

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

JUNE 6, 2008

The Louisiana Purchase Room Baton Rouge, LA

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in special session on June 6, 2008, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 3:14 p.m. by Board Vice-President Walter Lee.

Board members present were: Mr. Dale Bayard, Ms. Glenny Lee Buquet, Ms. Penny Dastugue, Mr. Jim Garvey, Mr. Keith Guice, Mr. Walter Lee, Ms. Tammie McDaniel, and Mr. Chas Roemer.

Mr. John Bennett, Ms. Louella Givens, and Ms. Linda Johnson were absent.

Agenda Item 3 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the agenda as printed and disseminated.

Agenda Item 4 On motion of Ms. Buquet, with a unanimous second, the Board approved the appointment of Dr. Amy Westbrook as Executive Director of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education effective July 1, 2008.

Mr. Lee recognized Representative Donald Trahan, Chair of the House Committee on Education; former Representative Alphonse Jackson; Representative Rogers Pope, and former Representative and Speaker of the House Joe Salter.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Lee relinquished the Chair to Ms. Penny Dastugue, Chair of the Finance/Audit Review Committee.

Agenda Item 5 Ms. Beth Scioneaux provided Board members with a handout entitled, "FY 2008-2009 MFP Budget Letter – June 6, 2008" and reviewed this document with the Board.

Discussion followed.

Public comments were received from Superintendent Cathy Stockton, Richland Parish School System; Superintendent Gayle Sloan, St. Tammany Parish School System; Pauline Ewing, South Boulevard Foreign Language Academic Immersion School, East Baton Rouge Parish; Nicole Boudreaux, Lafayette Parish Foreign Language Immersion Programs; Mark Rabalais, LeReveil du Francais; Peggy Feehan, Consortium of Louisiana Immersion Schools; and David Cheramie, Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL).

The following individuals were noted as being in support of the foreign associate teacher program and the proposed stipend for that program.

Binton Badiane, St. Martin Parish; Delphine Coumpouras, Iberia Parish French Immersion; Yvan Favreau, St. Martin Parish; Marianne Cheramie, Lafayette Foreign Languages; Lyne Mitchell, Lafayette Parish; Francoise Biasiolo, Lafayette Parish Foreign Immersion; Fabienne Biasiolo, Lafayette Parish; Fabienne Cowan, Lafayette Parish School Board; Jean-Philippe Warlet, Lafayette Parish School Board; and Moussa Y-Sadou, Lafayette Parish French Immersion.

Motion 1 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. McDaniel, the Board approved the simulation regarding the FY 2008-2009 MFP Budget Letter – June 6, 2008, as presented by the Department.

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Ms. Scioneaux provided Board members with a handout entitled, “A Concurrent Resolution” and reviewed this document with the Board.

Discussion followed.

Public comments were received from Wayne Free, Louisiana Association of Educators.

Motion 2 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the MFP Resolution, as amended, and authorized the Department to make technical adjustments necessary to clarify and reflect the Board’s intent.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Lee resumed the Chair.

Agenda **Board Advisory Council Appointments**
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On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. Danny Pennington to the School and District Accountability Commission upon the recommendation of Ms. Tammie McDaniel.

On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the appointment of Ms. Erin Bendily to the School and District Accountability Commission upon the recommendation of Governor Bobby Jindal.

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On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the appointment of Ms. Mary A. Washington to the School and District Accountability Commission upon the recommendation of Ms. Joyce Haynes, President of the Louisiana Association of Educators. Ms. Washington replaces Ms. Carol Davis on the Commission.

On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the reappointment of Ms. Stephanie Desselle to the School and District Accountability Commission upon the recommendation of Ms. Desselle, Senior Vice-President of the Council for a Better Louisiana.

On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the appointment of Ms. Brigitte T. Nieland to the School and District Accountability Commission upon the recommendation of Ms. Nieland, Vice-President of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry. Ms. Nieland fills a vacancy on the Commission.

On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the reappointment of Mr. Jim Brandt to the School and District Accountability Commission upon the recommendation of Mr. Brandt, President of the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana.

On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the reappointment of Dr. Jeanne M. Burns to the School and District Accountability Commission upon the recommendation of Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education, Board of Regents.

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Received and/or Referred

On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received and referred to the Accountability and Assessment Committee: Consideration of discussion of the Board's policies concerning reconstitution of failed schools.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.