

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

MAY 15, 2008

**The Louisiana Purchase Room
Baton Rouge, LA**

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in regular session on May 15, 2008, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 10:38 a.m. by Board President Linda M. Johnson and opened with a prayer by Ms. Karyl O'Banion, a teacher in the Calcasieu Parish 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 Johnson, Mr. Walter Lee, Ms. Tammie McDaniel, and Mr. Chas Roemer.

Ms. O'Banion also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 5 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the agenda as printed and disseminated, adding Emergency Agenda Items 14 – 18. (Schedule 1)

Agenda Item 6 On motion of Mr. Guice, seconded by Mr. Bennett, the Board approved the minutes of April 17, 2008.

Agenda Item 7 **Notices of Intent**
There were no Notices of Intent approved for final adoption in May 2008.

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

Agenda Item 9-A **8(g) Committee** (Schedule 2)

9-A-1 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Mr. Guice, 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;

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- b. report of project audits with no irregularities for FY 2003-2004, FY 2004-2005, FY 2005-2006, and FY 2006-2007;
- c. there was no report of project audits with irregularities and responses accepted; and
- d. reports of project audits with irregularities awaiting a response for FY 2004-2005, FY 2005-2006, and FY 2006-2007.

9-A-2 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board approved the proposed program and budget for statewide project, Foreign Language Model, (S003), (LDE), for FY 2008-2009.

9-A-3 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board approved the proposed program and budget for statewide project, LaSIP Professional Development, (S017), (LaSIP), for FY 2008-2009.

9-A-4 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board approved the proposed program, budget, and guidelines for statewide project, Local Teacher Quality, (S052), (LDE), for FY 2008-2009.

9-A-5 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board approved the proposed program and budget for statewide project, Quality Classroom Literacy and Numeracy Initiative, (S059), (LDE), for FY 2008-2009 as presented, noting that if the state general funds for this program are not forthcoming that the Department will restructure the grant for Board approval.

9-A-6 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board approved the proposed program and budget for statewide project, LA ePortal, (S061), (BoR), for FY 2008-2009.

9-A-7 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board approved the 8(g) Competitive grant awards for elementary and secondary education for FY 2008-2009.

Agenda **Accountability and Assessment Committee** (Schedule 3)
Item 9-B

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

- LDE Field Tests and
- LEAP Assessment Development.

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

9-B-3 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the quarterly report on School Choice Plans and directed that the Department recommend procedures for increasing options for School Choice so that more students take advantage of this choice.

9-B-4 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved as Notice of Intent the following revisions to Bulletin 1566, *Pupil Progression Policies and Procedures*, regarding the issue of the LEAP waiver for 8th grade students, as recommended by the School and District Accountability Commission, to be effective for the 2007-2008 school year:

After the summer retest, a school system, through its superintendent, may consider a waiver for an 8th grade student who has scored at the *Approaching Basic* level on both the English Language Arts and Mathematics components of LEAP 21. The LEA may grant the waiver in accordance with the local Pupil Progression Plan provided the following criteria are met:

- The student may be promoted to the 9th grade, provided that he or she has scored at the *Approaching Basic* level on both the English Language Arts and Mathematics components of LEAP 21, has attended the LEAP 21 summer remediation program offered by the District, and has taken the summer retest administered at the conclusion of the summer program.
- The student must retake the component(s) (English Language Arts and/or Mathematics) of the retest on which a score of *Approaching Basic* or below was attained on the spring test. ~~At a minimum, the student shall score *Approaching Basic* on the English Language Arts and the Mathematics component(s) of the summer retest.~~
- ~~Any student who scores less than *Approaching Basic* on either component of the summer retest is ineligible for the waiver consideration.~~

9-B-4A On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved as Notice of Intent the following revisions to Bulletin 1566, *Pupil Progression Policies and Procedures*, regarding the LEAP Override Policy for 8th grade students, as recommended by the School and District Accountability Commission, to be effective for the 2007-2008 school year:

The Override Policy should be modified to include any student who scores *Basic* on either the ELA or Math component and *Unsatisfactory* on the other component, provided the student scores *Approaching Basic* or above in Science and Social Studies.

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Further, the Board directed that this modification to the Override Policy is allowed at the discretion of the school district, the student must have a minimum attendance rate of 92%, and the student must have a minimum GPA of 2.5.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Yeas: Mr. Bayard, Mr. Bennett, Ms. Givens, Mr. Guice, Mr. Lee, and Ms. Johnson.

Nays: Ms. Buquet, Ms. Dastugue, Mr. Garvey, Ms. McDaniel, and Mr. Roemer.

The motion passed.

9-B-5 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved as Notice of Intent Bulletin 127, *LEAP Alternate Assessment, Level 1 (LAA 1) Extended Standards* (LAC 28:CXLI).

9-B-6 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received and referred to the Legislative/Policy Oversight Committee: Consideration of proposed legislation to enforce the roles and responsibilities of local school boards.

9-B-7 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the report on the St. Helena Parish reconstitution plan.

Agenda **Board Administration/Relations Committee** (Schedule 4)
Item 9-C

9-C-1 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, 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.

9-C-2 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the report on developing and implementing policies regarding BESE's approval of the administration of the Recovery School District (RSD) and retained this item on the agenda.

9-C-3 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the comments from Mr. Christman regarding the proposed Charter School Bulletin and referred the comments to BESE and Department staff.

- 9-C-4 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the recommendations for increasing efficiency including the continuing review of posting BESE agenda packets on the web and streamlining Board agendas and packets, and retained this item on the agenda for final approval in June 2008.
- 9-C-5 **NOTE:** See Agenda Item 9-C-5 on page 48 for the Board's final action on this item.
- On motion of Ms. McDaniel, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board deferred until the end of the meeting "Consideration of revisions to the Process for the Evaluation of the State Superintendent."
- 9-C-6 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board deferred until June 2008 consideration of a discussion on the creation of a Charter School Advisory Council.
- 9-C-7 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board directed BESE staff to include the amended language to the membership portion of the Proposed Charter School Advisory Council Membership, as discussed at the Committee meeting, and retained this item on the agenda.
- 9-C-8 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board deferred consideration of the creation of an advisory commission to oversee matters related to the Recovery School District (RSD) pending action on House Bill 761.
- 9-C-9 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the monthly report on charter school issues and informational reports and retained this item on the agenda.
- 9-C-10 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board deferred until June 2008 consideration of the report on the percentage of students with disabilities in Type 5 charter schools including the Department's follow-up on Type 5 charter schools with an enrollment of student with disabilities of 5% or less.
- 9-C-11 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved, as recommended by the Department of Education, the charter school application of 100 Black Men Capitol Charter Initiative to operate Capitol Pre-College Academy for Boys and Capitol Pre-College Academy for Girls as a Type 5 charter school, subject to the conditions outlined in Motion 15.

- 9-C-12 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved, as recommended by the Department of Education, the charter school application of Advance Baton Rouge to operate Glen Oaks Middle School as a Type 5 charter school, subject to the conditions outlined in Motion 15.
- 9-C-13 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved, as recommended by the Department of Education, the charter school application of Advance Baton Rouge to operate Prescott Middle School as a Type 5 charter school, subject to the conditions outlined in Motion 15.
- 9-C-14 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved, as recommended by the Department of Education, the charter school application of Advance Baton Rouge to operate Pointe Coupee Central High School as a Type 5 charter school, subject to the conditions outlined in Motion 15, and contingent upon approval of the federal district court in the matter of *Yvonne Boyd, et al v. Pointe Coupee Parish School Board, et al.*, no later than August 1, 2008.
- 9-C-15 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the recommendations for authorizing Type 5 charter school applications, subject to the conditions outlined below. The Board:
- 1) waived its self-imposed deadline of April 7, 2008, and considered the application of the 100 Black Men Capitol Charter Initiative to have been properly received, pursuant to law, as of April 10, 2008;
 - 2) approved that charter applicants be subject to a slightly modified evaluation process to ensure that 2007-2008 assessment scores of the identified schools serve as the baseline for measuring future academic progress;
 - 3) approved the pre-opening checklist for Type 5 charter schools;
 - 4) authorized the Board President to sign the charter contract, only after verification from staff that items due on or before June 16, 2008, in the pre-opening checklist have been received;
 - 5) granted final approval of each charter school application and directed that approval to open is contingent upon:
 - completing the pre-opening checklist,
 - addressing the special considerations set forth in the Evaluation and Recommendation Summary recommendations,

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- meeting any other requirements contained in staff recommendations, and
 - executing the charter contract no later than June 30, 2008;
- 6) directed that final approval of charter applications shall not be effective until the above referenced contingencies, including approval of by the Department and execution (signed by the president of the non-profit corporation and the BESE President) of the charter contract, are met; and
- 7) directed that in order to be approved to operate in the 2008-2009 school year, a charter application must receive final approval by meeting all contingencies.

9-C-16 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board:

- a. received the report on the responsibilities of the Charter School Office and the Recovery School District-New Orleans with respect to the management, support, and oversight of the charter schools;
- b. retained this item on the agenda; and
- c. directed that in June 2008 the Charter School Office present a budget and a plan for the use of an administrative fee.

9-C-17 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the charter school application, process, and the timelines for schools opening in the 2009-2010 school year, including schools eligible for transfer to the Recovery School District (RSD) pursuant to La. R.S. 17:10.5.

9-C-17A On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Bennett, the Board directed that in June 2008 the Department provide the Board with timelines for off-cycle applications for charter schools, pending receipt and analysis of test scores for 2007-2008.

9-C-18 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board ratified the Superintendent's report of personnel actions, and approved the personnel actions requiring Board approval for the Special School District (SSD) and the BESE Special Schools (BSS).

9-C-19 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board deferred until June 2008 consideration of a Reduction in Force (RIF) Plan for the Louisiana School for the Deaf.

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

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

- Superintendent Pastorek stated that a lot of people deserve credit for the gains made in fourth and eighth grade testing results, the first improvements seen in two years.
 - First and foremost, Superintendent Pastorek thanked the teachers and students throughout Louisiana for their work.
 - Additionally, he noted the efforts of a number of LDE employees.
 - Stephanie Carlos and a host of others talked about the paired schools initiative that teamed high needs schools with pacesetter schools. In the short time that partnership was in effect, those schools were able to improve.
 - The Recovery School District saw significant gains this year, outpacing the state's average improvement.
- Superintendent Pastorek stated that there are many who continue to point out how far we have to go; that there is a need to continue to address middle and high schools while supporting the growth of younger learners. He stated that no one is more aware of that fact than he is.
- Now that the scores are in, many school district staff members are shifting their focus toward assisting students who do not meet the passing standard required for promotion.
 - In response to the continuing need for effective, well-planned summer remediation programs for students, the LDE has recently conducted its third annual LEAP summer remediation coordinators' meeting.
 - While reviewing grant applications, end-of-year reports, summer remediation performance improvement plans, and monitoring visits with districts and schools, it became apparent that numerous school districts were in need of more guidance than just technical assistance.
 - In addition to providing updated information on grant and program requirements, state coordinators included professional development opportunities with presentations given by district supervisors who have displayed unique strategies in providing remediation to at-risk students.

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- The current year's workshops have included the sharing of ideas by two committed educators who have worked tirelessly to provide extraordinary summer programs for the students in their districts. Superintendent Pastorek recognized Anne Anderson of Caddo Parish and Karyl O'Banion of Calcasieu Parish, who in November 2007 and April 2008, respectively, took the opportunity to share with other district coordinators their approaches to planning and implementing fun-filled instructional strategies and supporting activities to make summer remediation attractive to teachers and students.
 - They also encouraged districts by emphasizing that all of their efforts have produced marked changes in the attitudes of all participants.
- The Superintendent stated that the LDE staff should also be commended for their extra efforts in providing meaningful professional development opportunities for district leaders whose support and assistance can lead the way for quality assurance in their summer programs.
- Superintendent Pastorek also highlighted the convening of the Superintendent's Advisory Committee.
 - He stated that he made a commitment to bring the principals of twenty-one high poverty schools that are performing very well together to see what the Department could learn from them.
 - The first session was very informative.
 - Deputy Superintendent Ollie Tyler, Assistant Superintendents, and related Division Directors were all in attendance.
 - The conversation was extremely honest, and there were some common concerns and reasons for their successes.
 - The group will meet regularly to give the Department feedback on its initiatives.
 - The Superintendent stated that he applauds their willingness to give of their time with their schools so that we can work to replicate the success that these schools are achieving.

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- The U.S. Department of Education has recognized Louisiana's Adult Education Content Standards and the work completed by local program staff as one of the best examples of content standards for Adult Education.
- They have also been asked to participate as the Panel of Experts in a webinar with USDOE staff as they begin to expand content standards training and expectations.
- Additionally, TANF-funded adult education programs have been established in East Baton Rouge and Orleans Parishes.
- The Adult and Family Literacy Services Section is working with the office of the Mayor-President in East Baton Rouge Parish and with the Literacy Council of Greater New Orleans.
 - One of the highlights of the new programs is the collaborative effort between Local 198, Plumbers and Steamfitters Union, and East Baton Rouge Parish. A GED instructor is currently working in tandem with the apprentice instructor for local 198 to assist qualified applicants attain the required certification.
- Superintendent Pastorek presented Board members with the 2006-2007 State Education Progress Report, published by the Office of Management and Finance's Division of Planning, Analysis, and Information Resources. The report is available in hard copy or on the Department's website and is managed by Ms. Laura Boudreaux, who is assisted by Dr. Merry Jane Bourgeois.
 - This document is an annual report that provides a succinct overview of the major characteristics of Louisiana education and provides an analysis of various indicators such as accountability and testing results, student enrollment, attendance, discipline, class size, student retention, and dropout and graduation rates.
 - These data elements are examined at the district, state, and national level to provide a measure of how Louisiana's districts and the state as a whole are faring.
 - The state report has historically been a record of Louisiana's successes as well as an outline of the many challenges the state faces in achieving its vision of creating a world class education system for all students.

The Board returned to the regular agenda order.

Committee of the Whole (COW)

Agenda **Board Administration/Relations Committee (COW)** (Schedule 5)
Item 9-D1

9-D1-1 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the update report on the Recovery School District - New Orleans.

9-D1-2 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board deleted from the agenda consideration of the Recovery School District (RSD) procurement procedures until the transition of the procurement responsibilities from the Department of Education to the Recovery School District - New Orleans (RSD-NOLA) have been completed.

9-D1-3 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the two templates outlining the components of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Education and the LEA for Tier 0/Conditional Tier 2 Alternative and Academic Schools and directed that this item to be retained on the agenda until June 2008 for a status report on the five schools identified as Conditional Tier 2 relative to progress on the Memorandum of Understanding.

Agenda **Finance/Audit Review Committee (COW)** (Schedule 6)
Item 9-D2

9-D2-1 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deferred until June 2008 consideration of a reconciliation of all Restart funds and a budget for all remaining Restart funds.

9-D2-2 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the status report on FEMA reimbursements to the RSD.

9-D2-3 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report of the 2007-2008 RSD Budget, separated according to the categories of recurring funds, one-time funds, and capital funds.

9-D2-4 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Mr. Roemer, the Board received the 2008-2009 Recovery School District Budget, retained this item on the agenda, and directed that the budget presented in June 2008 contain a list of budget cuts that will go into effect if BESE does not approve the recommended spending of \$56 million in Restart funds.

9-D2-5 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board deferred until June 2008 consideration of an RSD report outlining all charter schools receiving or not receiving a \$750 per student Restart Allocation and directed the Department to include:

- a breakdown, by school, of the \$15 million of expenses that Orleans Parish School System is claiming and
- a breakdown, by school, of the allocation of the \$42 million that is being recovered from the Orleans Parish School System.

9-D2-6 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the written report by fund source of the undisputed portion of the Orleans Parish local revenue and estimated offsets to be claimed by either the Recovery School District or the Orleans Parish School Board and the anticipated allocation of these funds to the charter schools.

9-D2-7 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the Recovery School District contracts of \$50,000 and under approved by the State Superintendent.

Consideration of Recovery School District Contracts

9-D2-8 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor:	Shaw Environmental and Infrastructure, Inc
Previous Contract:	Yes
Original Amount:	\$57,600
Amendment Amount:	\$66,000
New Contract Amount:	\$123,700
Contract Period:	9/01/07 - 6/30/08
Fund:	Federal – IAT-Restart
Competitive Process:	True Professional

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 the past year's expenses as well as planning for future years.

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

Contractor: Bob Jones Accounting, Inc.
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: 35,000
Contract Period: 2/7/08 - 06/30/08
Fund: State - MFP
Competitive Process: True Professional

Description of Services: The contractor will provide accounting services and expertise in educational fiscal management. The contractor will continue to work with RSD staff to align expenditures and revenues, incorporate the RSD budget into the state financial system, and manage the school budgets for all principals.

This is the second contract the RSD is entering into with this firm. The first was a contract for the time frame of February 6, 2007 – February 7, 2008, totaling \$100,000.

9-D2-10 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Catapult Learning, LLC
Previous Contract: No
Amount: \$3,218,208
Contract Period: 12/17/07 - 9/30/08
Fund: Title II-A, Title V-A, and MFP
Competitive Process: No - Education Program Specialists

Description of Services: The contractor will assist the RSD with the implementation of the Equitable Services provisions of *No Child Left Behind* (NCLB), Title II Part A of 20 U.S.C. §9501, et seq., *Improving Teacher Quality State Grants*; Title IV, Part A, of 20 U.S.C. §4001, et seq., *Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities*; and Title V, Part A of 20 U.S.C. §7201, et seq., *State Grants for Innovative Programs* in the private/nonpublic schools in Orleans Parish assigned to the RSD. This contractor will provide equitable services to the designated nonpublic schools in Orleans Parish as required under NCLB regulations. Catapult is a nationally recognized provider of educational services and has a long standing history of providing equitable services to private/nonpublic schools in Orleans Parish. This contract will enable the Recovery School District to satisfy this federal requirement in the absence of sufficient staff within the Central Office to perform this function.

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

Contractor: Linfield, Hunter, and Junius
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$3,571,585
Amended Amount: \$3,006,527
Revised Amount: \$6,578,112
Contract Period: 01/11/07 - 01/10/08
Amended End Date: 04/30/08
Revised Contract Duration: 14 months
Fund: Federal – FEMA
Competitive Process: Yes - True Professional Contract

Description of Services: This amendment is needed to cover the redesign costs for the canopies for nine (9) separate school sites.

9-D2-12 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: ECM Consultants, Inc.
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$379,329.53
Amended Amount: \$-43,615.70
Revised Contract Amount: \$335,713.83
Contract Period: 06/15/07 - 06/15/09
Fund: Federal – FEMA
Competitive Process: Yes - True Professional Contract

Description of Services: There are three amendments included within this request. The first amendment deletes all work related to both Mondy and Alexander Elementary Schools. The second represents a reduction in the demolition costs for Edwards Elementary, Hardin Elementary, Lawless High, and Locket Elementary. The third amendment deletes the remaining obligations related to Hoffman Elementary and increases the fees for Lake Area Middle School and LB Landry High School.

9-D2-13 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Mathes Brierre Architects
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$223,022.12

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Amended Amount: \$146,186.48
Revised Contract Amount: \$379,208.60
Contract Period: 08/20/07 - 08/20/08
Fund: Federal – FEMA
Competitive Process: Yes - True Professional Contract

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

The contractor will provide a site survey, environmental assessment, design, and construction contract administration for the demolition of 4 school sites.

9-D2-14 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Lachine Oubre & Associates
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$1,345,012
Amended Amount: \$74,370
New Contract Amount: \$1,419,393
Contract Period: 06/15/07 - 06/15/09
Fund: Federal - FEMA
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.

This amendment covers the costs of survey, soil investigations, conditional use application, and pile load tests at the Langston Hughes site.

9-D2-15 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: VergesRome Architects
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$1,878,159.00

Amended Amount: \$75,680
New Contract Amount: \$1,953,839
Contract Period: 06/15/07 - 06/15/09
Fund: Federal - FEMA
Competitive Process: Yes - True Professional Contract

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Description of Services: The contractor is responsible for all design duties for Lake Area School. This amendment covers the increased cost for geotechnical services of soil borings and pile load tests, as well as a hydrant flow test for the sprinkler system.

9-D2-16 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: NY Associates
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$425,076.71
Amended Amount: \$194,212.79
New Contract Amount: \$619,289
Contract Period: 06/15/07 - 06/15/09
Fund: Federal - FEMA
Competitive Process: Yes - True Professional Contract

Description of Services: This amendment covers increased cost for design and contract administration.

9-D2-17 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: SCNZ Architects
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$688,659
Contract Period: 12/20/07 - 06/30/09
Fund: Federal - FEMA
Competitive Process: Yes - True Professional Contract

Description of Services: This contract provides for the preparation of the design documents to obtain bids in order to perform selective demolition and renovations to Joseph A Craig Elementary School.

9-D2-18 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Chenevert Architects
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$860,139
Contract Period: 12/20/07 - 06/30/09
Fund: Federal - FEMA
Competitive Process: Yes - True Professional Contract

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Description of Services: This contract provides for the preparation of the design documents to obtain bids in order to perform selective demolition, environmental abatement, and renovations to Lawrence D. Crocker Elementary School.

Special Consideration of Recovery School District Contracts

Recovery School District

9-D2-19 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor:	Southwest Educational Development Laboratory
Previous Contract:	Yes
Original Amount:	\$280,600.00
Amended Amount:	\$0.00
New Contract Amount:	\$280,600.00
Begin Date:	08/27/07
Original End Date:	05/31/08
Revised End Date:	06/30/08;
Revised Contract Duration:	10 Months
Fund:	Title I – IAT
Competitive Process:	No – Education Program Specialist

Description of Services: The contractor will conduct literacy training for teachers and coordinators at the beginning of the school year. One year of follow-up support will be provided that includes classroom observation, demonstration, and modeling of workshop strategies for teachers.

This amendment allows for two new training dates in May and June

9-D2-20 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deferred consideration of a request from the State Superintendent for waiver of the RSD Procurement Policy.

Agenda
Item 9-E

Finance/Audit Review Committee

(Schedule 7)

9-E-1 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the Education Excellence Fund.

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

9-E-2 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Title I
Amount: \$238,820,333
Funding Period: 07/01/08 – 09/30/09
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 ages 5-17 years of age from low-income families and adjusted for state administration and school improvement.

9-E-3 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Neglected and Delinquent
Amount: \$1,741,399
Funding Period: 07/01/08– 09/30/09
Source of Funds: Federal

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

Basis of Allocation: Allocations are computed on the student enrollment in a regular program of instruction as reported to USDOE in State operated or supported institutions, adult correctional institutions, and community day programs for neglected or delinquent children.

9-E-4 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Special Education–Grants to States IDEA–Part B
Amount: \$142,602,467
Funding Period: 07/01/08 - 09/30/09
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 nonpublic enrollment and 15% distributed according to the number of children living in poverty.

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

Allocation: Special Education – Preschool Grants
Amount: \$4,382,789
Funding Period: 07/01/08 – 09/30/09
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.

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

Allocation: Title III–English Language Acquisition State Grants
Amount: \$1,624,324
Funding Period: 07/01/08 – 09/30/09
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 based on the number of limited English proficient students in each school district.

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

Allocation: Education Excellence Fund
Amount: \$14,489,019.97
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 06/30/08
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: Louisiana Revised Statute (LRS) 39:98.1-98.5, established the Education Excellence Fund. The statute requires that the State Department of Education provide appropriations from the Education Excellence fund with the specific purpose that all expenditures are used to support excellence in educational practice. Funds must be used for instructional enhancement, including early childhood programs, remediation, high stakes testing assistance, and other educational programs.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations to school districts by statute are computed on a pro rata basis which is based on the ratio of the student population of that school or school system to that of the total state student population. Charter School allocations are computed on a per pupil amount.

Quality Educators

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

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Allocation: Title II – Improving Teacher Quality State Grants
Amount: \$54,127,726
Funding Period: 07/01/08 – 09/30/09
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 2001-2002 for the Eisenhower Professional State Grants and Class-Size Reduction Programs. The remaining funds over and above the FY 2001-2002 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.

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

Allocation: National Board Certified Teachers
Amount: \$65,000
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 06/30/08
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide an annual salary supplement for teachers who achieve National Board Certification and continue service in the Louisiana public school system. This allocation provides for payments to public school systems and charter public school systems employing National Board Certified Teachers during the 2007-2008 school year.

Basis of Allocation: R.S. 17:421.6 provides for a salary supplement of \$5,000 to be paid annually to full-time teachers or school administrators holding a valid Louisiana regular teaching certificate approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and a valid certificate issued by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards and who is employed by a school board to provide instruction to students. Full-time teachers or school administrators who are eligible for this salary supplement and have been granted leave are eligible to receive sixty-five percent (65%) of the salary supplement while on sabbatical leave, in direct proportion to their regular salary reduction.

Classroom Technology

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

Allocation: Educational Technology State – Formula Grants
Amount: \$2,111,544
Funding Period: 07/01/08 – 09/30/09
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.

School and Community Support

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

Allocation: Title IV–Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities
Amount: \$3,921,879
Funding Period: 07/01/08 – 09/30/09
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: This grant supports programs designed to reduce drug, alcohol, and tobacco use and to prevent 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.

9-E-12 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the contracts \$50,000 and under approved by the State Superintendent.

- 9-E-13 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the audit report on Bureau of Internal Audit (BIA) Single Audits of School Boards Significant Audit Findings for the year ended June 30, 2006.
- 9-E-14 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the MFP formula.
- 9-E-15 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the MFP Accountability Report.
- 9-E-16 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the Type 2 Charter School May 2008 allocation in the amount of \$27,903,071.
- 9-E-17 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following nonpublic school allocation:

Allocation: Education Excellence Fund
Amount: \$2,617,391.20
Funding Period: 07/01/07 – 06/30/08
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: Louisiana Revised Statute (LRS) 39:98.1-98.5, established the Education Excellence Fund. The statute requires that the State Department of Education provide appropriations from the Education Excellence fund with the specific purpose that all expenditures are used to support excellence in educational practice. Funds must be used for instructional enhancement, including early childhood programs, remediation, high stakes testing assistance, and other educational programs.

The above FY 2007-2008 allocation is based on proposed State appropriations, formula, or other regulatory requirements. Final allocation could differ slightly.

Grants and Allocations

School Accountability and Improvement

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

Allocation: Reading First State Grants
Amount: \$2,000,000

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Funding Period: 06/01/08 - 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 outcomes 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 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 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 the eligible LEA are from families with incomes below the poverty line and/or (2) at least 6,500 children served by the 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.

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

Allocation: Reading First State Grants
Amount: \$3,000,000
Funding Period: 06/01/08 – 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 outcomes in order to overcome reading barriers for their students.

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Basis of Allocation: Reading First subgrants will be awarded on a competitive basis to local districts that have the highest 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 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 the eligible LEA are from families with incomes below the poverty line and/or (2) at least 6,500 children served by the 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.

Disadvantaged or Disabled Student Support

9-E-20 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Special Education – IDEA Part B
Amount: \$29,245
Funding Period: 10/01/07 - 09/30/08
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of this allocation is to provide funding for the Regional Assistive Technology Centers to upgrade, repair, or replace equipment, software, and low-tech assistive technology devices. The equipment will be used for professional development training. The Assistive Technology Centers 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: This allocation is based on the individual needs of the centers to upgrade, repair, or replace equipment, software, and low-tech assistive technology devices.

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

Allocation: Title I School Improvement Grants
Amount: \$-0-

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Funding Period: 07/01/08 – 09/30/2009
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of these funds is to provide additional academic support and learning opportunities to help low-achieving children master challenging curriculum and meet state standards in core academic subjects. Only districts that have Title I schools in School Improvement qualify for the Title I School Improvement funds.

Basis of Allocation: This redistribution will fund 5 additional eligible schools statewide. Every Title I School in AUS and or Subgroup Component Failure received an \$85,485 base amount. The balance of the allocation was allocated on a \$100 per pupil basis.

School Accountability & Improvement

9-E-22 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Public Charter School Grant Program
Amount: \$1,104,550
Funding Period: 04/01/07 – 07/31/08
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of this award is to provide financial assistance for planning, program design, and implementation costs for new charter schools.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations are computed on the amount of \$200,000 for each charter school for initial start-up costs.

9-E-23 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the Department Budget for FY 2008-2009.

9-E-24 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report of the BESE budget for FY 2008-2009.

Received and Deferred**Office of School and Community Support**

9-E-25 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: Families Helping Families of Northeast Louisiana, Inc
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$76,000
Contract Period: 07/01/08 - 06/30/09
Fund: Federal – Idea B Family Resource Center

9-E-26 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: Families Helping Families of Greater New Orleans, Inc
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$76,000
Contract Period: 07/01/08 - 06/30/09
Fund: Federal – Idea B Family Resource Center

9-E-27 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: Families Helping Families of Acadiana, Inc
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$76,000
Contract Period: 07/01/08 - 06/30/09
Fund: Federal – Idea B Family Resource Center

9-E-28 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: Families Helping Families at the Crossroads of Louisiana, Inc.
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: 76,000
Contract Period: 07/01/08 - 06/30/09
Fund: Federal – Idea B Family Resource Center

9-E-29 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: Northshore Families Helping Families, Inc.
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$76,000
Contract Period: 07/01/08 - 06/30/09
Fund: Federal – Idea B Family Resource Center

Office of School and Community Support

9-E-30 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: Families Helping Families of Southwest Louisiana. Inc
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$76,000
Contract Period: 07/01/08 - 06/30/09
Fund: Federal – Idea B Family Resource Center

9-E-31 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: Bayou Land Families Helping Families, Inc.
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$76,000
Contract Period: 07/01/08 - 06/30/09
Fund: Federal – Idea B Family Resource Center

9-E-32 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge, Inc.
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$76,000
Contract Period: 07/01/08 - 06/30/09
Fund: Federal – Idea B Family Resource Center

9-E-33 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: Families Helping Families of Southeast Louisiana. Inc
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$76,000
Contract Period: 07/01/08 - 06/30/09
Fund: Federal – Idea B Family Resource Center

Office of Student and School Performance

9-E-34 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: Louisiana State University
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$680,916
Contract Period: 07/01/08 - 06/30/09
Fund: SSP State Improvement Grant FED

Special School District/Special Education Center

9-E-35 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: Fanisha Ford
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$62,400
Contract Period: 07/01/08 - 06/30/09
Fund: IAT – Title XIX

Office of Educator Support

9-E-36 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and deferred the following contract:

Contractor: LA School for the Deaf
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$115,811
Contract Period: 07/01/08 - 06/30/09
Fund: State - LCET Technology, LCET School Leadership
Federal – LCET T2 Improving Teacher Quality, LCET Consolidated Admin.

Action**Executive Office**

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

Contractor: Bossier Parish School Board
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$104,230.00
Contract Period: 07/01/08 - 06/30/09
Fund: RSC-Central Office STATE; SSP School Acct STATE; Distinguished Educators STATE; IDEA B D & S Services RSC FED; Consol Admin RSCS FED; RSC Early Child P/S S/L FED; School Lunch SAE FED; IDEA B Personnel Shortage RSC FED; Local Teacher Quality IAT 8(g); RSC T6 ST ASSESS RA DOE FED; RSC Reading First Grant FED; RSC T2 Improving Teacher Quality PROF DEV FED

Description of Service: Contractor will serve as fiscal agent for Region VII Education Service Center. Contractor will be reimbursed funds from the Department in accordance with established RESC budget categories and requirements of the RESC operational needs and meet all legal requirements for expenditure of funds.

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

Contractor: Ouachita Parish School Board
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$112,395.00
Contract Period: 07/01/08 - 06/30/09
Fund: RSC-Central Office STATE; SSP School Acct STATE; Distinguished Educators STATE; IDEA B D & S Services RSC FED; Consol Admin RSCS FED; RSC Early Child P/S S/L FED; School Lunch SAE FED; IDEA B Personnel Shortage RSC FED; Local Teacher Quality IAT 8(g); RSC T6 ST ASSESS RA DOE FED; RSC Reading First Grant FED; RSC T2 Improving Teacher Quality PROF DEV FED

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Description of Service: Contractor will serve as fiscal agent for Region VIII Education Service Center. Contractor will be reimbursed funds from the Department in accordance with established RESC budget categories and requirements of the RESC operational needs and meet all legal requirements for expenditure of funds.

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

Contractor: Calcasieu Parish School Board
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$74,425.00
Contract Period: 07/01/08 - 06/30/09
Fund: RSC-Central Office STATE; SSP School Acct STATE; Distinguished Educators STATE; IDEA B D & S Services RSC FED; Consol Admin RSCS FED; RSC Early Child P/S S/L FED; School Lunch SAE FED; IDEA B Personnel Shortage RSC FED; Local Teacher Quality IAT 8(g); RSC T6 ST ASSESS RA DOE FED; RSC Reading First Grant FED; RSC T2 Improving Teacher Quality PROF DEV FED

Description of Service: Contractor will serve as fiscal agent for Region V Education Service Center. Contractor will be reimbursed funds from the Department in accordance with established RESC budget categories and requirements of the RESC operational needs and meet all legal requirements for expenditure of funds.

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

Contractor: LA Technical College – Natchitoches Campus
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$80,610.00
Contract Period: 07/01/08 - 06/30/09
Fund: RSC-Central Office STATE; SSP School Acct STATE; Distinguished Educators STATE; IDEA B D & S Services RSC FED; Consol Admin RSCS FED; RSC Early Child P/S S/L FED; School Lunch SAE FED; IDEA B Personnel Shortage RSC FED; Local Teacher Quality IAT 8(g); RSC T6 ST ASSESS RA DOE FED; RSC Reading First Grant FED; RSC T2 Improving Teacher Quality PROF DEV FED

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Description of Service: Contractor will serve as fiscal agent for Region VI Education Service Center. Contractor will be reimbursed funds from the Department in accordance with established RESC budget categories and requirements of the RESC operational needs and meet all legal requirements for expenditure of funds.

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

Contractor: Vermilion Parish School Board
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$91,895.00
Contract Period: 07/01/08 - 06/30/09
Fund: RSC-Central Office STATE; SSP School Acct STATE; Distinguished Educators STATE; IDEA B D & S Services RSC FED; Consol Admin RSCS FED; RSC Early Child P/S S/L FED; School Lunch SAE FED; IDEA B Personnel Shortage RSC FED; Local Teacher Quality IAT 8(g); RSC T6 ST ASSESS RA DOE FED; RSC Reading First Grant FED; RSC T2 Improving Teacher Quality PROF DEV FED

Description of Service: Contractor will serve as fiscal agent for Region IV Education Service Center. Contractor will be reimbursed funds from the Department in accordance with established RESC budget categories and requirements of the RESC operational needs and meet all legal requirements for expenditure of funds.

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

Contractor: Nicholls State University
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$76,455.00
Contract Period: 07/01/08 - 06/30/09
Fund: RSC-Central Office STATE; SSP School Acct STATE; Distinguished Educators STATE; IDEA B D & S Services RSC FED; Consol Admin RSCS FED; RSC Early Child P/S S/L FED; School Lunch SAE FED; IDEA B Personnel Shortage RSC FED; Local Teacher Quality IAT 8(g); RSC T6 ST ASSESS RA DOE FED; RSC Reading First Grant FED; RSC T2 Improving Teacher Quality PROF DEV FED

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Description of Service: Contractor will serve as fiscal agent for Region III Education Service Center. Contractor will be reimbursed funds from the Department in accordance with established RESC budget categories and requirements of the RESC operational needs and meet all legal requirements for expenditure of funds.

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

Contractor: Southeastern LA University
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$144,200.00
Contract Period: 07/01/08 - 06/30/09
Fund: RSC-Central Office STATE; SSP School Acct STATE; Distinguished Educators STATE; IDEA B D & S Services RSC FED; Consol Admin RSCS FED; RSC Early Child P/S S/L FED; School Lunch SAE FED; IDEA B Personnel Shortage RSC FED; Local Teacher Quality IAT 8(g); RSC T6 ST ASSESS RA DOE FED; RSC Reading First Grant FED; RSC T2 Improving Teacher Quality PROF DEV FED

Description of Service: Contractor will serve as fiscal agent for Region II Education Service Center. Contractor will be reimbursed funds from the Department in accordance with established RESC budget categories and requirements of the RESC operational needs and meet all legal requirements for expenditure of funds.

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

Contractor: St. Charles Parish School Board
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$104,255.00
Contract Period: 07/01/08 - 06/30/09
Fund: RSC-Central Office STATE; SSP School Acct STATE; Distinguished Educators STATE; IDEA B D & S Services RSC FED; Consol Admin RSCS FED; RSC Early Child P/S S/L FED; School Lunch SAE FED; IDEA B Personnel Shortage RSC FED; Local Teacher Quality IAT 8(g); RSC T6 ST ASSESS RA DOE FED; RSC Reading First Grant FED; RSC T2 Improving Teacher Quality PROF DEV FED

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Description of Service: Contractor will serve as fiscal agent for Region I Education Service Center. Contractor will be reimbursed funds from the Department in accordance with established RESC budget categories and requirements of the RESC operational needs and meet all legal requirements for expenditure of funds.

Office of Student and School Performance

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

Contractor: Options for Independence
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$62,628.00
Contract Period: 07/01/08 - 06/30/09
Fund: SSP State Improvement Grant FED

Description of Service: The contractor will provide support for the Louisiana State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) at state and district levels. The contractor will provide a SPDG Family Coordinator who will support the SPDG efforts as they relate to family involvement and systemic change within the school districts.

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

Contractor: Families Helping Families of Louisiana
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$259,432.00
Contract Period: 07/01/08 - 06/30/09
Fund: SSP State Improvement Grant FED

Description of Service: The contractor will (1) host Family Leadership Academies for families of children with and without disabilities, (2) provide support for family members and consumers, (3) assist in evaluation of State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) project activities, and (4) assist in organization and implementation of professional development activities.

Special School District/La School for The Deaf

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

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Contractor: Louisiana State University
 Previous Contract: Yes
 Amount: \$81,141.51
 Contract Period: 07/01/08 - 06/30/09
 Fund: STATE General Fund

Description of Service: The contractor will provide applied behavior analysis services to children enrolled at the Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired to minimize the occurrence of problem behavior and increase adaptive behavior in a classroom setting.

Special Consideration

Office Quality Educator Support

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

Contractor: EduLead – University of Virginia
 Previous Contract: Yes
 Original Amount: \$235,893.00
 Amended Amount: \$312,593.00
 New Contract Amount: \$548,486.00
 Begin Date: 09/01/07
 Original End Date: 06/30/08
 Revised End Date: 06/30/09
 Revised Contract Duration: 22 Months
 Fund: LSTS 8(g)

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

This amendment provides for an additional 1 year extension to allow contractor to fully develop and implement the Louisiana-based turnaround program.

Office of Student and School Performance

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

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Contractor: University of Louisiana – Lafayette
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$215,224.00
Amended Amount: \$107,612.00
New Contract Amount: \$322,836.00
Begin Date: 05/01/07
Original End Date: 06/30/08
Revised End Date: 06/30/09
Revised Contract Duration: 24 Months
Fund: IDEA B Support Services Policy FED

Description of Service: The contractor will provide support for the implementation of a professional development site for teacher candidates that reflect inclusive practices and engage in continuous improvement.

This amendment is needed to expand initial efforts of developing the professional development sites, including continuation of activities and the addition of another participating school.

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

Contractor: Augenblick, Palaich and Associates
Amount: \$15,000
Contract Period: July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009
Fund: State

Description of Service: Augenblick, Palaich and Associates, Inc. (APA) will conduct necessary research and analysis of existing components of the Minimum Foundation Program formula (MFP), possible revisions to MFP components, and new MFP components. APA will conduct working sessions with the Louisiana Department of Education MFP staff and facilitate discussions on existing components of the MFP, possible revisions to MFP components, and new MFP components. APA will attend BESE meetings and Legislative meetings as needed to assist with presentations on any research and analysis.

9-E-51 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board deleted from the agenda “Consideration of designating the Department of Education as the State Administrator of FEMA for impacted school systems.”

Agenda Item 9-F **Legal/Due Process Committee** (Schedule 8)

9-F-1 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board deleted from the agenda consideration of administrative hearings pursuant to La. R.S. 49:951 et seq. and La. R. S. 17:43 regarding an employee of the Special School District until a hearing can be rescheduled.

9-F-2 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board allowed the issuance of a teaching certificate appropriate to her credentials for **Ms. Brenda Watkins** upon receipt of an FBI/state records check indicating no additional felony convictions since the original conviction.

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

9-G-1 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Roemer, the Board received the report and deleted from the agenda "Consideration of the 2007 Legislative Action Plan."

9-G-2 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Roemer, the Board supported Senate Bill No. 701, which provides for integrated case management through the use of "No Wrong Door."

9-G-3 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Roemer, the Board supported with amendments Senate Bill No. 534, which requires local school boards to account for how extra funds generated through the MFP for students with special characteristics are used.

Amendments are as follows:

- Change the date by which BESE has to develop and adopt the rules and regulations for the report from "beginning of the 2008-2009 school year" to the "2008-2009 school year." Change the due date for the report from March 15th to April 30th annually. NOTE: These amendments were adopted in the Senate Education Committee meeting on Thursday, May 8, 2008.

9-G-4 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Mr. Roemer, the Board, contingent upon Senate Bill No. 128 passing the Legislature and being signed into law, directed the Department, prior to implementing the procurement procedures in accordance with Senate Bill 128, to bring to BESE for approval a set of

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policies governing these procurements. For example, including such items as a definition of “education consultant,” a definition of “education program specialist,” a list of the internal procedures and controls that will govern these procurements, caps or limits on dollar amounts, and possibly a 30-day public notice prior to such procurements.

9-G-4A On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Mr. Roemer, the Board supported Senate Bill No. 128, which adds educational consultants to the list of professions for which contracts for professional services may be awarded without competitive bidding or negotiation.

9-G-5 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Roemer, the Board supported with amendments Senate Bill No. 338, which provides for group health insurance coverage for certain employees of the Recovery School District and Type 5 charter schools.

Amendments are as follows:

- 1) Correct the “lead in language” to the charter school section to make clear that the exclusiveness of the provisions regarding group health insurance applies only to the type of charters it applies to and does not affect any rights the present law grants to others in other charters.
- 2) Provide for the inclusion of administrative costs and define how those costs and the costs of the insurance premiums are calculated.
- 3) Clarify that persons who were employed in schools by OPSB on August 28, 2005, who are now or become employed by the RSD or in charters as a result of a school entering the RSD prior to the effective date of the Act, regardless of whether they were granted leave or not, can participate in OPSB group health insurance with “tacked” time being counted as continuous for all purposes.
- 4) Clarify that these provisions apply to persons who were employed in schools in all cases.
- 5) Delete the specification of how the RSD or the charters are to pay for the group health insurance in favor of the RSD paying as mutually agreed with the school board and requiring the charter schools to pay for it as directed by the prior employing board.

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- 6) Redirect the responsibility to provide notice to eligible employees in Type 5 charters from the chartering authority to the governing board of the charter. Provide in the provisions exclusively for employees whether or not on leave and whether current or later returning, that the RSD or Type 5 has 90 days to provide notice to the employee who has 90 days to act. In these cases the insurance is effective from the date of notice, if the employee acts.
 - 7) Specify that the “prospective employees” insurance never lapses at all if they take advantage within 90 days of receiving notice. This provision does not require that they be notified within 90 days because of the fact that the insurance is continuous and because the notice will hopefully occur upon an offer of employment.
 - 8) Require that any person who is granted a right under these provisions to participate in group health insurance must have participated when they went on leave or on August 28, 2008, whichever relates to their qualifying status.
 - 9) Specify that the payments to the prior system or the local board are to be made as mutually agreed and eliminate all other specifications.
 - 10) Make technical corrections, if necessary.
 - 11) Include the employees of Type 1 and Type 3 charter schools to the provisions of the bill in the same way as the provisions currently provide for employees of Type 5 charter schools.
 - 12) Make this a right of the charter employee contingent upon the permission to do so being in their school’s charter.
 - 13) Allow each charter and RSD directly operated school to provide this benefit on a school-by-school basis.
- 9-G-6 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Roemer, the Board opposed House Bill No. 1347, which provides relative to student scholarships.
- 9-G-7 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Roemer, the Board deleted from the agenda until next legislation session “Consideration of removing the High School Redesign Commission from state statute.”

Agenda **Student and School Standards/Instruction Committee** (Schedule 10)
Item 9-H

9-H-1 On motion of Mr. Guice, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved for one year only the request from St. Charles Parish for waivers of Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, school approval standards of the pupil/teacher ratios for the Talented Art and Theater programs to increase the number of students on a caseload to a maximum of 55 students and approved the request that the pupil/teacher ratios for schools that use block scheduling be raised to not more than 40 students per semester, not to exceed 75 students per yearly caseload.

9-H-2 On motion of Mr. Guice, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following textbook waiver requests in accordance with Bulletin 1794, *State Textbook Adoption Policy and Procedures Manual*, Section 513, to use more than 10% of their textbook allocation to purchase materials that are not on the current state adoption list:

a. Archdiocese of New Orleans:

- 1) Academy of the Sacred Heart, Orleans Parish;
- 2) Mount Carmel Academy, Orleans Parish;
- 3) St. Anthony of Padua School, Orleans Parish;
- 4) St. Michael Special School, Orleans Parish; and
- 5) St. Rita Catholic Central School, Orleans Parish.

b. Fiscally Independent School:

- 1) Isidore Newman, Orleans Parish.

9-H-3 On motion of Mr. Guice, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board granted Brumfield vs. Dodd approval to Lafayette Lutheran School in Lafayette Parish and Union Christian Academy in Union Parish.

9-H-4 On motion of Mr. Guice, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the classification status of the following nonpublic schools:

- a. Bossier Parish, Plain Dealing – *Approved*; and
- b. St. Landry Parish, Acadiana Preparatory – *Approved*.

- 9-H-5 On motion of Mr. Guice, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved as Notice of Intent for Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, recommended changes to the Career and Technical Education Course guidelines for the Agriculture Education courses listed below:
- a. Agribusiness;
 - b. Agricultural Education Elective I and II;
 - c. Agriscience I, II, and III;
 - d. Agriscience Construction Technology;
 - e. Agriscience Elective I and II;
 - f. Agriscience Leadership;
 - g. Agriscience Power Equipment;
 - h. Animal Science;
 - i. Biotechnology in Agriscience;
 - j. Canine Care and Training;
 - k. Cooperative Agriscience Education I and II;
 - l. Environmental Studies in Agriscience;
 - m. Equine Science;
 - n. Floristry;
 - o. Forestry;
 - p. Horticulture;
 - q. Landscape Design, Construction, and Maintenance;
 - r. Precision Instrumentation in Agriscience;
 - s. Small Animal Care and Management;
 - t. Veterinary Assistant;
 - u. ABC Carpentry in Agriscience;
 - v. ABC Electrical I Agriscience;
 - w. ABC Pipefitting in Agriscience; and
 - x. ABC Welding Technology I Agriscience.
- 9-H-6 On motion of Mr. Guice, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved as Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 1530, *Louisiana IEP Handbook for Students with Disabilities*, Section 1, Chapter 9, regarding the LEAP Alternate Assessment, Level I Participation Criteria.
- 9-H-7 On motion of Mr. Guice, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on the establishment of an Early Childhood Interagency Council to facilitate cross system policy and program support and directed that the Department provide a report to the Committee in August 2008 or September 2008 on the establishment of this council.
- 9-H-8 On motion of Mr. Guice, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the release of the Request for Applications (RFA) for the *Early Childhood Programs: Teacher Collaboration in Inclusive Settings*.

- 9-H-9 On motion of Mr. Guice, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deferred the report on the process used to award competitive grants for tutoring programs and for evaluating their progress.
- 9-H-10 On motion of Mr. Guice, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deferred on "Consideration of approval of the revised school bus transportation bulletin as a Notice of Intent."
- 9-H-11 On motion of Mr. Guice, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved as a Notice of Intent revisions to Chapters 11 and 21 of Bulletin 1196, *Louisiana Food and Nutrition Programs, Policies of Operation*.
- 9-H-12 On motion of Mr. Guice, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the recommendations from the Department relative to universal standards and cut scores in other states as follows:
- a. that there be no universal percentages or ranking linked to approval;
 - b. that when the state committee determines that only one book of a series does not adequately meet the GLEs, then the state committee will recommend the entire series with a related stipulation. If more than one book in a series does not adequately met the GLEs, then the committee will recommend approval based on each grade level; and
 - c. that existing statutory requirements and policies which currently address representation on Textbook Adoption Committees be used and that steps for improvement be offered.
- 9-H-13 On motion of Mr. Guice, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the new, updated copyright edition for Mathematics K-12, Single Variable Calculus 9-12, by Cengage Learning Publishers, in accordance with Bulletin 1794, *State Textbook Adoption Policy and Procedures Manual*, Section 711.E.
- 9-H-14 On motion of Mr. Guice, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deferred on "Consideration of a discussion of student discipline issues."
- 9-H-15 On motion of Mr. Guice, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deferred on "Consideration of a resolution on teacher academic freedom to teach scientific evidence regarding controversial scientific subjects."

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Board Advisory Council Reports

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Special Education Advisory Council

(Schedule 11)

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Bennett, the Board received the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Council meeting held April 30, 2008, and approved the tentative agenda for June 4, 2008.

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Item 11

Board Advisory Council Appointments

(Schedule 12)

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the appointment of Superintendent Michael Nassif to the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council upon the recommendation of Ms. Linda Johnson. Superintendent Nassif replaces Superintendent Michael Coburn on the Council.

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the reappointment of Superintendent Robert Webber to the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council upon the recommendation of Mr. Keith Guice. Superintendent Webber replaces Superintendent Jerry Doshier on the Council.

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the reappointment of Superintendent Gary Jones to the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council upon the recommendation of Ms. Tammie McDaniel. Superintendent Jones replaces Superintendent Rodney Lafon on the Council.

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the appointment of Superintendent Steve Bartlett to the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council upon the recommendation of Ms. Louella Givens. Superintendent Bartlett replaces Superintendent Gary Jones on the Council.

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. Craig Blackburn to the Special Education Advisory Council upon the recommendation of Ms. Louella Givens. Mr. Blackburn fills a vacancy on the Council.

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the appointment of Ms. Kathy Noel to the School and District Accountability Commission upon the recommendation of Mr. Walter Lee.

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the appointment of Ms. Judy Vail to the School and District Accountability Commission upon the recommendation of Mr. Dale Bayard.

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the appointment of Ms. Anna Larriviere, Superintendent of the Lafayette Diocesan School System, to the School and District Accountability Commission upon the recommendation of Mr. John Bennett.

Agenda **Received and/or Referred**

Item 12

Agenda Item 12-A On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received the resolution from St. Tammany Parish School Board regarding its agreement to participate with other public school boards of the State of Louisiana on a prorata basis as a plaintiff in any legal action to be taken against the State of Louisiana and others relative to the duties imposed upon the State by Article 10, Section 29 (E), of the Louisiana Constitution, to include but not limited to that suit titled *East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, et al v. the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System*, Civil Action 539015, Parish of East Baton Rouge, 19th Judicial District Court for the State of Louisiana. (Schedule 13)

Agenda Item 12-B On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received and referred to the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council (PSAC) and the Adult Education Advisory Council (AEAC): Consideration of proposed Adult Education allocations for FY 2008-2009. (Schedule 14)

Agenda Item 12-C On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received and referred to the Quality Educators Committee: Consideration of alternate mentoring, assistance, and assessment experiences in lieu of LaTAAP. (Schedule 15)

Agenda Item 12-D On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board received and referred to the Quality Educators Committee: Consideration of revisions to Bulletin 1943, *Policies and Procedures for Louisiana Teacher Assistance and Assessment*: Section III. B. – Out-of-State Exclusion. (Schedule 16)

Agenda Item 13 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Bennett, the Board received the monthly report of appointments and separations in the Department of Education. (Schedule 17)

Agenda **Received and/or Referred**

Item 14

Agenda Item 14-A On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. McDaniel, the Board received and referred to the Board Administration/Relations Committee: Consideration of a discussion on the Master Plan for rebuilding schools in New Orleans.

Agenda Item 14-B On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. McDaniel, the Board received and referred to the High School Redesign Committee: Consideration of a discussion regarding graduation rates of districts and high schools.

- Agenda Item 14-C On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. McDaniel, the Board received and referred to the High School Redesign Committee: Consideration of a discussion regarding the development of policies to assure that districts are responding to data obtained through the Early Warning System, which indicates the need for intervention.
- Agenda Item 14-D On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. McDaniel, the Board received and referred to the High School Redesign Committee: Consideration of a discussion regarding the development of policies to promote quality career preparation programs and to increase dual enrollment programs in districts.
- Agenda Item 14-E On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. McDaniel, the Board received and referred to the High School Redesign Committee and the High School Redesign Commission: Consideration of a communications plan to inform 9th graders (of 2008-2009) and their parents of the changes to the graduation requirements for the class of 2012.
- Agenda Item 14-F On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. McDaniel, 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. Valarie Moore. (Schedule 18)
- Agenda Item 14-G On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. McDaniel, 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. Grant Hiatt. (Schedule 19)
- Agenda Item 14-H On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. McDaniel, 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. Harold Kinney. (Schedule 20)
- Agenda Item 14-I On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. McDaniel, 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. Dwayne Archangel. (Schedule 21)
- Agenda Item 15 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract, as recommended by the Department, for the Department and Board agencies:

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Contractor Name:	Data Recognition Corporation
Previous Contract:	Yes
Begin Date:	09/09/03
Original End Date:	06/30/08
Revised End Date:	6/30/12
Revised Contract Duration:	5 years
Original Contract Amount:	\$26,385,391
Amendment Amount:	\$21,134,874
New Contract Amount:	\$47,520,265
Source of Funds:	T6 STATE ASSESS ADMIN FED

Description of Services: This amendment to extend the date of the current contract with Data Recognition Corporation for the Integrated LEAP (iLEAP) assessment program is necessary due to uncertainties in the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act and the development and implementation of new state standards and assessment program. This extension will allow for continuity in the iLEAP assessment program in the interim. Although the original contract states that it may be extended through June 30, 2015, this amendment will establish a new end date of 6/30/2012 which results in the reflected increase. (Schedule 22)

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On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following BESE contracts:

Contractor:	Anna Bernard, Gail Lazard, William Miller, and Judith Foil
Amount:	\$500.00 per site visit
Amount:	\$250.00 per written proposal evaluation
Contract Period:	April 1, 2008, to June 15, 2008
Funds:	State

Contractor:	Carrie Stewart
Amount:	\$250.00 per written proposal evaluation
Contract Period:	April 1, 2008, to June 15, 2008
Funds:	State

Contractor:	Team Leader Tamara Lumpkin
Amount:	\$350.00 per written proposal evaluation
Contract Period:	April 1, 2008, to June 15, 2008
Funds:	State

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Description of Services: Contractors will conduct school site evaluations

and review charter amendments in support of BESE's responsibility to monitor charter school performance and to gather information necessary to make charter renewal, charter extension, and charter amendment decisions. Under these contracts, evaluators will be called upon to evaluate written proposals and/or to conduct school quality site visits, as necessary.

The site visits will include a team of 3-5 evaluators, depending on availability and scheduling. Each site visit team member will receive \$500 per site visit and may conduct up to three site visits each, providing written documentation of findings.

Additionally, for written proposal review, the review will be conducted by a team of 5-7 evaluators, depending on availability and scheduling. Each proposal reviewer will receive \$250 per review, with a team leader who will receive \$350 per review, for up to three reviews. Evaluators will provide written documentation of findings. (Schedule 23)

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On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Bayard, with regard to Senate Bill 718, which provides relative to financial disclosure requirements of members of state boards and commissions, the Board authorized the Board President, the Superintendent, and any Board members who can be actively involved to seek the Legislature's support to move BESE from Tier 2 to either Tier 3 or Tier 4.

Mr. Roemer and Ms. Dastugue were recorded as being opposed to the motion.

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Agenda Item 17 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board approved the minutes of May 2, 2008, as amended.

Agenda Item 18 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board deferred until its next meeting the nomination of Dr. Amy Westbrook as Executive Director of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board went into Executive Session at 12:45 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter with the State Superintendent of Education.

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, Mr. Roemer, and Ms. Johnson.

Nays: None.

Abstains: None.

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

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On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Roemer, the Board reconvened into Regular Session at 2:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

No further action was taken.

At this point in the meeting, the Board returned to Agenda Item 9-C-5.

Agenda Item 9-C-5 On motion of Ms. McDaniel, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board adopted the "State Superintendent of Education Evaluation Instrument," the "Process and Procedures for the Annual Evaluation of the State Superintendent of Education," and the "Timelines and Procedures for the Evaluation of the Superintendent," noting that the timeline will likely change. Further, the Board deferred on the Rating Scale until the "State Superintendent of Education Evaluation Instrument" is finally adopted and the Board knows how many objectives it will have. At that point, the Board will adopt a scoring mechanism to be considered at its next meeting.

Mr. Roemer was recorded as being opposed to the motion.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.