

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

FEBRUARY 21, 2008

The Louisiana Purchase Room Baton Rouge, LA

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in regular session on February 21, 2008, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 9:14 a.m. by Board President Linda M. Johnson and opened with a prayer by Sr. Mary Michaeline Green, O.P., Superintendent of the Baton Rouge Diocesan School System.

Board members present were: Mr. Dale Bayard, Mr. John Bennett, Ms. Glenny Lee Buquet, Ms. Penny Dastugue, Mr. Jim Garvey, Ms. Louella Givens, Mr. Keith Guice, Ms. Linda M. Johnson, Mr. Walter Lee, Ms. Tammie McDaniel, and Mr. Chas Roemer.

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.

Ms. Mary Rounds, Principal of Caddo Magnet School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. John L. Bennett, Ms. Penny M. Dastugue, and Ms. Tammie A. McDaniel.

Agenda Item 3 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board deferred until its next meeting "Consideration of Election of Board Officers for 2008."

Agenda Item 7 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board approved the agenda as printed and disseminated, adding Emergency Agenda Items 16 - 20. (Schedule 1)

Agenda Item 8 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board approved the minutes of January 17, 2008.

Agenda Item 9 **Notices of Intent**

Agenda Item 9-A **Notices of Intent duly advertised in the November 2007 issue of the Louisiana Register and ready for final adoption.**

- Agenda Item 9-A-1 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved for final adoption Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 28, Part I. Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE Code): Revision of the entire document.
- Agenda Item 9-A-2 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*: §703. Inclusion of Students in the Subgroup Component, §4302. District Responsibility Indicators, §4310. Subgroup Component AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress), and §4313. Corrective Actions.
- Agenda Item 9-A-3 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*: §301. School Performance Score Goal, §305. Calculating the CRT Index, §309. Formula for Calculating a CRT Index for a School [K-8], §311. Calculating the CRT Index [9-12], §501. Formulas Relating Student Standard Scores to NRT Index (K-8), §503. Calculating the NRT Index [K-8], §505. Calculating the NRT Index [9-12], §507. Formula for Calculating a NRT Index for a Combination School, §509. Inclusion of Alternate Assessment Results in the NRT, §519. Inclusion of Schools, and §2401. Recovery School District.
- Agenda Item 9-A-4 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 118, *Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices*: §305. Test Security Policy, and §1801. Description.
- Agenda Item 9-A-5 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*: §347. Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Instructor (ROTC) (Formerly §410), §401. Introduction, §403. Child Nutrition Program Supervisor, §410. Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Instructor (ROTC), and §421. Overview.
- Agenda Item 9-B **Notices of Intent duly advertised in the December 2007 issue of the Louisiana Register and ready for final adoption after March 19, 2008.**
- Agenda Item 9-B-1 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved for final adoption 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

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Measures, §505. Student Goal Setting for Core Measures, §507. Data Matching, §701. Data Accuracy and Entry, §703. Reporting, §705. State Approved Adult Education Data Management System, and §707. Resolving Data Analysis Problems and Deviations.

Agenda
Item 9-B-2 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §501. Criminal Background Checks and Staff Misconduct, §1117. Child Welfare and Attendance, §1307. Reasons for Expulsions, §1309. Guidelines for Expulsions, and §2321. Carnegie Credit for Middle School Students.

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Item 9-B-3 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 1929, *Louisiana Accounting and Uniform Governmental Handbook*: §1107. Definition – Supplies vs. Equipment.

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Item 9-B-4 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Nonpublic Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators*: §303. Instructional Staff.

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

- For some time, the Louisiana Department of Education has been working with the Milken Family Foundation in the implementation of the Teacher Advancement Program, or TAP.
 - TAP is a strategy to improve teacher quality and to attract and then retain talented individuals in the teaching profession. In many cases, the only way for teachers to be financially rewarded for their experience is to become an administrator. TAP allows teachers who want to keep teaching to find roles within a school that let them continue to do what they love. The Teacher Advancement Program provides a set of financial incentives, based on achievement in individual classrooms as well as overall school achievement. Louisiana has one of the highest numbers of participating schools in TAP in the nation.
 - Superintendent Pastorek recognized Teddy Broussard and his staff for the outstanding work that they do in promoting and monitoring TAP throughout the state.

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- As an outgrowth of the TAP program, the Milken Family Foundation also gives out its annual National Educator Awards. The National Educator Awards provide public recognition and financial rewards to elementary and secondary schoolteachers, administrators, and other school professionals who are furthering excellence in education. The awards started in the early 1980's; and by the end of the 2007-2008 school year, more than 2,300 outstanding educators throughout the country will have been recognized. There is no application for this award, simply recommendations and observations of these teachers. Winners also receive an unrestricted award of \$25,000.
- Superintendent Pastorek presented the following Milken National Educator Award winners the Obelisk Award.
 - Ms. Cheronda Cooper teaches English and social studies at Peabody Magnet High School in Alexandria. Her Board Member is Mr. Guice; Dr. Gary Jones is her local superintendent; and Mr. Lee Dotson is her principal.
 - Ms. Sabra Soileau teaches social studies at Moss Bluff Middle School in Lake Charles. Her Board Member is Mr. Bayard; Mr. Wayne Savoy is her local superintendent; and her principal is Mr. John Duhon.
 - Mr. Brian Young is a TAP Master Teacher at Martin Behrman Charter School in New Orleans. His board member is Ms. Givens; his superintendent is Dr. Brian Riedlinger; and his principal is Ms. Rene Lewis-Carter.
- The Superintendent also recognized high schools that have shown sustained improvement in their ACT scores.
 - Recently, ACT sent Louisiana 2007 College Readiness Awards to those public high schools that demonstrated an increase in participation and an increase in Composite Scores by one or more points over a five year period. Those schools are:
 - Avoyelles High School, Avoyelles Parish School System;
 - Baton Rouge Magnet High School, East Baton Rouge Parish School System;

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- Choudrant High School and Simsboro High School, Lincoln Parish School System;
 - Lutcher High School, St. James Parish School System;
 - Port Barre High School, St. Landry Parish School System;
 - Pine High School, Washington Parish School System; and
 - Sam Houston High School, Calcasieu Parish School System.
- From 2005 to 2006, Louisiana's ACT Composite Score improved from 19.8 to 20.1, which is our highest score ever. These high schools were clearly a big part in making that happen and should be applauded.
- Each year, *U.S. News & World Report* analyzes academic and enrollment data from more than 18,000 public high schools to find the very best across the country. These schools were placed into gold, silver, or bronze medal categories. In Louisiana, 33 schools were so recognized. Superintendents of those districts received certificates commemorating this achievement.
 - Those schools recognized as Silver Medal Schools were:
 - Caddo Parish Magnet High School, Caddo Parish School System, Superintendent Wanda Gunn;
 - Baton Rouge High School, East Baton Rouge Parish School System, Superintendent Charlotte Placide;
 - Bolton High School, Rapides Parish School System, Superintendent Gary Jones.
 - Bronze Medal honorees were:
 - Reeves High School, Allen Parish School System, Superintendent Michael Doucet;
 - Avoyelles and Bunkie High Schools, Avoyelles Parish School System, Superintendent Dwayne Lemoine;

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- Singer High School, Beauregard Parish School System, Superintendent Rita Mann;
- Castor and Gibsland-Coleman High Schools, Bienville Parish School System, Superintendent William Britt;
- Block, Harrisonburg, and Sicily Island High Schools, Catahoula Parish School System, Superintendent Ronald Lofton;
- LSU University Laboratory School, Principal Wade Smith;
- Basile, Mamou and Pine Prairie High Schools, Evangeline Parish School System, Superintendent Toni Hamlin;
- Weston High School, Jackson Parish School System, Superintendent Wayne Alford;
- Hathaway High School, Jefferson Davis Parish School System, Superintendent Tommy Lee Smith;
- Holden High School, Livingston Parish School System, Superintendent Randy Pope;
- Florien and Negreet High Schools, Sabine Parish School System, Superintendent Dorman Jackson;
- Northwest High School, St. Landry Parish School System, Superintendent Michael Nassif;
- Berwick and Centerville High Schools, St. Mary Parish School System, Superintendent Richard Lavergne;
- Northshore High School, St. Tammany Parish School System, Superintendent Gayle Sloan;
- Forest and Kilbourne High Schools, West Carroll Parish School System, Superintendent Jerry Doshier;
- West Feliciana High School, West Feliciana Parish School System, Superintendent Lloyd Lindsey, Jr.;
- Calvin, Dodson, and Winnfield High Schools, Winn Parish School System, Superintendent Steve Bartlett; and

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- Neville High School, City of Monroe School System, Superintendent James Dupree.
- Superintendent Pastorek recognized St. Tammany Parish School System for having 23 schools certified as Gold participants of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Healthier U.S. School Challenge.
 - Cypress Cove Elementary School in St. Tammany was the first school in the country to achieve the Gold award.
- Recently, a press conference was held at Ryan Elementary School in Baton Rouge, at which 20 public schools with high poverty and high minority student populations were identified as high performing. Superintendent Pastorek has asked the principals of those schools to serve on an advisory committee that will help replicate the successes of these schools, and he will update the Board as to the progress that committee is making and their recommendations as it moves forward.
- Since it began on February 1, 2008, the LEAP Tutoring Helpline has received more than 1,500 calls from students and parents. From the first week to the second week, the volume of calls almost tripled. The hours of operation have been expanded once and will be expanded again. This helpline is an adjunct to distribution of LEAP booklets to 4th and 8th graders throughout the state. Students can call in and get help in the process of finding the right answer. This reflects the Department's goal to become a much more service-based organization, and the Department will continue to build on these types of programs.

The Board agreed to take Agenda Item 17 out of order.

Agenda Item 17 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following resolution and joined Blueprint Louisiana, the Governor's Office, and the Legislature in encouraging and supporting universal early childhood education for the State of Louisiana:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Act 323 of the 1985 Legislative Session authorized annual funding of one or more early childhood development programs for high-risk children for each school system; and

WHEREAS, since 1988, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) has allocated over \$120,000,000 in 8(g) funds to support this important initiative; and

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WHEREAS, the 8(g) Preschool/Early Childhood Program has served as a model for other prekindergarten initiatives in the state and has set many of the standards for providing at-risk children with the skills needed to succeed; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education wants to ensure that all children can be successful before and after they enter school;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education joins the Governor's Office and the Legislature in support of Blueprint Louisiana's Blueprint for Action to expand pre-kindergarten access to all four-year-olds and coordinate early childhood programs to establish one high-quality system.

Linda M. Johnson
President

(Schedule 2)

The Board returned to the regular agenda order.

Agenda
Item 11-A
11-A-1

8(g) Committee

(Schedule 3)

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, 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 2006-2007;
- c. report of project audits with irregularities and responses accepted for FY 2006-2007; and
- d. reports of project audits with irregularities awaiting a response for FY 2005-2006 and FY 2006-2007.

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On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board authorized conducting the Eligibility Review of 8(g) Competitive Proposals for FY 2008-2009 with LDE staff and authorized Board staff to notify ineligible applicants of the appeals process.

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On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the program components of 8(g) statewide projects for FY 2008-2009.

11-A-4 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the Statewide Guidelines for FY 2008-2009.

11-A-5 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report on the Mini Grant Awards of Excellence Program.

Agenda **Accountability and Assessment Committee** (Schedule 4)
Item 11-B

11-B-1 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the following reports on LEAP, GEE, and iLEAP testing:

- Pretest Workshops for District Test Coordinators;
- Test Development Activity: Rangefinding;
- Professional Development (PD) Related to Classroom Assessment Practices;
- LEAP Alternate Assessment, Level 1 (LAA 1): External Review; and
- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting.

11-B-2 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the update on the public awareness campaign for accountability.

11-B-3 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on the Regional Education Service Centers (RESC).

11-B-4 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the suggested revisions to the High Stakes Testing Policy concerning LEAP waivers and the issue of students repeating classes previously passed, referred the suggested revisions to the School and District Accountability Commission, and retained this item on the agenda.

11-B-5 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on 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-6 On motion of Mr. Guice, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the request from the Ouachita Parish School System to change the routing status of the Ouachita Parish Alternative Center from routing to non-routing, as allowed in Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*, §3507. Option Considerations and §3503. Option I,

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noting that §3503.B. establishes that some scores will continue to be routed. Further, the Board referred to the School and District Accountability Commission "Consideration of LEA requests to change alternative schools' Option (routing) status" and retained this item on the agenda for a recommendation in April 2008.

11-B-7 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on an alternative accountability system and retained this item on the agenda.

11-B-8 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the Department's Action Plan for schools entering the Recovery School District and recommendations regarding the placement of schools in the Recovery School District (RSD) under LA R.S. 17:10.5, as follows:

Tiered Intervention

Tier 0: School is not placed under the RSD effective July 1, 2008. A state approved MOU is developed between the LDE and the local school district.

Tier 1: School is placed under the RSD effective July 1, 2008. The RSD directly manages the school under an LDE approved plan.

Tier 2: School is placed under the RSD July 1, 2008. The school is operated pursuant to a charter or another approved agreement with a BESE approved provider.

Tier 2 (conditional): A school is designated for placement under the RSD effective July 1, 2008, unless the school meets the requirements as outlined by the LDE.

Recommendations for schools eligible for the RSD

- Morehouse Career Center (Morehouse Parish) – *No recommendation,
- Northwood High School (Tangipahoa Parish) – Conditional Tier 2 with an option for Tier 0,
- Crystal Academy (Tangipahoa Parish) – Conditional Tier 2 with an option for Tier 0,
- Morehouse Alternative School (Morehouse Parish) – Conditional Tier 2 with an option for Tier 0,
- Sherrouse Academic Center (City of Monroe) – Conditional Tier 2 with an option for Tier 0,

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- Bethune Middle Academy (Caddo Parish) – Conditional Tier 2 with an option for Tier 1 or Tier 0,
- Glen Oaks Middle (East Baton Rouge Parish) – Tier 2,
- Pointe Coupee Central High School (Pointe Coupee Parish) – Tier 2,
- Prescott Middle School (East Baton Rouge Parish) – Tier 2,
- Capitol Pre-College Academy for Boys (East Baton Rouge Parish) – Tier 2, and
- Capitol Pre-College Academy for Girls (East Baton Rouge Parish) – Tier 2.

*Morehouse Career Center should not be placed in the RSD. This school includes only PreGED students. By policy, the scores of PreGED students should be routed to the “home” school, and no SPS should be produced for the Career Center.

11-B-9 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved as Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System: §3905*. Inclusion of Alternate Assessment Results.

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

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

11-C-2 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, 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 Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the out-of-state travel requests for Ms. Glennie Lee Buquet and Ms. Louella Givens to attend the Louisiana New Technology High School Network Executive Tour in Sacramento, CA, on February 26-27, 2008.

11-C-4 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the travel reports for Department of Education employees’ out-of-state expenditures.

11-C-5 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the travel reports for out-of-state travel to be reimbursed by the Department of Education for non-employees.

- 11-C-6 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the summary and timeline update of policy development regarding the Recovery School District (RSD) and charter schools and retained this item on the agenda.

- 11-C-7 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the update report on the development and implementation of policies regarding BESE's approval of the Recovery School District (RSD), including a working outline of the Finance provisions to be developed in the RSD Bulletin, and retained this item on the agenda.

- 11-C-8 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deferred until April 2008 consideration of modifications to BESE's Recovery School District Procurement Policy.

- 11-C-9 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board authorized the Board President to appoint a workgroup consisting of Board members, Board staff, and LDE staff to develop recommendations for increasing efficiency, including the continuing review of posting BESE agenda packets on the web and streamlining Board agendas and packets.

- 11-C-10 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the mid-year/bi-annual progress report made by the State Superintendent.

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Ms. Dastugue offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Givens, that in recognition of his exceptional leadership and extraordinary accomplishments during his term as State Superintendent of the Department of Education in Louisiana, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education reappoint Paul Pastorek today as the State Superintendent and direct the Board President to negotiate and execute a contract by the end of business February 21, 2008, that will include:

- a four year term;
- aggregate 16.8% increase in salary and benefits, plus adjustments reflective of contract timing; and
- an annual 6% step increase contingent upon a positive evaluation by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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Mr. Roemer offered an amended motion, seconded by Mr. Garvey, that in recognition of his exceptional leadership and extraordinary accomplishments during his term as State Superintendent of the Department of Education in Louisiana, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education reappoint Paul Pastorek today as the State Superintendent and direct the Board President to negotiate and execute a contract by the end of business February 21, 2008, that will include:

- a four year term;
- aggregate 16.8% increase in salary and benefits, plus adjustments reflective of contract timing; and
- an annual 6% step increase contingent upon a positive evaluation by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Said evaluation will include, but will not be limited to, performance of the Recovery School District, performance of school takeover initiatives, performance of all other Louisiana public elementary and secondary education, and quality of and compensation of public school teachers.

Lengthy discussion followed.

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A Roll Call Vote was taken on Mr. Roemer’s amended motion.

Yeas: Ms. Buquet, Mr. Garvey, and Mr. Roemer.

Nays: Mr. Bayard, Mr. Bennett, Ms. Dastugue, Ms. Givens, Mr. Guice, Mr. Lee, and Ms. McDaniel.

The amended motion failed.

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11-C-11A On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, in recognition of his exceptional leadership and extraordinary accomplishments during his term as State Superintendent of the Department of Education in Louisiana, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education reappointed Paul Pastorek today as the State Superintendent and directed the Board President to negotiate and execute a contract by the end of business February 21, 2008, that will include:

- a four year term;
- aggregate 16.8% increase in salary and benefits, plus adjustments reflective of contract timing; and
- an annual 6% step increase contingent upon a positive evaluation by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

A Roll Call Vote taken.

Yeas: Mr. Bayard, Mr. Bennett, Ms. Buquet, Ms. Dastugue, Mr. Garvey, Ms. Givens, Mr. Guice, Mr. Lee, and Ms. McDaniel.

Nays: Mr. Roemer.

The motion passed.

11-C-11B On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Mr. Roemer, the Board authorized the Board President to secure the services of an employment attorney, should she deem it necessary to do so.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Yeas: Mr. Bayard, Mr. Bennett, Ms. Buquet, Ms. Dastugue, Mr. Garvey, Ms. Givens, Mr. Guice, Mr. Lee, Ms. McDaniel, and Mr. Roemer.

Nays: None

The motion passed.

11-C-12 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on charter school issues and informational reports.

11-C-13 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the Charter School Annual Performance Report using the new evaluation framework.

11-C-14 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the material amendment request submitted by KIPP Central City (Type 5) (Orleans Parish) to change the school calendar for this academic year and approved the material amendment request submitted by Middle School Advocates (MSA) to change the name of New Orleans Charter Middle School (Type 5) (Orleans Parish) to Arthur Ashe Charter School.

11-C-15 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the changes to Type 2 and Type 5 Charter Contracts, as recommended by the LDE Legal, Charter School Office, and RSD Charter School Office staffs and the Board Office, and authorized the Board President to execute contracts with the newly approved charter schools meeting the requisite pre-opening requirements. Further, the Board authorized:

- the inclusion of an alternate student performance section of the Charter Evaluation Framework, Exhibit I of the charter contract, and
- the execution of charter contracts with charter schools not serving grade levels that participate in state assessments in the first year of operation.

Both of the above are subject to the Board's approval of an Evaluation Framework presented by the Department for inclusion in the Charter School Contract for such schools.

11-C-16 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deferred until May 2008 consideration of a report on the percentage of students with disabilities in Type 5 Charter Schools, including the Department's follow-up and recommendations of Type 5 Charter Schools with an enrollment of students with disabilities of 5% or less.

11-C-17 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board

- 1) received the report on pre-opening activities for charter schools approved for the 2008-2009 school year;
- 2) approved the request for a delayed opening from American Scholars Academy and KIPP Middle School and directed the Recovery School District (RSD) to identify facility options for both schools for a 2009-2010 school year opening;
- 3) approved authorizing the newly approved Type 5 charter schools to follow the student enrollment timeline as recommended by the Department; and

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4) approved that the date by which parents are required to choose schools and enroll students in all schools, as articulated in the Common Application Policy and Timeline for Public Schools in New Orleans, be extended from March 28 until April 4, 2008.

11-C-18 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on facility assignments of Type 5 charter schools approved for the 2008-2009 school year, as amended.

11-C-19 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the Department's recommendation that KIPP Elementary, Akili Academy, and the Academy for the Arts use the Terra Nova as their assessment instrument, but that the primary measure of progress would be formal school quality reviews conducted annually by Department staff and/or consultants employed by the Department to conduct such reviews. Additionally, the Evaluation Framework for the affected schools will reflect this recommendation.

11-C-20 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deferred until April 2008 consideration of a report 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-21 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved an accelerated charter application cycle for Type 5 charter schools, the charter school application timeline, and the charter school application.

11-C-22 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, 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 (BSS). Further, the Board approved the following delegation of authority with respect to the Special School District, the Louisiana School for the Deaf, the Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired, and the Louisiana Special Education Center, as recommended by the Department:

- Special School District to Virginia Beridon (Director of SSD),
- Louisiana School for the Deaf to Kenny David (Director of LSD),
- Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired to Janet Ford (Director of LSVI), and
- Louisiana Special Education Center to Michael Joiner (Director of LSEC).

Each BSS Delegation of Authority authorizes Virginia Beridon to supervise and oversee the administration of the BESE Special Schools.

Committee of the Whole (COW)

Agenda **Board Administration/Relations Committee (COW)** (Schedule 6)
Item 11-C1 **Special Called Meeting**

On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the minutes of the Board Administration/Relations Committee of the Whole Special Called Meeting held on February 7, 2008.

Agenda **Board Administration/Relations Committee (COW)** (Schedule 7)
Item 11-D1

11-D1-1 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the Recovery School District monthly update report.

11-D1-2 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board deferred consideration of the procurement procedures for the Recovery School District.

11-D1-3 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the Student Code of Conduct for the Recovery School District.

11-D1-4 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the Administrative Guidelines for LaTAAP to be implemented by the Recovery School District.

11-D1-5 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the revised 2007 Annual Recovery School District (RSD) Legislatively Required Action Plan for submission to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education.

Agenda **Finance/Audit Review Committee (COW)** (Schedule 8)
Item 11-D2

11-D2-1 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the status report on FEMA reimbursements to the RSD.

11-D2-2 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report and retained on the agenda consideration of the 2007-2008 RSD Budget separated according to the categories of recurring funds, one-time funds, and capital funds.

- 11-D2-3 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board directed the Recovery School District to provide a reconciliation of all Restart funds to date and a proposed budget on all remaining Restart funds.

Consideration of Recovery School District Contracts

- 11-D2-4 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Cornell Abraxas Group, Inc.
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$269,718.00
Contract Period: 12/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: Federal – IAT-Restart
Competitive Process: No – Education Program Specialists

Description of Services: The contractor will pilot a program that will provide services for 2 alternative education classrooms within 1 elementary school. The multi-faceted approach will provide academic instruction that is tailored to meet the needs of Special Education and regular education students, as well as social skills instruction, relationship building, and behavioral modification in order to help students gain the necessary skills to transition back into mainstream classrooms.

- 11-D2-5 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: The Camelot Schools, LLC
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$467,500.00
Contract Period: 12/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: Federal – IAT-Restart
Competitive Process: No – Education Program Specialists

Description of Services: The contractor will provide intervention services for students at-risk of dropping out of school. The multi-faceted approach will provide academic instruction that is tailored to meet the needs of Special Education and regular education students, who are experiencing difficulty with learning, school achievement, progress toward graduation due to the inability to meet academic success, and who are exhibiting social and behavioral challenges.

11-D2-6 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: The Princeton Review, Inc.
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$ 1,318,620
Contract Period: 08/01/07 - 06/30/08
Fund: State – MFP
Competitive Process: No – Education Program Specialists

Description of Services: The contractor will provide formative assessment services in mathematics, science, and English Language Arts. The assessment services include 24 unique assessments per grade for elementary mathematics, elementary reading, and elementary science, as well as four unique assessments for 10th grade integrated GEE mathematics, 10th grade integrated English language arts, 11th grade integrated GEE science, and 11th grade integrated GEE social studies

11-D2-7 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: A&A Consulting, LLC
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$23,000.00
Begin Date: 10/01/07
Original End Date: 12/31/07
Revised End Date: 06/30/08
Contract Period: 11/05/07 - 05/30/08
Fund: Federal – IAT-Restart
Competitive Process: No – Not Required

Description of Services: The contractor will provide consulting services to the RSD on school district organization, staffing needs, and policy development in the area of procurement and contracting for goods and services under State law. The contractor will assist with the establishment of best-practices policies and procedures for procurement in the RSD Central Procurement to enable staff to exercise control over the acquisition of materials and services and award contracts to suppliers.

11-D2-8 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Shaw Environmental and Infrastructure, Inc
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$28,000.00
Amended Amount: \$28,000.00
Revised Amount: \$57,600.00
Begin Date: 09/01/07
Original End Date: 12/31/07
Revised End Date: 06/30/08
Fund: Federal – IAT-Restart
Competitive Process: No

Description of Services: The contractor will provide consulting services on school district organization and staffing needs in the area of finance and audit. Additionally, the contractor will work with finance, budget, and grants program staff to align projects and the associated costs with the appropriate grant or fund source. These activities will include reconciling past years' expenses, as well as planning for future years.

11-D2-9 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Bright Moments, Inc
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$212,000.00
Begin Date: 07/01/07
Revised End Date: 01/31/08
Original End Date: 12/31/07
Fund: State – MFP
Competitive Process: No

Description of Services: The contractor will devise and implement a comprehensive communications and community outreach plan including oversight of a market research study to gauge community support for public education in New Orleans, oversight of long-range planning for the RSD, facilitation of the strategic relationship between the RSD and OPSB, support in special media relations, and development of a media campaign to educate the community on successes and challenges of the local public school system.

Special Consideration

11-D2-10 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Eskew, Dumez, and Ripple
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$1,878,159.00
Amended Amount: \$1,040,229.00
New Contract Amount: \$2,918,388.00
Contract Period: 06/15/2007 - 06/15/2009
Fund: FEMA/GOHSEP/IAT/Construction
Competitive Process: Yes - True Professional Contract

Description of Services: The contractor is responsible for the design duties for LB Landry High School. The increase in contract amount is necessary due to the difference in actual project costs and the initial construction values that were set based on an industry formula. Increasing market costs for construction have also contributed to the need for an increased contract amount.

11-D2-11 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: HMS Architects, Inc.
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$522,693.00
Amended Amount: \$787,347.00
New Contract Amount: \$1,310,040.00
Contract Period: 06/15/2007 - 06/15/2009
Fund: FEMA/GOHSEP/IAT/Construction
Competitive Process: Yes - True Professional Contract

Description of Services: The contractor is responsible for all design duties for Andrew H. Wilson Elementary School. The increase in the contract amount is necessary due to the difference in actual project costs and the initial construction values that were set based on an industry formula. Increasing market costs for construction have also contributed to the need for an increased contract amount.

11-D2-12 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Lachine Oubre & Associates
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$1,164,480.00
Amended Amount: \$180,543.00
New Contract Amount: \$1,345,023.00
Contract Period: 06/15/2007 - 06/15/2009
Fund: FEMA/GOHSEP/IAT/Construction
Competitive Process: Yes - True Professional Contract

Description of Services: The contractor is responsible for all design duties for a new elementary school in the City of New Orleans. The increase in contract amount is necessary due to the difference in actual project costs and the initial construction values that were set based on an industry formula. Increasing market costs for construction have also contributed to the need for an increased contract amount.

11-D2-13 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Public Consulting Group, Inc.
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$1,775,000.00
Amended Amount: \$45,000.00
New Contract Amount: \$1,820,000.00
Contract Period: 01/01/2008 - 12/31/2009
Fund: TITLE I/IAT Operations
Competitive Process: Yes

Description of Services: The amendment provides for an increase to the scope of services. In addition to developing and implementing special education processes as detailed in the original contract, the contractor will assist RSD staff in aligning, formatting, and analyzing assessment data to help schools set performance targets.

11-D2-14 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Verges Rome Architects
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$1,878,159.00
Amended Amount: \$696,526.00;
New Contract Amount: \$2,574,685.00
Contract Period: 06/15/2007 - 06/15/2009
Fund: FEMA/GOHSEP/IAT/Construction
Competitive Process: Yes - True Professional Contract

Description of Services: The contractor is responsible for all design duties for Lake Area School. The increase in contract amount is necessary due to the difference in actual project costs and the initial construction values that were set based on an industry formula. Increasing market costs for construction have also contributed to the need for an increased contract amount.

11-D2-15 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Yeates & Yeates Architects, LLC
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$522,693.00
Amended Amount: \$750,725.00;
New Contract Amount: \$1,273,418.00
Contract Period: 06/15/2007 - 06/15/2009
Fund: FEMA/GOHSEP/IAT/Construction
Competitive Process: Yes - True Professional Contract

Description of Services: The contractor is to be responsible for all design duties for Fannie C. Williams Elementary School. The increase in contract amount is necessary due to the difference in actual project costs and the initial construction values that were set based on an industry formula. Increasing market costs for construction have also contributed to the need for an increased contract amount.

Agenda **Finance/Audit Review Committee** (Schedule 9)
Item 11-E

11-E-1 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the BA-7's for the Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired (LSVI) to increase the Interagency Transfer Means of Financing budget ceiling to accommodate an award to LSVI of an IDEA-B State Level Funding Grant, CFDA #84.027A.

11-E-2 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred consideration of property owned by BESE.

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Ms. Johnson requested that at the March 2008 Board meeting, the Department provide the Board with recommendations on amending the MFP to include an additional amount of money for the laboratory schools.

Ms. Buquet requested that the Department consider the needs of the foreign associate teachers.

Mr. Bayard requested that the Department provide the Board with a simulation with some alternate determining method of the wealth formula for the Board to consider over the next year.

Ms. Johnson stated that it has been requested that the Board reconvene the MFP Study Group. She would like that group to be reconvened after this legislative session.

11-E-3 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report on the MFP formula.

11-E-4 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report from the Department of Education's Director of Internal Audit.

Grants and Allocations

Disadvantaged or Disabled Student Support - Formula

11-E-5 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following grant:

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Allocation: LA-4 Prekindergarten Program
Amount: \$1,809,125
Funding Period: 07/01/07-06/30/08
Source of Funds: State

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

Basis of Allocation: All school systems and charter schools are eligible to submit an application for funding. Monies are allocated on a per pupil basis, based upon estimates submitted by the applicant. Each recipient is allocated \$5,000 per child for the 6-hour portion of the day and an additional \$1,125 per student for the before and after school enrichment portion of the day. This is a reallocation based on October 1, 2007, student counts due to: (1) not serving at least 90% of their initially projected student counts or (2) to those systems serving more than their initially allocated student counts.

Educators Support – Formula

11-E-6 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Louisiana Teacher Assistance & Assessment Program
Amount: \$101,200
Funding Period: 07/01/07-06/30/08
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: The Louisiana Teacher Assistance and Assessment Program (LaTAAP) is designed to help the new teacher become a competent, confident professional in the classroom and to ensure that he/she meets the performance standard established as a criterion for certification. The Assistance Period in which the new teacher is mentored in his/her school occurs throughout the first full year of employment. The Assessment Period occurs in the third semester of teaching: if a new teacher fails to meet the performance standards, a second assessment opportunity occurs in the fourth semester of teaching. New teachers are provided a mentor

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throughout their participation in the LaTAAP, as they work on assessment and professional development activities. A teacher who fails to meet the

performance standards after two years in the LaTAAP must exit the teaching profession in Louisiana public schools for a minimum of two years. If the teacher applies for reemployment in Louisiana, the teacher will enter semester five and have two more years to meet assessment standards.

Basis of Allocation: A supplemental allocation of approximately \$400 per new teacher will be provided to the Recovery School District-LDE on the total number of new teachers participating in semesters 1 through 5 of LaTAAP as of February 1, 2008. The Recovery School District-LDE has added 253 additional teachers to the LaTAAP since the original Grant Award was approved for 13 new teachers in October 2007.

11-E-7 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: National School Psychologists
Amount: \$55,000
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 06/30/08
Source of Funds: State

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

Adult Education - Competitive

11-E-8 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following grant:

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Allocation: The Donna Contois Jobs For America's Graduates –
LA Program

Amount: \$3,710
Funding Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: The Donna Contois Jobs for America's Graduates – Louisiana (JAG-LA) Program is a dropout prevention/recovery and workforce preparation program for at-risk youth. It keeps at-risk students in school through graduation to obtain a high school diploma or a GED and, during that time, improve their rate of success in acquiring employability and occupational competencies.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations were calculated to establish a base amount of \$2,000 per program plus an allocation of approximately \$38 per program participant, unless the program has not been fully established. This allocation is to award funding to Monroe City that was not included on the original allocation approved by BESE in January 2008.

School and Community Support - Competitive

11-E-9 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Secondary Vocational Education – Carl Perkins
Amount: \$1,043,968
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 06/30/08
Source of Funds: IAT – LCTCS

Purpose: The purpose of the Secondary Vocational Education – Carl Perkins Program is to develop the academic, vocational, and technical skills of secondary students who elect to enroll in career and technical education programs by:

- 1) building on the State and local efforts to develop challenging academic standards;
- 2) promoting the development of services and activities that integrate academic, career, and technical instruction and that link secondary and post secondary education for participating career and technical education students; and
- 3) providing professional development and technical assistance that will improve career and technical education programs, services, and activities.

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Basis of Allocation: Allocations are computed according to the proportional number of youth population within the LEA and the number of low-income

youth within the LEA. Allocations are computed by LCTCS staff. This allocation represents a supplemental allocation to grantees from the FY 2006-2007 carryover funds.

School Accountability and Improvement - Other

11-E-10 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Reading First State Grants
Amount: \$1,725,263
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 09/30/08
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of the NCLB Act of 2001 is to ensure that all children in America learn to read well by the end of the third grade; provide the necessary assistance to the State and districts to establish research-based reading programs; significantly increase professional development; and to provide assistance to the districts in preparing classroom teachers to effectively screen, diagnose, and monitor progress and outcome in order to overcome reading barriers for their students.

Basis of Allocation: Reading First subgrants will be awarded on a competitive basis to local districts that have the highest number or percentages of students in Kindergarten through grade three reading below grade level and to LEAs that have jurisdiction over at least one of the following: (1) a geographic area that includes an area designated as an empowerment zone, or an enterprise community, under Part 1 of Subchapter U. of Chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code; (2) a significant number or percentage of schools that are identified for school improvement under Title I, Part A; and/or (3) the highest numbers or percentages of children who are counted for allocations under Title I, Part A, in comparison to other LEAs in the state. The State will give priority to eligible LEAs that meet one of the following criteria: (1) at least 15% of the students served by an eligible LEA are from families with incomes below the poverty line; or (2) at least 6,500 children served by an eligible LEA are from families with incomes below the poverty line in accordance with the U.S. Office of Management and Budgets, which is revised annually.

This allocation is a redistribution of relinquished funds from Orleans Parish and New Beginnings Charter School. The allocation was distributed at \$81.93 per child.

11-E-11 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: K-12 Accountability Rewards
Amount: \$4,669,291
Funding Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/08
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: The K-12 Accountability Rewards Fund is allocated to those schools that meet or surpass their Growth Target and when they show growth in the performance of students who are classified as high poverty students. School personnel shall decide how the monetary award shall be spent; however, the monetary award will not be used for salaries or stipends.

Basis of Allocation: Schools that attained Exemplary Academic Growth (EAG) received a base allocation of \$5,000 plus a per pupil amount of \$31.69. Schools that attained Recognized Academic Growth (RAG) received a base allocation of \$2,500 plus a per pupil amount of \$21.13.

11-E-12 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: GEE 21 Remediation
Amount: \$174,000
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 06/30/08
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: The GEE 21 Remediation Program will be used by districts to provide remedial instruction to targeted students in an effort to increase their likelihood of scoring above the *Unsatisfactory* achievement level on the GEE 21 retests. Recipients may use these funds to train teachers, pay professional salaries and provide materials for GEE 21 Remediation classes in English Language Arts, science, social studies and mathematics for eligible juniors and sophomores following BESE approved guidelines.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations are computed, based on the number of *Unsatisfactory* scores on the GEE 21 test in Spring 2007 with schools not affiliated with districts (lab and charter schools) receiving a minimum allocation of \$1,000. This supplemental allocation is to distribute funds that were reserved for new charter schools.

Hurricane Education Recovery - Other

- 11-E-13 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Immediate Aid to Restart School Operations
Amount: \$14,341,817.56
Funding Period: 09/12/07 – 09/11/07
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The Hurricane Education Recovery Act (HERA) (Public Law 109-148) provided funds to Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, and Alabama to provide assistance or services to LEAs and non-public schools to help defray expenses related to the restart of operations in, the reopening of, and the reenrollment of students in schools that serve an area in which a major disaster had been declared related to Hurricanes Katrina or Rita.

Basis of Allocation: Funds are allocated on a per pupil basis. The amount of \$2,095.96 per pupil is provided to schools that remained closed over 60 days after the 2005 hurricanes; \$1,500 per pupil is provided to schools that remained closed 30 to 60 days; \$375 per pupil is provided to schools that remained closed less than 30 days after the 2005 hurricanes. This third allocation excludes schools that already received a second allocation, any schools that proved ineligible for Restart funds, schools that have not contacted the LDE since before the 2005 hurricanes, and schools that chose not to use their full allocation to date.

- 11-E-14 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report on the Community Development Block Grant Program funds.
- 11-E-15 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the contracts \$50,000 and under approved by the State Superintendent.

Received and Deferred**Office of Student and School Performance**

- 11-E-16 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: Data Recognition Corporation
Previous Contract: Yes

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Original Amount: \$26,481,940.00
 Amended Amount: (\$96,549.00)
 New Contract Amount: \$26,385,391.00
 Contract Period: 09/09/2003 - 06/30/08
 Fund: T6 State Assess Admin Fed

Special School District/LA School for the Deaf

11-E-17 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: East Baton Rouge Parish Schools
 Previous Contract: Yes
 Amount: \$97,251.00
 Contract Period: 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2009
 Fund: State

11-E-18 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: St. John the Baptist Parish School Board
 Previous Contract: Yes
 Amount: \$63,513.00
 Contract Period: 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2009
 Fund: State

Action

11-E-19 **Office of School and Community Support**

On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved 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

The contractor will provide technical assistance to eight (8) secondary automotive programs that are working toward attainment of program certification and will strengthen the link between secondary and postsecondary institutions and business/industry partners.

11-E-20 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved 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

The contractor will adapt, print and disseminate posters, TV and radio Public Service Announcements on DVDs, and one reproducible personalized principal letter per school to promote the Steps to a Healthier Louisiana social marketing campaign.

11-E-21 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Meta Associates
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$23,100.00
Amended Amount: \$10,850.00
Revised Amount: \$33,950.00
Begin Date: 05/15/2007
Original End Date: 03/30/2008;
Revised End Date: 08/01/2008;
Contract Period: 07/01/07 - 06/30/10
Fund: Federal – Migrant Educational Leadership

This amendment allows for the addition of four new deliverables for the final steps necessary to align Louisiana’s new MEP Comprehensive Needs Assessment and Service Delivery Plan with existing SEA plans for professional development, technical assistance, program monitoring, parental involvement, and the sub-grantee application process.

11-E-22 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

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

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This amendment is necessary in order to pay for document development and codification of the increased number of documents that are being processed by Career and Technical Education.

- 11-E-23 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved 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

This contractor will participate in the continuation of a statewide pilot project to implement comprehensive and coordinated school health strategies at the district-level based on the Center for Disease Control national model.

- 11-E-24 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved 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

This contractor will participate in the continuation of a statewide pilot project to implement comprehensive and coordinated school health strategies at the district-level based on the Center for Disease Control national model.

- 11-E-25 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved 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

This contractor will participate in the continuation of a statewide pilot project to implement comprehensive and coordinated school health strategies at the district-level based on the Center for Disease Control national model.

11-E-26 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved 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

This contractor will participate in the continuation of a statewide pilot project to implement comprehensive and coordinated school health strategies at the district-level based on the Center for Disease Control national model.

11-E-27 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved 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

This contractor will participate in the continuation of a statewide pilot project to implement comprehensive and coordinated school health strategies at the district-level based on the Center for Disease Control national model.

11-E-28 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved 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

This contractor will participate in the continuation of a statewide pilot project to implement comprehensive and coordinated school health strategies at the district-level based on the Center for Disease Control national model.

11-E-29 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved 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

This contractor will participate in the continuation of a statewide pilot project to implement comprehensive and coordinated school health strategies at the district-level based on the Center for Disease Control national model.

11-E-30 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved 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

This contractor will participate in the continuation of a statewide pilot project to implement comprehensive and coordinated school health strategies at the district-level based on the Center for Disease Control national model.

11-E-31 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved 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

This contractor will participate in the continuation of a statewide pilot project to implement comprehensive and coordinated school health strategies at the district-level based on the Center for Disease Control national model.

11-E-32 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved 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

This contractor will participate in the continuation of a statewide pilot project to implement comprehensive and coordinated school health strategies at the district-level based on the Center for Disease Control national model.

11-E-33 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved 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

This contractor will participate in the continuation of a statewide pilot project to implement comprehensive and coordinated school health strategies at the district-level based on the Center for Disease Control national model.

11-E-34 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

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

This amendment increases the number of days of work to allow for monitoring of two additional school districts and participation at the annual National Conference on Methods of Administration for Civil Rights Compliance.

Special Consideration**Office of School and Community Support**

11-E-35 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: LA Department of Social Services
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$9,500,000.00
Contract Period: 09/01/2008 - 08/31/2009
Fund: TANF IAT

The contractor will transfer funds to the LDE for administration of the TANF After-School for All Program. The program is implemented through providers that are selected by a competitive process to operate after-school programs in the out-of-school hours at least 3 days a week, 2 hours per day, for 10 months.

Office of Student and School Performance

11-E-36 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved on the following contract:

Contractor: Data Recognition Corporation
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$72,882,054.00
Amended Amount: \$1,565,272.00;
New Amount: \$74,447,326.00
Contract Period: 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2011
Fund: SSP CRT LEAP Acct Test G/F; IDEA B Alternative Assessment Fed

The amendment provides for an increase in the scope of work related to additional activities with LAA 1 development, implementation, and scoring. There is also a decrease in scope of work associated with a reduced need for hand scoring due to lower enrollment.

11-E-37 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Louisiana State University
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$339,920.00
Contract Period: 10/01/2007 - 09/30/2008
Fund: Federal - LA Advance Placement Academy

The contractor will identify schools, identify and contract Advanced Placement Incentive Program (APIP) mentors and faculty advisors, make site visits for professional development opportunities in the Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 to each school site, and provide Professional Development workshops in the summer of 2008 as outlined in the approved U.S. Department of Education Advanced Placement Incentive Program Grant (APIP).

11-E-38 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred consideration of designating the Department of Education as the State Administrator of FEMA for impacted school systems.

Agenda Item 11-E1 Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) Public Hearing (Schedule 10)

On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the minutes of the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) Public Hearing held on February 19, 2008, and public comments submitted by the Grant Parish School Board and the St. Bernard Parish School Board.

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Ms. Givens requested that Ms. Dastugue and the Department look at the effect that including the sales tax spike is having on Orleans Parish with regard to the MFP. Ms. Dastugue suggested that she, Ms. Givens, and Ms. Scioneaux schedule a conference to discuss this issue.

Agenda Item 11-F High School Redesign Committee (Schedule 11)

11-F-1 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) report regarding issues of interest to both Boards that support and/or expand PreK-16 articulation activities, and directed the LDOE to provide a follow-up report in April 2008 on ways the Board and Department can capitalize on the opportunities for joint efforts presented by the LCTCS.

- 11-F-2 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report on the LA ePortal (Regents).
- 11-F-3 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the Annual Career Options Law Evaluation Report due to the Legislature.
- 11-F-4 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report on policy revision recommendations to the Pre-GED/Skills Option Program to facilitate the increased completion rate for returning dropouts and referred this item to the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council (PSAC) and the High School Redesign Commission.
- 11-F-5 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report on the activities of the High School Redesign Commission.
- 11-F-6 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the update report on Louisiana's high school redesign efforts and retained this item on the agenda for a full report in April 2008.
- 11-F-7 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report on the recommendations of the Professional School Counseling Task Force and referred this item to the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council (PSAC) and the High School Redesign Commission.
- 11-F-8 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred until April 2008 consideration of the report and recommendations from the Alternate Diploma Task Force.
- 11-F-9 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report on the consideration of a report card establishing baseline data on Louisiana's high schools.
- 11-F-10 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred until April 2008 consideration of revisions to Nonpublic Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators*, regarding changes to graduation requirements.
- 11-F-11 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report on consideration of future funding needs for Career and Technical Education, including the establishment of learning facilities.

Agenda **Legal/Due Process Committee** (Schedule 12)
Item 11-G

11-G-1 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board deferred until June 2008 “Consideration of allowing the issuance of a teaching certificate appropriate to his credentials for Mr. Eric Pogue.”

Agenda **Legislative/Policy Oversight Committee** (Schedule 13)
Item 11-H

11-H-1 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board approved the report concerning House Concurrent Resolution 104 – Best Practices for a Safe School Environment.

11-H-2 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board approved the report concerning House Concurrent Resolution 280 – Paper Work Reduction Study.

11-H-3 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board approved the report concerning House Resolution 160 – Teacher Absenteeism Affecting Student Achievement.

11-H-4 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board approved the report concerning House Resolution 172 – Classroom Technology.

11-H-5 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board approved the report concerning Senate Concurrent Resolution 104 – Statewide Health Education Curriculum.

11-H-6 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board received the report on 2008 Legislation and approved the Department’s request to meet at the Board’s Special Called Meeting in March 2008 to present to the Committee prefiled bills, along with Department and Board recommendations for legislation.

11-H-7 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board directed that the Department present in March 2008 information pertaining to the school return provisions in La. R.S. 17:10.5. and La. R.S. 17:10.7. Further, the Board directed that the Department present proposed language for legislation that provides that the rules for returning schools under La. R.S. 17:10.5. be changed to the same rules for returning schools under La. R.S. 17:10.7.

- Agenda Item 11-I **Quality Educators Committee** (Schedule 14)
- 11-I-1 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the following report of activities for Professional Accountability.
- a. LA Teacher Assistance and Assessment Program (LaTAAP) and
 - b. Louisiana FIRST (Framework for Inducting, Retaining, and Supporting Teachers) Online.
- 11-I-2 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the following reports on the Professional Development Program:
- a. LINCS to TAP Transition,
 - b. National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT), and
 - c. Professional Development for Summit Schools Tiger Team.
- 11-I-3 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the status report on the Blue Ribbon Commission on Educational Excellence.
- 11-I-4 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the following status reports on the Technology Initiative:
- a. Louisiana Online Professional Development Initiative (OPD) and
 - b. Algebra I Professional Development Pilot Initiative.
- 11-I-5 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the request to delay the NCATE accreditation visit of Southern University-Baton Rouge and deleted this item from the agenda.
- 11-I-6 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the PK-3 Practitioner Teacher Program for The New Teacher Project.
- 11-I-7 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved as Notice of Intent revisions to the Out-of-State certification policy for inclusion in Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*, as amended.
- 11-I-8 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report regarding revisions to the Blended General/Special Education Mild Moderate certification requirements and referred this item to the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council (PSAC), the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), and the Louisiana Association for Colleges of Teacher Education (LACTE).

11-I-9 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved as Notice of Intent 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*.

Agenda **Strategic Planning Study Group** (Schedule 15)
Item 11-J

11-J-1 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the status report on the St. Helena Parish School System.

11-J-2 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the 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 and deleted this item from the agenda.

Agenda **Student and School Standards/Instruction Committee** (Schedule 16)
Item 11-K

11-K-1 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the February 2008 report on elementary and/or secondary elective courses, including nonpublic electives approved by local school districts and received by the Department.

11-K-2 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the semi-annual report of administrative waivers of policies in Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, for August 2007 through January 2008, including foreign language waivers.

11-K-3 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the update report on the revision of the *Louisiana Comprehensive Curriculum*.

11-K-4 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the release of applications for the continuation of the Even Start Family Literacy program.

11-K-5 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board referred to the Legislative/Policy Oversight Committee, for possible legislation, the issue of the oversight of the Head Start Programs in Louisiana.

11-K-6 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the release of applications for the Migrant Education Program.

- 11-K-7 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on the State Plan under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for FY 2008-2009 and referred this item to the Special Education Advisory Council.
- 11-K-8 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deferred action on consideration of revisions to Bulletin 1706, *Regulations for Students with Disabilities*.
- 11-K-9 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the update report on LA 4 Prekindergarten and preschool activities and retained this item on the agenda.
- 11-K-10 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on the process used to award competitive grants for tutoring programs and for evaluating their progress and retained this item on the agenda.
- 11-K-11 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deferred action on the approval of the revised School Bus Transportation Bulletin as a Notice of Intent.
- 11-K-12 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the release of the 2008-2009 Supplemental Educational Services Request for Application.
- 11-K-13 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the release of an RFP for the Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters program (HIPPY) state continuation funds.
- 11-K-14 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the release of an RFP for the Donna Contois Jobs for America's Graduates program.
- 11-K-15 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the extension of the Louisiana State Plan for Adult Education and Family Literacy for FY 2008-2009.
- 11-K-16 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the Louisiana State Plan for the Carl D. Perkins Reauthorization of 2006 (Perkins IV).
- 11-K-17 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the release of an application for an open competition for Adult Basic Education, Adult Family Literacy, Adult Education Workplace Literacy, and English Language/Civics Education grants.

11-K-18 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved as Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, regarding curriculum.

11-K-19 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deferred until April 2008 consideration of establishing a project in numeracy.

11-K-20 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report from Ms. Jessica Busada on the proposal regarding Louisiana Virtual School course instruction and submitted the request to the Department for review.

Agenda **Board Advisory Council Reports**
Item 12

Agenda **Nonpublic School Commission** (Schedule 17)
Item 12-A

On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the minutes of the Nonpublic School Commission meeting held January 29, 2008, and approved the tentative agenda for April 1, 2008.

Agenda **Board Advisory Council Appointments**
Item 13

There were no Advisory Council appointments in February 2008.

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

Agenda On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the
Item 14-A resolution from the St. Martin Parish School Board regarding the Teacher
Tuition Exemption Program. (Schedule 18)

Agenda On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the
Item 14-B resolution from the St. Martin Parish School Board regarding Textbook
Adoptions and Allocations. (Schedule 19)

Agenda On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the
Item 14-C resolution from the St. Martin Parish School Board regarding the LEAP
Remediation Program. (Schedule 20)

Agenda On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and
Item 14-D referred to the Board Administration/Relations Committee: Consideration of
receiving the 2008-2009 school calendars for the Special School District and
the BESE Special Schools. (Schedule 21)

- Agenda Item 14-E On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and referred to the Board Administration/Relations Committee: Consideration of implementation of a revised salary schedule for regular unclassified positions in the BESE Special Schools. (Schedule 22)
- Agenda Item 14-F On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and referred to the Board Administration/Relations Committee: Consideration of revisions to the BESE Special Schools' uniform pay scale for instructional personnel (certified and non-certified). (Schedule 23)
- Agenda Item 14-G On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and referred to the Quality Educators Committee: Consideration of an add-on certification endorsement in Online Instruction. (Schedule 24)
- Agenda Item 15 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the monthly report of appointments and separations in the Department of Education. (Schedule 25)
- Agenda Item 16 **Received and/or Referred**
- Agenda Item 16-A On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the resolution from the South Central Louisiana Association of School Superintendents requesting that BESE allow all districts, beginning in 2008, the option of returning the test scores (LAA 1, LAA 2, LEAP, GEE, and iLEAP) of all special education students receiving FAPE at a "cluster" site back to and included in the home-based (neighborhood) school's SPS and subgroup component scores. (Schedule 26)
- Agenda Item 16-B On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received and referred to the Board Administration/Relations Committee: Consideration of setting Board goals and priorities. (Schedule 27)
- Agenda Item 16-C On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received and referred to the Legal/Due Process Committee: Consideration of allowing the issuance of a teaching certificate appropriate to his credentials for Mr. Mark Zweig. (Schedule 28)
- Agenda Item 16-D On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received and referred to the Legal/Due Process Committee: Consideration of allowing the issuance of a teaching certificate appropriate to her credentials for Ms. Melanie Monroe. (Schedule 29)

- Agenda Item 16-E On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received and referred to the Student and School Standards/Instruction Committee and the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council: Consideration of a request from the Louisiana Office of State Parks (OSP) regarding ways OSP can extend its valuable resources to better serve the needs of teachers and students across Louisiana. (Schedule 30)
- Agenda Item 16-F On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received and referred to the Student and School Standards/Instruction Committee: Consideration of a request from the Caddo Parish School Board for approval of Commercial Art I at the Caddo Career and Technology Center as an equivalent of Fine Arts Survey. (Schedule 31)
- Agenda Item 18 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the Department's request to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) to secure a university partner to design and deliver the Louisiana School Turnaround Specialist Program curriculum. (Schedule 32)
- Agenda Item 19 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following emergency allocation as recommended by the Department, for the Department and Board agencies:
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| Allocation: | Migrant Education |
| Amount: | \$200,014.00 |
| Funding Period: | 07/01/07– 09/30/08 |
| Source of Funds: | Federal |
- Purpose: The purpose of the Migrant Education Program is to provide funding to eligible entities to help migratory children to overcome educational disruption, cultural language barriers, social isolation, and other factors that inhibit the ability of such children to achieve high academic standards. (Schedule 33)
- Agenda Item 20 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the following contracts and leases, etc., as recommended by the Department for the Recovery School District:
1. Contractor Name: Gordon, Arata, McCollam, Duplantis, and Eagan, LLP
Previous Contract: No
Begin Date: February 1, 2008
End Date: January 31, 2008
- (Motion continues on page 47)

Total Amount: \$150,000
 Source of Funds: MFP
 Competitive Process: No – Legal Services

Description of Services: The contractor will provide professional legal advice to the Recovery School District regarding construction issues related to Recovery School District properties.

- 2. Contractor Name: JBHM Educational Group
 Previous Contract: Yes
 Begin Date: February 23, 2007
 End Date: August 31, 2008
 Original Amount: \$18,750.00
 Amendment Amount: \$31,250.00
 Revised Contract Total Amount: \$50,000.00
 Source of Funds: Title I
 Competitive Process: No – Education Program Specialist

Description of Services: The contractor will provide support and assistance to the newly hired NCLB Coordinator. The contractor will help the district develop timelines and processes for the application, implementation, and monitoring of NCLB programs. The contractor will also provide technical support on NCLB compliance.

- 3. Contractor Name: EXCELTH, Inc.
 Previous Contract: No
 Begin Date: January 1, 2008
 End Date: December 31, 2009
 Total Amount: \$0
 Source of Funds: NA
 Competitive Process: No – MOU

Description of Services: A collaborative effort between the Recovery School District (RSD) and EXCELTH, Inc. for the purpose of providing Health Services. The MOU will result in EXCELTH stationing a fully equipped and staffed Medical Mobile Unit at several of the RSD elementary schools on a rotating basis over the next calendar year. The Medical Mobile Unit will provide students with both preventive and primary care services that augment the services provided by the school nurse. These services will be provided at no cost to the parent or RSD.

- 4. Contractor Name: On-Site Eye Care©
 Previous Contract: No

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Begin Date: February 5, 2008
End Date: June 30, 2008
Total Amount: \$0
Source of Funds: NA
Competitive Process: No – MOU

Description of Services: A collaborative effort between the Recovery School District (RSD) and On-Site Eye Care© for the purpose of establishing a process for on-site vision screening and related eye care services for students attending RSD schools. The MOU will result in a team of eye care specialists, including an optometric physician visiting each school within the RSD and performing vision screening for students who are struggling academically and/or who have failed the vision screening performed by the school nurse. Within two weeks of the examination, glasses will be supplied to students identified with vision problems. Both the examination and the glasses will be supplied no cost to the parent or the RSD.

5. Contractor Name: Total Community Action, Inc.
Previous Contract: No
Begin Date: January 22, 2008
End Date: January 21, 2011
Total Amount: \$0
Source of Funds: NA
Competitive Process: No – MOU

Description of Services: A collaborative effort between the Recovery School District (RSD) and Total Community Action, Inc. for the purpose of establishing a Head Start Preschool Program. The MOU will result in the partnering of the two agencies and the utilization of funds appropriate to each agency to provide the best early childhood program for 3-year-old children in Orleans Parish. This partnership will assist both agencies in meeting the needs of the 3-year-old population in Orleans Parish, including children who have been identified with educational challenges and/or disabilities as required under both state and federal laws. This collaboration will provide a setting where 3-year-olds with disabilities can be educated in the least restrictive environment with typically developing peers, as well as begin a collaborative relationship with Head Start to get all students ready for school.

(Schedule 34)

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.