costs that are reimbursable from the various funding sources. They will provide other services as may be requested related to the rehab and construction projects of the Recovery School District. The contractor will also provide fiscal monitoring of federal grants for 13 selected school districts. These projects are time sensitive and must be started immediately.

Office of School and Community Support

11-E-54 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved on the following contract:

Contractor: Macro International, Inc.
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$120,000.00
Contract Period: 12/03/07 - 02/29/08
Fund: Federal – AIDS Program

Description of Services: The contractor will administer the Youth Risk Behavior and the Youth Tobacco Survey in sixty (60) schools in Louisiana and will obtain data concerning students in grades 6-12. The data collected will be used to assist the program staff with designing programs and developing policies to improve school health.

11-E-55 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: St. Landry Parish School Board
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$250,000.00
Contract Period: 02/01/08 - 06/30/08
Fund: State – Line Item Appropriation

Description of Services: This cooperative endeavor will provide funding to Opelousas Junior High – Career and Technical Education Model. The program will help curb the high dropout rate at the junior high level with the large at-risk population as well as help the students focus on the application of academics in the development of work ready skills.

11-E-56 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Peter A. Mayer Advertising, Inc.
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$315,000.00
Amended Amount: \$95,000.00
Revised Amount: \$410,000.00
Contract Period: 09/11/07 - 04/30/08
Fund: IAT – Gov – NGA Honors Grant

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Description of Services: This amendment will allow for additional funds to provide more in-depth research by conducting eight focus groups in four market areas of the state, expand the target audiences for the online surveys with additional analysis and reporting, and create more resources for dissemination.

11-E-57 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: JBHM Educational Group, LLC
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$2,473,050.00
Amended Amount: \$1,470,000.00
Revised Amount: \$3,943,050.00
Contract Period: 01/19/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: State – Distinguished Educators

Description of Services: This amendment is necessary to further support efforts to improve the achievement of students in identified schools. This comprehensive approach to support schools will serve to expand the current efforts of increasing student success. The contractor will provide qualified personnel to participate in the Scholastic Audit process in order to serve as Team Leaders or Team members on Scholastic Audit onsite visits. Each onsite visit will result in a Next Steps document, an Executive Summary, and a final draft of the complete report to the school, district, and LDE.

11-E-58 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Pacific Metrics Corp.
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$6,774,152.00
Contract Period: 01/28/08 - 06/30/2013
Fund: State – High School Redesign

Description of Services: The contractor will design and develop high quality items and test units along with item-specific instructional feedback for the Practice Assessment/Strengthen Skills (PASS) system in Science and Social Studies to address standards and grade-level expectations at grades 3, 5, 6, and 7.

11-E-59 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Dr. Bill Brozo
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$43,200.00
Contract Period: 04/01/2008 - 08/31/2008
Fund: State - CRT Leap Accountability Test

Description of Services: The contractor will provide professional development for district level officials, selected teachers, and literacy coaches on implementing literacy strategies in the Revised Comprehensive Curriculum.

Agenda
Item 11-F

High School Redesign Committee

(Schedule 9)

11-F-1 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Dr. Chase, the Board deferred the report of the LA ePortal (Regents) until February 2008.

11-F-2 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Dr. Chase, the Board deferred the report on consideration of local and regional articulation agreements until April 2008.

11-F-3 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Dr. Chase, the Board received the report on the High School Redesign Commission.

11-F-4 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Dr. Chase, the Board directed the Department to provide a written report by next Thursday, January 24, 2008, and a presentation to the High School Redesign Committee in February 2008 on the following:

- a. a revised timeline/implementation plan for the High School Redesign Communications Campaign, including an update on the naming of the new proposed high school core curriculum; and
- b. a work plan addressing key issues still to be resolved within High School Redesign, including, but not limited to: teacher training, teacher availability in critical shortage areas, implementation support for high schools, PreGED Skills/Option Program, defining alternative schools, technology capacity in high schools, district readiness to administer the online End of Course test(s), and financial burdens/solutions for districts implementing High School Redesign Initiatives.

11-F-5 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Dr. Chase, the Board deferred consideration of a report on the recommendations of the Professional School Counseling Task Force.

11-F-6 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Dr. Chase, the Board deferred consideration of a report on the Alternate Diploma Task Force until February 2008.

Agenda **Legal/Due Process Committee** (Schedule 10)
Item 11-G

11-G-1 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deferred action on allowing the issuance of a teaching certificate appropriate to his credentials for **Mr. Eric Pogue**, based on the need for additional information relative to Mr. Pogue's conviction.

11-G-2 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board granted the reinstatement of the Type AN #004869 Louisiana Teaching Certificate as a School Psychologist for **Mr. Kenneth Welch**.

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

11-H-1 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the report on House Concurrent Resolution 230 of the 2007 Regular Session regarding a study of school facilities.

11-H-2 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board deferred until February 2008 consideration of the report pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 180 of the 2007 Regular Session of the Legislature regarding paperwork reduction.

Agenda **Quality Educators Committee** (Schedule 12)
Item 11-I

11-I-1 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the following update reports on Leadership Development.

- a. LA Leadership Excellence Through Administrator Development (LA LEAD) Program and
- b. INTEL Leadership Training.

11-I-2 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the request to delay the NCATE accreditation visit of Xavier University of Louisiana from Fall 2009 to Fall 2010.

- 11-I-3 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received, for information purposes only, the report on the discontinuance of the following teacher preparation degree programs at Xavier University of Louisiana:
- a. Undergraduate Degree Programs
Early Childhood Education,
Health and Physical Education, and
Special Education: Mild/Moderate;
 - b. Graduate Degree Programs
 1. Curriculum and Instruction,
Elementary Education,
Early Childhood Education,
Special Education: Mild/Moderate, and
Secondary Education; and
 2. Master's of Arts in Teaching
Early Childhood Education.
- 11-I-4 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following recommendations of the Department and the Mathematics Certification Task Force regarding revisions to the secondary mathematics certification policy:
- a. approve as Notice of Intent for Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*, the policy recommendation for an *Algebra Add-On Endorsement* certification and
 - b. receive the report on the policy consideration for a non-traditional type certificate for "professionals with specific math content knowledge/experience."
- 11-I-5 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved as Notice of Intent for Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*, revisions to the Practitioner Teacher Program.
- 11-I-6 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the recommendation of the Teacher Certification Appeals Council and denied certification for **Mary Doucet** as Parish/City Supervisor of Instruction or Parish/City Supervisor/Director of Special Education based on the significant amount of coursework she is lacking. Further, the Board encouraged Ms. Doucet to submit to the State Department of Education for review documentation from her professional portfolio for the Educational Leader Induction experience to apply for the Alternate Path 2 for Education Leader I certification.

Agenda **Student and School Standards/Instruction Committee** (Schedule 13)
 Item 11-J

11-J-1 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the January 2008 report on elementary and/or secondary elective courses approved by local school districts and received by the Department.

11-J-2 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the request from the Recovery School District for a waiver of Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, school approval standards, to extend the number of LEAP remediation hours that are provided during the school year from 20 to 30 hours and to provide 20 hours of remediation during the summer. This waiver is for the 2007-2008 school year only.

11-J-3 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report on textbook waiver requests. There were no requests for textbook waivers for January 2008.

11-J-4 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the recommended initial classifications for FY 2007-2008 for the following nonpublic schools:

<u>School</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Classification</u>
a. Ascension Christian High School	Ascension	Approved,
b. Covenant Christian Academy	Terrebonne	Provisional Approval,
c. First Pilgrims Christian Academy	Orleans	Provisional Approval,
d. Lafayette Christian Academy	Lafayette	Provisional Approval,
e. Old Bethel Christian Academy	Caldwell	Provisional Approval,
f. Richland Christian Academy	EBR	Provisional Approval,
g. St. Katharine Drexel Preparatory and	Orleans	Provisional Approval,
h. Youth Service Options	Lincoln	Provisional Approval.

11-J-5 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved as Notice of Intent for Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, the addition of the following two courses to the Career and Technical Education Courses: Engineering Design I and Engineering Design II.

11-J-6 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred action on consideration of revisions to Bulletin 1706.

- 11-J-7 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received and approved the Annual Performance Report (APR) under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- 11-J-8 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report on the types of interventions being conducted to meet the requirements specified in the state's evaluation report by the U. S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs.
- 11-J-9 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the update report on LA 4 Prekindergarten and preschool activities and directed that the Department provide more information on the following:
- how many at-risk students in the state are not being served at this time;
 - how much has the per-student funding grown since the program started in comparison to the per-student MFP funding growth during the same time period;
 - has the number of children been increased sufficiently to consume the funding requested; and
 - what recommendations need to be made for legislative action on the restrictions of LA 4 funding in conjunction with programs such as 8(g) and Title I.
- 11-J-10 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred action on consideration of a report on the process used to award competitive grants for After School/Extended Learning tutoring programs and for evaluating their progress.
- 11-J-11 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred action on the approval of the revised School Bus Transportation Bulletin as a Notice of Intent.
- 11-J-12 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the request to release the Request for Proposals for the 2008-2009 TANF After School for All program.
- 11-J-13 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the FY 2007-2008 extension of the Adult Education Statewide Plan.
- 11-J-14 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred until April 2008 review of information relative to universal standards and cut scores used for textbook adoptions in other states.

11-J-15 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred until April 2008 review of information relative to the use of the state level textbook adoption process.

11-J-16 On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred until February 2008 consideration of establishing a project in numeracy.

Agenda **Board Advisory Council Reports**
Item 12

Agenda **Special Education Advisory Council** (Schedule 14)
Item 12-A

On motion of Ms. Washington, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board received the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Council meeting held January 2, 2008, and approved the tentative agenda for February 6, 2008.

Agenda **Board Advisory Council Appointments** (Schedule 15)
Item 13

On motion of Mr. Guice, seconded by Dr. Chase, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. Keith A. Doley to the 8(g) Advisory Council upon the recommendation of Ms. Louella Givens. Mr. Doley replaces Mr. Bill Allerton on the Council.

Agenda **Received and/or Referred**
Item 14

Agenda On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board received and referred to the Quality Educators Committee: Consideration of revisions to the Out-of-State certification policy for inclusion in Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*.
Item 14-A (Schedule 16)

Agenda On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board received and referred to the Quality Educators Committee: Consideration of revisions to the Blended General/Special Education Mild Moderate certification requirements.
Item 14-B (Schedule 17)

Agenda On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board received and referred to the Quality Educators Committee: Consideration of revisions to the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Instructor (ROTC) certification policy for inclusion in Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*.
Item 14-C (Schedule 18)

Agenda Item 15 On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the monthly report of appointments and separations in the Department of Education. (Schedule 19)

Agenda Item 16 Mr. Roemer requested that the Department provide an accounting of how many \$50,000 contracts have been approved and what actual monies were paid on those contracts.

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Motion 16A On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract, as recommended by the Department for the Recovery School District:

Recovery School District

Contractor Name: Bronner Group LLC
Previous Contract: No
Begin Date: 01/01/08
End Date: 07/01/08
Total Amount: \$49,500.00
Source of Funds: Federal - IAT - Restart

Description of Services: The contractor will conduct a review of the financial statements and organizational structure of both RSD and OPSB. The contractor will also conduct a high-level analysis of the sources of revenue, administrative functions, and special population programs and provide a report with the comparison of costs and resource allocation across the two systems to that of comparable districts. (Schedule 20)

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Dr. Chase requested that the Department inform the Board of how long Public Works, LLC, has been in existence.

Motion 16B On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board approved the following contract, as recommended by the Department for the Recovery School District:

Recovery School District

Contractor Name: Public Works, LLC
Previous Contract: No
Begin Date: 01/04/08
End Date: 06/30/08
Total Amount: \$49,500.00
Source of Funds: Federal – IAT – Restart

Description of Services: The contractor will conduct a review of the operational areas and systems of both RSD and OPSB and generate a report that will indicate potential consolidation opportunities aimed at decreasing costs and increasing efficiency for both school systems. The areas of operation that will be reviewed include, but are not limited to: general administration tasks, business services, custodial services, facilities, food service, information technology, safety and security, transportation, athletics, procurement, human resources, and personnel administration.

(Schedule 20)

Motion 16C On motion of Dr. Chase, seconded by Ms. Washington, the Board approved the following amended contract, as recommended by the Department for the Recovery School District:

Recovery School District

Contractor Name: Montgomery, Barnett, LLP
Previous Contract: Yes
Begin Date: 06/15/07
End Date: 06/15/10
Original Amount: \$350,000.00
Amendment Amount: \$50,000.00
Revised Amount: \$400,000.00
Source of Funds: Federal - IAT - RESTART

Description of Services: This contract provides for the legal representation of the interest of the Recovery School District, the Louisiana Department of Education, and BESE in the matter of Orleans Parish School Board v. Lexington Insurance Company, et al, Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana.

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The purposes of this amendment are twofold. First, this amendment is an assignment of this contract from Montgomery Barnett, LLP to Shelley Hammond Provosty, LLC. Ms. Provosty was a partner in the Montgomery Barnett law firm, and she has been providing the legal representation to the State since the commencement of this contract. As of January 1, 2008, she left Montgomery Barnett in order to open her own law firm. The state has agreed with Montgomery Barnett and Ms. Provosty to assign this contract to Ms. Provosty to continue providing legal representation to the state in the above-referenced matter.

Second, \$50,000 is being added to this contract to bring the total maximum fees to \$400,000 in order to provide adequate funding for the term of the contract. (Schedule 20)

Agenda
Item 17

On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following preliminary activities to be implemented in anticipation of gubernatorial appointments being confirmed in the near future:

1. Directed that Ms. Glenny Lee Buquet convene a special meeting of the Board Administration/Relations Committee to begin discussions on setting the Board's goals and priorities for this term. Staff is currently holding February 7 and 8, 2008, as tentative dates.
2. Directed that the Executive Director of BESE work with NASBE staff to develop a process relative to the appointment of the State Superintendent of Education for Board members' consideration at the February 2008 meeting.
3. If all activities move forward with Board approval, the Board will consider the appointment of the State Superintendent at a special called meeting in March 2008. The Board generally has a called meeting in March to consider the MFP. Staff is currently holding March 11, 2008, as a tentative date, as the MFP formula has to be approved by March 15, 2008.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.