

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

OCTOBER 16, 2008

The Louisiana Purchase Room
Baton Rouge, LA

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in regular session on October 16, 2008, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by Board President Linda M. Johnson and opened with a prayer by Ms. Judy Mabry, Principal of Dubach High School in Lincoln Parish.

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

Ms. Penny Dastugue and Mr. Chas Roemer were absent.

Ms. Carole Hall, Counselor at Oil City Elementary School in Caddo Parish, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 5 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. McDaniel, the Board approved the agenda as printed and disseminated, with the addition of Emergency Agenda items 16 -30. (Schedule 1)

Agenda Item 6 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. McDaniel, the Board approved the minutes of September 16, 2008.

Agenda Item 7 **Notices of Intent**

Agenda Item 7-A **Notices of Intent duly advertised in the July 2008 issue of the Louisiana Register and ready for final adoption.**

Agenda Item 7-A-1 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Bennett, the Board approved for final adoption Bulletin 127, *LEAP Alternate Assessment, Level 1 (LAA 1) Extended Standards*: Codification of the entire document.

Agenda Item 7-A-2 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Bennett, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §2373. Agricultural Education.

- Agenda Item 7-A-3 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Bennett, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 1196, *Louisiana Food and Nutrition Programs, Policies of Operation*: §1101. Child Nutrition Program Director/Supervisor, §2101. Responsibilities of the SFA, and §2111. Appendix.
- Agenda Item 7-A-4 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Bennett, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 1530, *Louisiana's IEP Handbook for Students with Disabilities*: §901. Participation in Assessments, §903. Types of Alternate Assessments, §905. Participation Criteria, and §907. Test Accommodations.
- Agenda Item 7-A-5 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Bennett, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 1566, *Pupil Progression Policies and Procedures*: §503. Regular Placement and §1301. LEAP High Stakes Testing Policy.
- Agenda Item 7-B **Notices of Intent duly advertised in the August 2008 issue of the Louisiana Register and ready for final adoption after November 18, 2008.**
- Agenda Item 7-B-1 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*: §4001. Proficient in English.
- Agenda Item 7-B-2 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 118, *Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices*: §501. District Test Coordinator Role, §511. School Test Coordinator, §1801. Description, §2007. Performance Standards, §2011. Grade 4 Achievement Level Descriptors, §2015. Grade 8 Achievement Level Descriptors, §2305. Format, §2311. Proficiency Standards, and §3505. Foreign Exchange Students.
- Agenda Item 7-B-3 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §2375. Business Education, §2377. General Career and Technical Education, §2383. Marketing Education, and §2387. Trade and Industrial Education.
- Agenda Item 7-B-4 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*: §903. Definitions and §911. Procedures and Rules for Issuance or Reinstatement of Certificates Suspended or Revoked Due to Criminal Convictions and/or Submission of Fraudulent Documents.

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NOTE: The Department requested that the Board not approve the following Notice of Intent for final adoption. The Department has convened the Louisiana Teacher Assistance and Assessment Task Force to conduct a comprehensive review of Bulletin 1943 along with the relevant sections of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes. The task force will bring a complete set of recommended policy and statutory revisions to the Board for approval in January 2009.

Agenda Item 7-B-5 On motion of Ms. McDaniel, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board denied approval for final adoption of revisions to Bulletin 1943, *Policies and Procedures for Louisiana Teacher Assistance and Assessment*. §503. Teachers Subject to the Program, §505. Definitions, and §507. Procedures to Request Exclusion, as requested by the Department.

The Board agreed to take Agenda Item 14 out of order.

Agenda Item 14 The School Health Award honors outstanding schools throughout the state that have conducted positive activities promoting a healthful school environment. This program is sponsored by the Department of Education and the Board in partnership with Action for Healthy Kids, the Pennington Biomedical Research Center, and the Louisiana Dietetic Association. The Board recognized the following schools that are recipients of the School Health Awards:

- Dubach High School in Lincoln Parish – Ms. Judy Mabry, Principal, and Mr. Danny Bell, Superintendent;
- Oil City Elementary School in Caddo Parish – Mr. Thomas M. Irvin, Principal, and Dr. Gerald Dawkins, Superintendent; and
- Pollack Elementary School in Grant Parish – Ms. Becky Durand, Principal, and Ms. Sheila Jackson, Superintendent.

Honorable Mention schools include Red River Elementary School in Red River Parish and Southside Elementary School in East Carroll Parish.

(Schedule 2)

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

On behalf of Superintendent Pastorek, who was participating in an awards ceremony in New Orleans, Ms. Ollie Tyler, Deputy Superintendent of Education, highlighted the following in the “Report by the State Superintendent of Education”:

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- All schools have reopened following last month's hurricanes. Earlier this week, Johnson Bayou, Hackberry, and South Cameron High Schools reopened in Cameron Parish. With these openings, the district is now completely operational and all schools closed by the hurricanes have resumed classes. Ms. Tyler personally commended Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue and her team of administrators and leaders for working diligently to return their students to school. This community faced overwhelming challenges, but they worked together -- determined to move beyond their challenges.
- After the hurricanes, one of the services Superintendent Pastorek and the Department made available to local superintendents was the assistance of Mr. Ramsey Greene from the Recovery School District and Mr. Patrick Dobard from the Department of Education.
 - o Mr. Greene is experienced in navigating the procedures and policies established to receive assistance from FEMA and the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. He has consulted with Terrebonne, Zachary, Lafourche, Cameron, Iberville, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, Assumption, and Avoyelles parishes in their recovery efforts. Board members have been furnished Mr. Greene's complete report for their review along with a report from Mr. Patrick Weaver, which contains information submitted to the Department by all districts regarding their plans to make up instructional time lost during the hurricanes. Both reports are also available on the Internet.
- On the heels of Gustav and Ike, the Department hosted the inaugural Louisiana Superintendents' Retreat in Natchitoches last month. Although some superintendents were still dealing with the effects of the hurricanes, approximately 55 out of 70 local superintendents were able to participate in the three-day event. The sessions included state, regional, and national presenters and have led to interest in creating a Superintendents' Institute where presenters will be brought in throughout the year to address timely topics and issues. Included with the reports mentioned previously, the Department has also provided the Board with a summary of the evaluations from the Superintendents' Retreat. Additionally, Sam Pernici submitted his presentation on graduation rates, student achievement, act results, and college readiness statistics.

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- In September, the Department received the good news that six Louisiana schools were named 2008 “No Child Left Behind” Blue Ribbon Schools. The 2008 Blue Ribbon Schools in Louisiana are Buckeye Elementary School in Rapides Parish, Caddo Parish Magnet High School and Caddo Parish Middle Magnet School in Caddo Parish, Forest Heights Academy of Excellence in East Baton Rouge Parish, Vincent Settlement Elementary School in Calcasieu Parish, and Westdale Heights Academic Magnet School in East Baton Rouge Parish. These schools demonstrate the positive outcomes that can be achieved through strong school leadership and quality educators.
- While we rejoice in the accomplishments of these schools, we remain ever mindful that other schools in our state are in need of targeted assistance from us as they work to improve the academic achievement of their students. Dr. Lavonne Sheffield has hit the ground running in her new position. In addition to working with the RSD schools outside New Orleans, Dr. Sheffield has started reaching out to each of the 32 schools who have been labeled AUS 4. We have met with each of the superintendents in these 15 districts. Dr. Sheffield and others are also meeting with every school board to share with them information and a thorough analysis of each school. The Department will continue these efforts to work collaboratively with these school communities, and it will present to the Board workable solutions for each of these schools.
- As we work toward improving teaching and learning in all Louisiana schools, we remain focused on improving the literacy and numeracy skills of all students. Two weeks ago, more than 300 local superintendents, principals, reading coaches, and district reading coordinators met in West Baton Rouge Parish for training sessions around the Department’s Ensuring Literacy for All initiative. More than 163 schools statewide participate in the program aimed at having students reading and writing at or above grade level by fourth grade. Dr. Kerry Laster and her team did an excellent job of preparing and presenting material that will help our children succeed in reading and writing.
- During the last legislative session, someone who helped us acquire support and funding for programs like Ensuring Literacy for All was Representative Don Trahan, Chairman of the House Education Committee. Although his district will greatly miss his strong representation of their area in the Louisiana House of Representatives, we are fortunate that Mr. Trahan has joined us on staff at the Department as the Director of External Affairs. In this new position, he will lead the Department’s efforts to engage the business community in education reform and initiatives.

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- Ms. Tyler announced that one of the Department's own received an award from the Louisiana School Counselor Association during their annual luncheon. Mary Gugich was presented the 2008 Advocacy Award for School Counselors because of her remarkable dedication to Louisiana's students. Ms. Gugich played a significant role in coordinating the committee that made recommendations to the High School Redesign Committee on improving school counseling in Louisiana's high schools.
- Ms. Tyler recognized the recipients of the 2007 Presidential Awards and the finalists for the 2008 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. To be considered for the award, teachers are nominated by their peers, principals, students, parents, or others who know the teachers personally. Up to three nominees in each content area may be designated as state finalists by a state selection committee. The state finalists' applications are forwarded to a national review committee that may choose to designate one person in math and one in science as the Presidential Awardee for the designated year. This award is the highest and most prestigious national honor that a K-12 math or science teacher can receive. The recognition includes a \$10,000 grant from the National Science Foundation along with a ceremony held by the President of the United States at the White House every Spring. These teachers are recognized not only for their abilities to teach, but for serving as role models for other teachers. These teachers are the best of the best in their field! The 2007 Presidential Awardees received their awards at the White House in May 2008. While we recognized them as finalists at a previous meeting, we would like to recognize them today as awardees.
 - The 2007 Louisiana Presidential Awardee for mathematics is Ms. Kimberly Melancon who was nominated for the award while serving as an Algebra II and Advanced Math teacher at St. Amant High School in Ascension Parish. Currently she is master teacher at Donaldsonville High School and was one of the writers for the *Louisiana Comprehensive Curriculum*. Kim has (13) thirteen years of teaching experience. Ms. Gwen Boudreaux is the Principal at Donaldsonville High School. Mr. Donald Songy is her Superintendent. Mr. Charles E. "Chas" Roemer is her BESE representative.

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- The 2007 Louisiana Presidential Awardee for science is Lai Cao, a

physics teacher at Baton Rouge Magnet High School in the East Baton Rouge Parish School System. Ms. Cao has 21 years of teaching experience. Ms. Nanette Greer is the Principal at Baton Rouge High School. Ms. Charlotte Placide is her Superintendent. Ms. Linda Johnson is her BESE representative.

- The 2008 state finalists for the Presidential Award were announced in July 2008. Their applications are currently under review, and they will find out in about 3 months if they have been designated as a 2008 Awardee. There are three state finalists for the 2008 Presidential Award in mathematics.
 - Kristen Magee teaches fourth grade math and math intervention at Gonzalez Primary School in Ascension Parish. She has 16 years of experience, 9 of which are at Gonzales Middle School. Ms. Eleanor Lassiter is her Principal. Mr. Donald Songy is her Superintendent. Mr. Charles E. "Chas" Roemer is her BESE representative.
 - Debra Reynolds teaches fourth grade math at Westdale Heights Academic Magnet School in East Baton Rouge Parish. She has 24 years of teaching experience. Ms. Cheryl Singer is the Principal at Westdale Heights. Ms. Charlotte Placide is her Superintendent. Ms. Linda Johnson is her BESE representative.
 - Ranell Troxler teaches sixth grade math at Raymond K. Smith Middle School in St. Charles Parish. Ms. Troxler has been teaching for 13 years. Ms. Nicole LeBeauf is her Principal. Dr. Rodney Lafon is her Superintendent. Ms. Glenny Lee Buquet is her BESE representative.
- The State Science Committee chose two finalists to be considered by the National Selection Committee.
 - Kendra Renae Pullen teaches fourth grade science at Riverside Elementary School in Caddo Parish. Ms. Pullen has been teaching for 10 years. Ms. Christy Terrill is her Principal. Her Superintendent is Dr. Gerald Dawkins. Mr. Walter Lee is her BESE representative.
 - Susanna Theriot teaches fourth grade science at Wyandotte Elementary in St. Mary Parish. She has been teaching for seven years, five of them in her current position at Wyandotte. Her Principal is Ms. Barbara Leleux. Dr. Donald Aguillard is her Superintendent. Ms. Glenny Lee Buquet is her BESE representative.

Agenda **Board Administration/Relations Committee** (Schedule 3)
Item 9-A

- 9-A-1 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the following 8(g) monitoring visit reports:
- 1) recap reports for FY 2003-2004, FY 2004-2005, FY 2005-2006, and FY 2006-2007;
 - 2) report of project audits with no irregularities for FY 2005-2006 and FY 2006-2007;
 - 3) there was no report of projects with irregularities and responses accepted; and
 - 4) reports of project audits with irregularities awaiting a response for FY 2005-2006 and FY 2006-2007.
- 9-A-2 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the informational update on the public awareness campaign for state initiatives.
- 9-A-3 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the in-state travel for Board members to be reimbursed from the BESE budget.
- 9-A-4 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the out-of-state travel requests to be reimbursed by BESE for Ms. Linda M. Johnson to attend the Early Childhood Task Force Meeting in Austin, Texas, on November 13, 2008, and for Ms. Tammie McDaniel to attend the SREB and State Career/Technical Education Consortium on November 13-14, 2008, in Jacksonville, Florida, and the College & Career Ready Policy Institute, Leadership Session 1, in Alexandria, Virginia, on November 18-19, 2008.
- 9-A-5 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the first quarter report of expenditures and budget balances of 8(g) projects for FY 2008-2009.
- 9-A-6 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the minutes of the BESE Retreat held on September 29, 2008.
- 9-A-7 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the minutes of the 8(g) Public Hearing held on September 16, 2008.
- 9-A-8 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the recommendations for 8(g) program evaluators for FY 2008-2009.

- 9-A-9 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the information regarding the feasibility of expanding the 8(g) evaluation process to include outside stakeholders.
- 9-A-10 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the 8(g) Annual Report for FY 2007-2008.
- 9-A-11 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the recommendations from the 8(g) Advisory Council of priorities for the allocation of 8(g) funds for FY 2009-2010.
- 9-A-12 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved setting the FY 2009-2010 8(g) budget at \$42,000,000.
- 9-A-13 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the status report submitted by the St. Helena Parish School System.
- 9-A-14 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board directed the Department to develop a *Recovery School District Handbook*, for submission to the Board no later than the end of calendar year 2009.
- 9-A-15 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved deleting Agenda Item IV.C.3., "Consideration of developing and implementing policies regarding BESE's approval of the administration of the RSD," and directed that future issues concerning the development and implementation of policies regarding BESE's approval of the administration of the RSD be handled under "Consideration of the summary and timeline for policy development regarding the Recovery School District."
- 9-A-16 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred until December 2008: "Consideration of the creation of an advisory commission to oversee matters related to the Recovery School District (RSD)."

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Ms. McDaniel offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Bennett, that the Board delay approval of the new Process and Procedures for the Evaluation of the State Superintendent and retain the item on the agenda for final approval at the Board's next meeting.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Yeas: Mr. Bennett and Ms. McDaniel.

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Nays: Mr. Bayard, Ms. Buquet, Mr. Garvey, Ms. Givens, Mr. Guice, and Mr. Lee.

Absent: Ms. Dastugue and Mr. Roemer.

The motion failed.

9-A-17 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the revisions to the "New" Process and Procedures for the Evaluation of the State Superintendent, labeled item "F" in the Committee backup material.

9-A-18 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the revisions to the "New" Process and Procedures for the Evaluation of the State Superintendent, Part 1, labeled item "G" in the Committee backup material.

9-A-19 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the eight item instrument for Part 2, titled, "Relationship with the Board," from the May 2008 adopted Process and Procedures for the Annual Evaluation of the State Superintendent of Education, labeled item "E" in the Committee backup, adding items from Part 2, titled "Responsibilities and Expectations, labeled item "I" in the Committee backup, to include 1.2 Relationship with Local School Districts; 1.3 Relationship with Higher Education, 1.4 Relationship with the Legislature, 1.5 Relationship with the Community, and Leadership portion 2.1 Standards of Excellence.

9-A-20 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the scoring mechanism for the Annual Evaluation of the State Superintendent of Education, including the cut scores, score values, and weighting system reflected in item "J" of the Committee backup material. Scoring will be adjusted to reflect the approved instrument.

9-A-21 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report regarding how ethics legislation will affect BESE, Advisory Councils, and Commissions and directed BESE staff to obtain a written opinion from the Board of Ethics on the question of BESE's Commissions and Advisory Councils.

Agenda
Item 9-B

Finance Committee

(Schedule 4)

9-B-1 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report (YTD) by fiscal unit/BESE initiative on contracts of \$50,000 and under approved by the State Superintendent and received by the Board.

- 9-B-2 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report (YTD) by fiscal unit/BESE initiative on contracts over \$50,000 approved by the Board.
- 9-B-3 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report on federal/state grants received by the Department.
- 9-B-4 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the audit from the Department of Education's Director of Internal Audit.

Grants and Allocations

Disadvantage or Disabled Student Support - Formula

- 9-B-5 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Neglected and Delinquent
Amount: \$-0-
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: This is a reallocation of a declined award in the amount of \$5,853. Allocations are computed on the student enrollment in a regular program of instruction as reported to the USDOE in state operated or supported institutions, adult correctional institutions, and community day programs for neglected or delinquent children.

Educators Support

- 9-B-6 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: National Board Certified Teachers
Amount: \$5,233,250
Funding Period: 07/01/08– 06/30/09
Source of Funds: State

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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 payment to public school systems and charter public school systems employing National Board Certified Teachers during the 2008-2009 school year.

Basis of Allocation: Louisiana 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.

9-B-7 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: National School Psychologists
Amount: \$920,000
Funding Period: 07/01/08 - 06/30/09
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: R.S. 17:421.9 is designed to provide relative salary supplement for public school psychologists who hold certain school psychology credentials and certificates issued by the National School Psychology Certification Board (NSPCB). This allocation provides for payment to public school systems and charter public school systems employing Nationally Certified School Psychologists during the 2008-2009 school year.

Basis of Allocation: School psychologists who hold both a valid Louisiana ancillary certificate approved and issued by BESE and a National Certified School Psychologist credential issued by the National School Psychology Certification Board (NSPCB) and who are employed by a school board to provide services to students will receive an additional \$5,000 salary supplement in the 2008-2009 school year. Submitted documentation was required by September 15 (and extended to September 22 due to hurricanes) of this school year in order to receive reimbursement. The annual supplement shall be distributed in the same manner as the annual salary and is subject to applicable retirement deductions and withholding taxes.

9-B-8 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Nationally Certified School Social Workers
Amount: \$1,494,837
Funding Period: 07/01/08 – 06/30/09
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: R.S. 17:421.10 is designed to provide relative salary supplement for public school social workers who hold certain school social work credentials and certificates issued by BESE and the National Association of Social Workers. This allocation provides for payment to public school systems and charter public school systems employing Nationally Certified School Social Workers during the 2008-2009 school year.

Basis of Allocation: School social workers who hold both a valid Louisiana ancillary certificate approved and issued by BESE and a National Certified School Social Work Specialist credential issued by the National Association of Social Workers and who are employed by a school board to provide services to students will receive an additional \$5,000 salary supplement in the 2008-2009 school year. Submitted documentation was required by September 15 (and extended to September 22 due to hurricanes) of this school year in order to receive reimbursement. The annual supplement shall be distributed in the same manner as the annual salary and is subject to applicable retirement deductions and withholding taxes.

9-B-9 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Nationally Certified Speech Pathologists & Audiologists
Amount: \$2,443,180
Funding Period: 07/01/08 – 06/30/09
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: R.S. 17:421.11 provides for a salary supplement to be paid annually to speech pathologists and audiologists with national certification identified by a Certificate of Clinical Competence as required by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) who must also hold a valid Louisiana credential approved and issued by the DOE, and a current license issued by the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (LBESPA). This allocation provides for payment to public school systems and charter public school systems employing Nationally Certified Speech Pathologists and Audiologists during the 2008-2009 school year.

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Basis of Allocation: Speech pathologists and audiologists who meet the above criteria will receive an additional salary supplement in the 2008-2009 school year. Funds in the amount of \$2,443,350.00 were appropriated to support this supplement. Submitted documentation was required by September 15, 2008 (and extended to September 22, 2008, due to hurricanes) of this year in order to receive reimbursement. The annual supplement shall be distributed in the same manner as the annual salary and is subject to applicable retirement deductions and withholding taxes. This award provides a partial supplement of \$3,236 to eligible speech pathologists and audiologists.

School and Community Support

9-B-10 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Rural Education Achievement Program
Amount: \$(790,902)
Funding Period: 07/01/08 – 06/30/09
Source of Funds: Federal

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

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

Basis of Allocation: This reduction of allocation is because the final award from the USDOE was less than the tentative allocation distributed to districts. Eligible LEAs are districts with Title I poverty data reflecting a rate of poor children ages 5 to 17 equal to or greater than 20% and with all schools with Locale Codes of 6, 7, or 8. The formula is based upon student count using average daily attendance (ADA) weighted for LEAs with poverty rate of students' ages 5 to 17 equal to or greater than 40%. Each LEA must submit a plan and budget to the Department of Education for approval before their allocation can be expended.

- 9-B-11 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the contracts of \$50,000 and under approved by the State Superintendent.
- 9-B-12 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the Recovery School District contracts of \$50,000 and under approved by the State Superintendent.
- 9-B-13 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the BA-7 submitted by Board agencies/Department for the Louisiana School for the Deaf.
- 9-B-14 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the audit report of the Bureau of Internal Audit-Activities Analysis.
- 9-B-15 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board designated October 1 as the MFP student count date.
- 9-B-16 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the presentation by Dr. John Augenblick regarding the MFP formula.
- 9-B-17 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the simulation for inclusion in the FY 2009-2010 Budget:
- Increase Base Per Pupil Amount by 2.75%,
 - Education Estimating Conference Student Count Projections,
 - Ad Valorem and Sales Tax Revenues for FY 2007-2008, and
 - 2007 Net Assessed Property Values.
- 9-B-18 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board increased the At-Risk Weight Factor from 22% to 24% in the FY 2009-2010 MFP Budget.
- 9-B-19 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board increased the Career and Technical Education Program from 6% to 8% in the FY 2009-2010 MFP Budget.
- 9-B-20 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report on the MFP formula.

9-B-21 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the timeline for the FY 2008-2009 Financial Risk Assessment process as follows:

October 2008 The Department is compiling the factors necessary to create the Fiscal Risk Assessment using the latest available data. The data will be based on FY 2006-2007 Annual Financial Reports (AFR), FY 2006-2007 Single Audit Reports, and FY 2007-2008 student and staff data. The Recovery School District and the Type 2 Charters will be included this year.

November 2008 The districts/schools will be provided an opportunity to review the results of the Fiscal Risk Assessment and verify the accuracy of the data used.

December 2008 The Fiscal Risk Assessment results will be presented to SBESE and released to the public via posting on the Department's website.

January thru April 2009 Depending on the results of the Fiscal Risk Assessment, follow-up actions will be determined, including dialogues with BESE.

9-B-22 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board:

- a. received the report on the BESE Special Schools and the Special School District budgets and
- b. authorized the submission of the FY 2009-2010 BESE Special Schools budget request and the Special School District budget request.

9-B-23 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following nonpublic school allocations:

Allocation: Textbook and Textbook Administration
Amount: \$3,334,156
Funding Period: 07/01/08 – 06/30/09
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance for nondiscriminatory, state approved nonpublic schools to provide school children with textbooks, library books, and other materials of instruction and to assist in the administrative costs associated with the program.

- 9-B-24 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following nonpublic school allocations:

Allocation: Nonpublic Transportation
Amount: \$7,202,105.00
Funding Period: 07/01/08 – 06/30/09
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: This program is to provide financial assistance to local school districts for transporting nonpublic students enrolled in nondiscriminatory, state-approved nonpublic schools.

- 9-B-25 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following nonpublic school allocations:

Allocation: Nonpublic School Lunch Salary Supplements
Amount: \$7,917,607.00
Funding Period: 07/01/08 – 06/30/09
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: This program provides financial assistance to nondiscriminatory, state-approved nonpublic schools in order to provide a salary supplement to lunchroom employees.

Grants and Allocations

Adult Education - Competitive

- 9-B-26 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: High School Redesign 9th Grade Initiative Cohort 2
Amount: \$420,000
Funding Period: 07/01/08 – 06/30/09
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: Allocations will be provided to schools that were competitively selected for participation in the second cohort of the 9th Grade Redesign Initiative. The 9th Grade Redesign Initiative is a 3-year grant program, with annual continuation awards made to subgrantees based upon their fulfillment of program requirements and the availability of funds. Awards are for the purpose of: contracting nationally recognized expert consultant(s); providing technical assistance and/or professional development; making site visits to schools that are exemplary models of 9th grade redesign and/or

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arranging meetings with leaders of redesign; attending conferences related to 9th grade redesign; purchasing redesign curriculum and professional development resources; and providing stipends/substitutes for faculty to engage in professional development and planning.

Basis of Allocation: Twenty (20) participating schools were given an allocation of \$20,000 for the 2008-2009 school-year to support 9th grade redesign efforts.

9-B-27 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: High School Redesign LA Innovative High Schools Initiative
Amount: \$200,000
Funding Period: 07/01/08 – 06/30/09
Source of Funds: IAT

Purpose: Allocations will be provided to districts that were competitively selected for the opportunity to explore establishing an Innovative High School Model (e.g., New Tech High School). The districts and schools will research a model, participate in an executive tour, and develop initial plans for implementing an innovative high school model. The models should increase career and college readiness through direct connection to technology and project-based learning.

Basis of Allocation: Participating districts were given an allocation of \$20,000 for the 2008-2009 school year to support research and planning for implementation of an innovative high school model.

School and Community - Competitive

9-B-28 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Model Regional Alternative Education Site Grant
Amount: \$2,650,000
Funding Period: 07/01/08 – 06/30/09
Source of Funds: State

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Purpose: The state general funds awarded to the three recipients, determined through the competitive bid process, will support the implementation of innovative regional alternative education schools/programs through a partnership with multiple LEAs and a contracted private provider of alternative education services.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations were determined through a competitive bid process. Applications were read and ranked according to a scoring rubric included in the application. Successful applicants included evidence of matching funds to be combined with the requested grant funds for the implementation of innovative alternative education programs in multi-parish consortia.

School Accountability and Improvement - Other

9-B-29 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Ensuring Literacy and Numeracy for All – Numeracy Coaches
Amount: \$870,283
Funding Period: 07/01/08 – 06/30/09
Source of Funds: IAT – 8(g)

Purpose: *Ensuring Literacy and Numeracy for All (ELFA)* is an initiative to have every student in Louisiana proficient in math by the fourth grade. *Ensuring Literacy and Numeracy for All* focuses on Louisiana's youngest learners, students in grades PK-4. The state intends to flow funds to each of the numeracy districts to provide a numeracy coach in each school to include ten (10) pilot schools that include grades PK-4 in any grade configuration.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations are computed on a per school basis of \$87,028.30 to each of the ten (10) *Ensuring Numeracy for All* schools. These funds are for salaries and benefits for ten (10) numeracy coaches in schools selected to participate in the Ensuring Numeracy for All Initiative.

9-B-30 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Ensuring Literacy and Numeracy for All
Amount: \$1,167,930
Funding Period: 07/01/08 – 06/30/09
Source of Funds: State

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Purpose: The *Ensuring Literacy and Numeracy for All* is an initiative to have every student in Louisiana proficient in math by the fourth grade. *Ensuring Literacy for All* focuses on Louisiana's youngest learners, students in grades PK-4. The state intends to fund ten (10) new schools that include grades PK-4 in any grade configuration.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations are computed on a per school basis of \$116,793 to each of the ten (10) *Ensuring Numeracy for All* schools.

School and Community Support - Other

9-B-31 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Career and Technical Education Model
Amount: \$655,000
Funding Period: 10/01/08 – 06/30/09
Source of Funds: State

Purpose: The program for Career & Technical Education Model (OJHS CTE Model) will help to curb the high dropout rate at the junior high level with the large at-risk population as well as help the students focus on the application of academics in the development of work-ready skills. The 2008-2009 CTE Model will be implemented with the addition of staff to teach new curriculum, the addition of new curricular components, and upgrading CTE supplies and equipment. In addition, professional development opportunities will be provided to enhance best pedagogical practices associated with the delivery of curriculum.

Basis of Allocation: This allocation is a result of a Statutory Dedication – House Bill 1/Act 19, 2008 Regular Legislative Session.

9-B-32 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following grant:

Allocation: Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) GED Program
Amount: \$360,000
Funding Period: 10/01/08 – 10/16/09
Source of Funds: IAT - TANF

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Purpose: The purpose of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) GED program is to move TANF clients toward self-sufficiency through enrollment in Adult Basic and Adult Secondary Education programs. The target population for the TANF GED program is clients 16 – 21 years of age or clients over 21 with a minor child. The funds being awarded will provide the ability to continue or expand programs established the previous fiscal year in East Baton Rouge and Orleans Parishes.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations were determined based on the need for increased adult education programs in areas with large populations of out-of-school youth needing improvement in literacy skills to become self-sufficient. The funds are used for operating costs and instructional salaries/supplies for the programs providing basic adult education and adult secondary education.

- 9-B-33 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the grants/allocations of \$1 million or less approved by the State Superintendent and the Chair of the Finance Committee.
- 9-B-34 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the 2008-2009 RSD 1st quarter financial report comparing actual revenue and expenditure to those budgeted and retained this item on the agenda.
- 9-B-35 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the 2007-2008 RSD Budget close-out, separated according to the categories of recurring funds, one-time funds, and capital funds.
- 9-B-36 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board directed Superintendent Pastorek to bring recommendations to the Board in December 2008 outlining the distribution of local revenues negotiated between the Orleans Parish School Board and the Recovery School District.
- 9-B-37 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred: "Consideration of a reconciliation of all Restart funds and a budget for all remaining Restart funds, including a status report on the proposed additional allocation of \$250 per student."
- 9-B-38 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the RSD contracts approved by the State Superintendent, the Chair of the Finance Committee, and members of the Finance Committee.

Special Consideration**Recovery School District Contracts**

9-B-39 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: ECM Consultants
Previous Contract: No
Original Amount: \$348,058.53
Amended Amount: \$204,133.69
New Amount: \$552,192.22
Contract Period: 06/15/07 - 06/15/09
Fund: FEMA
Competitive Process: No - True Professional

Description of Service: This amendment is needed to include the revised Basic Services Fee and Reimbursable Expenses for the Demolition of Temporary/Modular Structures at 20 schools and also includes the increased cost for demolition of the LB Landry and Lake Area high schools

9-B-40 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Lachin Oubre and Associates, APC
Previous Contract: No
Original Amount: \$2,053,006.00
Amended Amount: \$31,854.42
New Amount: \$2,084,860.42
Begin Date: 06/15/07
Original End Date: 06/30/09
Amended End Date: 06/30/10
Fund: FEMA
Competitive Process: No - True Professional

Description of Service: This amendment is needed to provide additional design services relative to future facilities, systems, and equipment which are not included in the original scope of work. Additional services for Phase I include environmental site assessment, additional test piles, and the conditional use permit as required by CPC.

9-B-41 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Billes Architecture, LLC
Previous Contract: No
Contract Amount: \$1,034,991.00
Contract Period: 07/14/08 - 06/30/09
Fund: FEMA
Competitive Process: No - True Professional

Description of Service: This contract is needed for the renovation of the existing site of William Frantz Elementary School. The items of work shall include, but not be limited to the following: 1) environmental remediation in the existing building, 2) selective demolition of deteriorated materials, and 3) stabilizing the interior and exterior of the building.

9-B-42 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Chenevert Architects
Previous Contract: Yes
Contract Amount: \$27,035.00
Contract Period: 08/11/08 - 09/30/09
Fund: State - IAT
Competitive Process: No - True Professional

Description of Service: This contract is needed for the continued architectural services related to the school-based health center renovation at Walter Cohen High School. The items of work shall include, but not be limited to, the following: 1) selective demolition of existing building systems, 2) development of plans and details for a school-based health clinic, 3) code compliant and operational HVAC and plumbing systems, 4) code compliant and operational electrical power and lighting systems, 5) code compliant and operational fire protections systems, 6) code compliant and operational special systems, 7) upgrades to renovated area to conform to current Code requirements, and 8) general repairs and upgrades to other building systems as directed by Owner/User.

9-B-43 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Chenevert Architects
Previous Contract: Yes
Contract Amount: \$16,882.00
Contract Period: 08/11/08 - 09/30/09
Fund: CDBG
Competitive Process: No - True Professional

Description of Service: This contract is needed for the continued architectural services related to the renovation at Schwarz Alternative School. The items of work shall include, but not be limited to, the following: 1) selective demolition of interior of the building; 2) survey and documentation of existing conditions to prepare construction documents; 3) replace or repair elements damaged by moisture and restore finishes in specific areas; 4) design an independent HVAC system for the IT room; 5) replace boiler pumps, expansion tanks, and related equipment; 6) replace broken glass and plastic panels and rework window panels containing window A/C units; 7) miscellaneous repair to HVAC and plumbing, electrical power, and lighting systems; 8) general repairs and upgrades to other building systems; and 9) environmental assessment and environmental remediation.

9-B-44 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Murray Architects, Inc.
Previous Contract: No
Contract Amount: \$100,000.00
Contract Period: 08/01/08 - 06/30/09
Fund: MFP
Competitive Process: No - True Professional

Description of Service: This contractor will provide architectural services to the RSD for school renovation projects to be covered by Community Development Block Grant funds.

9-B-45 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Tulane University
Previous Contract: Yes

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Contract Amount: \$123,463.00
Contract Period: 07/14/08 - 06/30/09
Fund: Federal – Math and Science Partnership Grant
Competitive Process: No - Education Program Specialist

Description of Service: This contractor will provide teachers with 120 hours of professional development in mathematics and science from Tulane University content area specialists. This program is aimed at improving the mathematics and science content knowledge of teachers, as well as classroom practices, improving student performance, the introduction of teachers to professional organizations, and establishing collaborations between K-12 teachers and university professors.

9-B-46 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health
Previous Contract: Yes
Contract Amount: Incoming Funds - \$510,000
Contract Period: 07/01/08 - 06/30/09
Fund: IAT – HB 1
Competitive Process: N/A – Incoming Funds Dedicated within HB1

Description of Service: The contractor will transfer \$510,000 to the Recovery School District for the purpose of hiring a SBHC coordinator that will plan and work toward the establishment and implementation of school-based health centers at Reed High School and Cohen High School.

9-B-47 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Jacobs Engineering
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$18,189,198.00
Amended Amount: \$1,978,743.25
New Contract Amount: \$20,167,941.25
Contract Period: 12/03/07 - 11/30/10
Fund: FEMA
Competitive Process: Yes

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Description of Service: The contractor will continue to assist the RSD in managing the implementation of a multi-site facilities program consisting of school repairs and renovations, new school construction, and temporary education facilities. This amendment reflects an addition to the original scope of work to include the project management and construction management to ten modular campuses for 6 months.

9-B-48 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor:	Developmental Therapy Associates, LLC
Previous Contract:	Yes
Original Amount:	\$111,440.00
Amended Amount:	\$72,120.00
New Amount:	\$183,560.00
Begin Date:	10/01/06
Original End Date:	09/30/08
New End Date:	09/30/09
Fund:	MFP
Competitive Process:	No - True Professional

Description of Service: This amendment is needed for an additional year of occupational therapy and physical therapy services for identified RSD Students. RSD does not currently employ enough therapists to serve all children on need.

9-B-49 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor:	Brent Thompson
Previous Contract:	Yes
Original Amount:	\$72,120.00
Contract Period:	09/01/08 - 08/31/09
Fund:	MFP
Competitive Process:	No - True Professional

Description of Service: This contract is needed to ensure that we have adequate occupational therapy and physical therapy services for identified RSD students. RSD does not currently employ enough therapists to serve all children of need.

9-B-50 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: The Newman Marchive Partnership
Previous Contract: No
Original Amount: \$131,000.00
Contract Period: 08/01/07 - 06/30/09
Fund: MFP
Competitive Process: Yes

Description of Service: This contractor will perform asbestos-containing building materials inspections and perform Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) surveys in all RSD operated schools. The contractor will develop an asbestos management plan for each school and conduct custodial awareness training.

9-B-51 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Synesi Associates
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$96,000
Contract Period: 07/01/08 - 06/30/09
Fund: Walton Foundation Funds
Competitive Process: No - Education Program Specialist

Description of Service: This contractor will provide consulting services in the areas of academics, accountability, high school reform, fundraising, and overall administration. The contractor will assist with the implementation of the high school reforms, coordination of communication and correspondence, accountability, and fundraising.

9-B-52 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Riverside Publishing
Previous Contract: Yes
New Amount: \$204,713
Contract Period: 09/18/08 - 09/17/11
Fund: Federal – Title I
Competitive Process: Yes

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Description of Service: This contractor will provide the RSD with an item bank of high-quality test items aligned to the Louisiana Grade Level Expectations for the purpose of creating benchmark assessments district-wide, which will provide real-time data to teachers. Other services provided under this contract include training, set-up of programs at each school and scanners for each school.

9-B-53 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Eskew & Dumez & Ripple, APC
Previous Contract: No
Original Amount: \$2,933,788.00
Amended Amount: \$211,302.03
New Amount: \$3,145,090.03
Contract Period: 06/15/07 - 06/15/09
Fund: FEMA
Competitive Process: No - True Professional

Description of Service: This amendment adds a new set of construction documents which will incur an additional 5% fee increase based on that available for construction and include additional alternates as follows: 1) sustainable design elements, 2) finish upgrades, and 3) school based health center.

9-B-54 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: VergesRome, APC
Previous Contract: No
Original Amount: \$2,718,209.00
Amended Amount: \$53,807.00
New Amount: \$2,772,016.10
Contract Period: 09/18/07 - 09/30/09
Fund: FEMA
Competitive Process: No - True Professional

Description of Service: This amendment is needed for the additional funding for the following added services: 1) increase in A/E fee and cost for Lake Area High School due to the increase in the available funds for construction, 2) phase 1 environmental assessment, 3) ground penetrating radar survey, and 4) electromagnetic induction 31 survey.

9-B-55 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Inc.
Previous Contract: No
Original Amount: \$7,579,059.00
Amended Amount: \$273,350.00
New Amount: \$7,852,409.00
Begin Date: 01/11/08
Original End Date: 09/30/08
New End Date: 05/30/09
Fund: FEMA
Competitive Process: No - True Professional

Description of Service: This amendment increases the A/E fees to cover the additional work tasks, to include the utilization of a detection device for underground electrical conduits to establish their locations for as-built drawings.

9-B-56 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: SCNZ Architects, LLC
Previous Contract: No
Original Amount: \$7,579,059.00
Amended Amount: \$273,350.00
New Amount: \$7,852,409.00
Contract Period: 12/20/07 - 06/20/09
Fund: FEMA
Competitive Process: No - True Professional

Description of Service: This amendment provides additional testing services for the following: 1) 10 additional days of testing and monitoring at the site due to RSD ordered work stoppage and unforeseen conditions, 2) cord drilling through the 1st floor slab and on the project site, obtaining soil samples and testing for contaminants per the enclosed letter, and 3) SCNZ additional costs for performing additional services.

Recovery School District**Waiver Request – Contracts**

9-B-57 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract and waived the RSD Procurement Policy:

Contractor: Bright Moments
Previous Contract: Yes
Contract Amount: \$210,000
Contract Period: 10/16/08 - 10/16/09
Fund: MFP
Competitive Process: Waiver Request from State Superintendent

Description of Service: The contractor will assist with community outreach, special project support, and media consultation, including public awareness, media relations, creative services, community outreach, and communications consulting.

This request is being made because Bright Moments co-owner Bill Rouselle has worked with the RSD on community outreach, special project support, and media consultation designed to gain community participation and buy-in for policies and rebuilding plans since the spring of 2006. This contract extends these services, maintaining consistency and historical perspectives, while adding event planning and promotion of the RSD as a model system for improving academic achievement of its students. The contractor will also provide community outreach in districts where schools have been or may be added to the Recovery School District.

9-B-58 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract and waived the RSD Procurement Policy:

Contractor: Sports 4Kids
Previous Contract: No
Contract Amount: \$94,000
Contract Period: 08/18/08 - 06/15/09
Fund: MFP
Competitive Process: Waiver Request from State Superintendent

Description of Service: The contractor will provide a high quality, multi-faceted sports program during the school day at Coghill, Craig, Dibert, and Henderson aimed at teaching valuable social skills, reducing childhood obesity, and reducing truancy.

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This request is being made because the Sports 4Kids program, which is nationally recognized, will provide a unique experience for the children in the schools that will be targeted. This program provides increased amounts of physical activity, additional opportunities for children to learn to work together and resolve conflicts, and makes the school environment inviting and rewarding. This program will work to help reduce childhood obesity, reduce behavioral problems, and reduce truancy. While these are other similar programs, most are train the trainer models that would add significant workload to the teachers and paraprofessionals. At this time, with the extended day and managed curriculum, this program adds a tremendous component to the elementary program, without further taxing the exiting staff.

- 9-B-59 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board received the report and approved the Department's request to submit the FY 2009-2010 Budget Request for all Department and BESE appropriations to the Commissioner of Administration by November 1, 2008.
- 9-B-60 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board authorized BESE to submit the FY 2009-2010 Budget Request to the Commissioner of Administration by November 3, 2008.
- 9-B-61 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the emergency contracts approved by the State Superintendent, the Chair of Finance Committee, and members of the Finance Committee.

Special Consideration

Office of Student and School Performance

- 9-B-62 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor:	Data Recognition
Previous Contract:	Yes
Original Amount:	\$74,447,326.00
Amended Amount:	\$1,192,467.00
Revised Amount:	\$75,639,793.00
Contract Period:	7/1/05 - 6/30/11
Fund:	Federal - SSP CRT LEAP ACCT TEST G/F; IDEA B ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT

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Description of Service: The amendment provides for an increase in the scope of work related to additional activities with LAA 1, LAA 2, and ELDA. The addition of data fields, range findings, electronic security checklist for districts, and additional reporting are also factored into the increase. There is a \$529,215 decrease resulting from a reduced enrollment.

9-B-63 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Pacific Metrics Corp.
Previous Contract: Yes
Original Amount: \$15,166,092.00
Amended Amount: \$-600,000.00
Revised Amount: \$14,566,092.00
Contract Period: 04/30/07 - 06/30/12
Fund: State /Federal – Title VI

Description of Service: The amendment is necessary due to a reduction in the scope of EOC services to be provided through this contract. This reduction in services resulted from the initiation of a separate contract awarded through the RFP process for expanded EOC activities

Office of Educator Support

9-B-64 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Teach for America
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$968,468.00
Contract Period: 09/1/08 - 06/30/09
Fund: State

Description of Service: This agreement will train and place 450 Teach for America corps members in Louisiana public schools for the 2008-2009 school year. The contractor will also support and provide professional development opportunities to the teachers and will recruit applicants for openings in the new school year. The contractor will also market the need and opportunity for teaching positions and leadership positions with the Delta Region to Teach for America alumni.

9-B-65 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor:	EduLead – University of Virginia
Previous Contract:	Yes
Original Amount:	\$715,000.00
Amendment Amount:	\$715,000.00
New Contract Amount:	\$1,430,000.00
Begin Date:	09/01/07
End Date:	06/30/09
Revised End Date:	06/30/10
Revised Contract Duration:	36 Months
Contract Period:	07/01/08 - 06/30/09
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 the contractor to fully develop and implement the Louisiana-based turnaround program.

Competitively bid.

Office of School and Community Support

9-B-66 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor:	Very Special Arts of Louisiana (VSA)
Previous Contract:	Yes
Amount:	\$75,000.00
Contract Period:	11/1/08 - 6/30/09
Fund:	State - Local Assistance Line Item Appropriation

Description of Service: This contract will allow VSA's Board of Directors to expand the capabilities, confidence, and quality of life for students with disabilities by providing choice arts programs to these students, educators, and parents. The contract will also provide school-to-work/workforce

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development educational opportunities to Louisiana's exceptional and disabled students with additional experiences to enhance their potential for post-secondary employment through exposure to the arts and through the arts.

9-B-67 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor:	Ciber, Inc.
Previous Contract:	Yes
Original Amount::	\$600,000.00
Amended Amount:	\$300,000.00
Revised Amount:	\$900,000.00
Begin Date:	02/01/07
End Date:	01/31/09
Amendment End Date:	1/31/10
Revised Contract Duration:	3 years
Fund:	Federal – Summer Child Care FED; FNS 1.5% Audit ADM FED; School Lunch SAE FED; Child Care SAE FED

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

9-B-68 **Office of Management and Finance**

On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor:	Augenblick, Palaich and Associates, Inc.
Previous Contract:	Yes
Amount:	\$163,300.00
Contract Period:	10/30/08 - 6/30/09
Fund:	IAT-Indirect Cost-Education Finance

Description of Services: The Contractor will perform the following deliverables:

1. develop recommendations on possible methods to address salary disparities among systems, especially those that are economically distressed;

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2. develop recommendations on the possible implementation of a statewide support worker salary schedule;
3. develop recommendations on possible mechanisms to address student enrollment changes within the MFP formula; and
4. develop recommendations for a template to evaluate fiscal practices and expenditure patterns of successful schools and apply this template to low performing schools to improve student performance.

9-B-69 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Division of Administration
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$3,869,837.98
Contract Period: 7/1/08 - 6/30/09
Fund: State

Description of Services: This lease provides office space for LDOE at the Claiborne Building. The lease allows for 159,624 square feet on Floors 3 – 5 at an annual rate of \$24.2434593 per rentable square foot.

9-B-70 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Division of Administration
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$81,409.54
Contract Period: 7/1/08 - 6/30/09
Fund: State

Description of Services: This lease provides office space for LDOE Special Schools at the Claiborne Building. The lease allows for 3,354 square feet on Ground floor at an annual rate of \$24.2434593 per rentable square foot.

9-B-71 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Louisiana State University and Mechanical College
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$167,500.00
Contract Period: 10/15/08 - 10/14/09
Fund: State – Research Group

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Description of Services: LSU will provide the services of Dr. Noell, who will serve as Executive of Research and Analysis and will direct the overall research efforts of the Department.

Executive Office - Legal

9-B-72 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: DeCuir, Clark & Adams, L.L.P.
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$150,000.00
Contract Period: 10/18/08 - 10/18/11
Fund: State

Description of Services: The contractor will provide legal representation of the legal interests of the state in litigation and other legal proceedings, as directed by the state, wherein the state has an interest due to the Recovery School District taking over one or more schools in any school district operating under the supervision of a federal court pursuant to a school desegregation court order.

Executive Office – Charter Schools

9-B-73 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: National Association of Charter School Authorizers
Previous Contract: Yes
Amount: \$147,800.00
Contract Period: 10/15/08 - 12/15/08
Fund: Federal - Charter School Grant

Description of Services: This contract is necessary in order to fulfill Act 35 of the 2005 First Special Session of the Louisiana Legislature which requires that the LDE/RSD conduct a process for the review of charter school applications that meet the standards of NACSA. NACSA has been approved as a sole-source provider. The services herein described will ensure assistance from NACSA on the charter school application and approval cycle through December 2008.

9-B-74 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Division of Administration
 Amount: \$149,533.68
 Contract Period: 7/1/08 - 6/30/09
 Fund: State

Description of Services: The rental of BESE office space in the Claiborne Building for FY 2008-2009 has been assessed by the Division of Administration Office of Facility Planning and Control. The rent is based on 6,168 square feet of office space at a rate of \$24.24 per rentable square foot.

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Ms. Givens requested that the Department provide to the Board, as quickly as possible, information on who the contractors with the RSD are in order to avoid any ethics problems for Board members as the Board moves forward. She also requested, again, that an ethics discussion be scheduled as quickly as possible.

Agenda **High School Redesign Committee** (Schedule 5)
 Item 9-C

9-C-1 On motion of Ms. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the status report on the Louisiana Virtual School.

9-C-2 On motion of Ms. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on the activities of the High School Redesign Commission.

9-C-3 On motion of Mr. Guice, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deferred consideration of the report on the recommendations of the High School Redesign Commission for the Basic Core curriculum until December 2008.

9-C-4 On motion of Ms. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the update report on the implementation of Louisiana's High School Redesign Initiative and referred the Catch-Up Reading and Math Program findings to the High School Redesign Commission for further discussion.

9-C-5 On motion of Ms. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deferred the report on the Professional School Counselors' Task Force recommendations until December 2008.

9-C-6 On motion of Ms. McDaniel, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the Sole Source Contract with SREB for implementation of the Louisiana Schools for Innovation and Improvement (LASII).

9-C-7 On motion of Ms. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on the Business and Community Roundtable meetings.

9-C-8 On motion of Ms. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) pilot program.

Agenda **Legal/Due Process Committee** (Schedule 6)
Item 9-D

9-D-1 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Bennett, the Board allowed the issuance of a teaching certificate appropriate to his credentials for Mr. Eric Pogue contingent upon action taken on October 16, 2008, at his hearing with the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Division of Probation and Parole, confirming successful completion of his probation.

Agenda **Legislative Committee** (Schedule 7)
Item 9-E

9-E-1 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the study group membership of the SR 175 Task Force, which will study and make recommendations to the legislature relative to group health insurance coverage afforded to charter school employees both active and retired.

9-E-2 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on the 2009 legislation.

9-E-3 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on the legislation to enforce the roles and responsibilities of local school boards.

Agenda **Quality Leaders/Educators Committee** (Schedule 8)
Item 9-F

9-F-1 On motion of Mr. Guice, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the October 2008 report on the Professional Development Program.

9-F-2 On motion of Mr. Guice, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved as Notice of Intent for Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*, revision of the Foreign Language Special Certification policy.

- 9-F-3 On motion of Mr. Guice, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved as Notice of Intent for Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*, revisions to Chapter 11, State and Federal Guidelines Related to No Child Left Behind Federal Legislation: Qualifications for Teachers and Paraprofessionals.
- 9-F-4 On motion of Mr. Guice, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved as Notice of Intent for Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*, revisions to the PRAXIS Family and Consumer Sciences (0120) test score from the old NTE scale of 250-990 with a passing score of 510 to the new PRAXIS scale of 100-200 with a passing score of 141, due to transitioning to the new scoring scale, effective January 1, 2009.
- 9-F-5 On motion of Mr. Guice, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved as Notice of Intent for Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*, the Louisiana School Turnaround Specialist (LSTS) add-on certification endorsement.
- 9-F-6 On motion of Mr. Guice, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on revisions to Bulletin 1943, *Policies and Procedures for Louisiana Teacher Assistance and Assessment*, Section III.B. – Out-of-State Exclusion.
- 9-F-7 On motion of Mr. Guice, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board followed the recommendation of the Teacher Certification Appeals Council and granted certification to **Margaret S. Goodman** in Elementary Grades 1-5 upon her successful passage of PRAXIS Elementary Education exam (#0014) and completion of six semester hours in Reading and directed that PRAXIS Principles of Learning and Teaching K-6 be waived because she has the required exams for secondary certification.
- Agenda Item 9-G **State Authorized School Oversight Committee** (Schedule 9)
- 9-G-1 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. McDaniel, the Board received the report on the Regional Educational Service Centers.
- 9-G-2 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. McDaniel, the Board received the report on charter school issues and informational reports.
- 9-G-3 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. McDaniel, the Board granted Brumfield vs. Dodd approval for the following schools:
- Maranatha Montessori School (East Baton Rouge Parish) and
 - Trinity Christian Academy (East Baton Rouge Parish).

- 9-G-4 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. McDaniel, the Board deleted from the State Authorized School Oversight Committee agenda: "Consideration of a yearly report regarding the classification status of the nonpublic schools," and placed this item on the Student/School Performance and Support Committee agenda.
- 9-G-5 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. McDaniel, the Board deferred: "Consideration of discussion on the Master Plan for rebuilding schools in New Orleans and the update report on FEMA reimbursements."
- 9-G-6 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. McDaniel, the Board ratified the Superintendent's report of personnel actions and approved the personnel actions requiring Board approval for the Board Special Schools (BSS) and the Special School District (SSD).
- 9-G-7 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. McDaniel, the Board approved as Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 1213, *Minimum Standards for School Buses in Louisiana*: §1101 and Bulletin 1191, *School Transportation Handbook*: §2511.
- 9-G-8 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. McDaniel, the Board approved the 2008-2009 Pupil Progression Plans for the Special School District (SSD), the Louisiana School for the Deaf (LSD), the Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired (LSVI), and the Louisiana Special Education Center (LSEC).
- 9-G-9 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. McDaniel, the Board received the report from the Education Finance staff concerning charter school budgets and expenditure reports, including irregularities or concerns.
- 9-G-10 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board approved the Department's recommendation and authorized the Board President to sign the renewal contract for Milestone-SABIS Charter School, (Type 2, Orleans Parish) with the stipulation that the contract contain the following provision:
- "The academic, financial, and legal/contract performance for the charter school during the renewal period will be evaluated in accordance with any evaluation policies adopted by the Board prior to the 2009-2010 school year."
- 9-G-11 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. McDaniel, the Board received the update report on the Recovery School District - New Orleans (RSD-NOLA) Capital Projects and retained this item on the agenda.

- 9-G-12 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. McDaniel, the Board received the update reports from the Recovery School District Charter Schools on the overview of programs within these schools and the successes and progress made toward improving student achievement, and retained this item on the agenda.
- 9-G-13 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. McDaniel, the Board approved the Recovery School District - New Orleans (RSD-NOLA) revised salary schedules for employees to incorporate the extended day and extended year schedule that will be implemented in the 2008-2009 school year.
- 9-G-14 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. McDaniel, the Board received the after-action report outlining the Recovery School District's efforts to prepare for, respond to, and recover from Hurricane Gustav.
- 9-G-15 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. McDaniel, the Board approved a common application timeline for schools in Orleans Parish. The common application timeline was agreed upon by the Recovery School District and the Charter School operators.
- 9-G-16 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. McDaniel, the Board received the report on student test scores and School Performance Scores of all RSD schools operated and chartered and retained this item on the agenda.
- 9-G-17 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. McDaniel, the Board directed the Department to provide an in-depth report that will explain the RSD's opinion of what created the very good results on student test scores and what created the one area of deficit on the 8th grade LEAP.
- 9-G-18 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. McDaniel, the Board received the correspondence from Mr. David Miller, Dorgenois Lofts LLC, regarding the estimated prospective population count of school age children who may reside in the proposed Dorgenois Lofts residential project.
- Agenda Item 9-H **Student/School Performance and Support Committee** (Schedule 10)
- 9-H-1 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report regarding elementary and/or secondary elective courses, including nonpublic electives.

9-H-2 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the following reports on LEAP, GEE, and iLEAP testing:

- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for Assessment and Accountability and
- Assessment Development.

9-H-3 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the quarterly report on School Choice Plans.

9-H-4 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following requests from local education agencies for waivers of Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, school approval standards, for regular and special education, submitted by the State Superintendent of Education:

1. approved a waiver of Board policy to allow the Scholastic Academy students (non-identified gifted) in East Baton Rouge Parish (EBR) to receive instruction in gifted classes, but only if certain conditions are met. The Department believes that the conditions stated below will strengthen the Scholastic Academy and be in the best interest of students enrolled in EBR's gifted program.

CONDITIONS FOR APPROVAL:

- Criteria for admission to Scholastic Academy must be clearly established and concentrated in the elementary grades (PK-6). Studies show the greatest impact on disproportionality is in the lower grades. Above sixth grade the only students who can be recommended for Scholastic Academy are students who move into the parish from other districts, states, countries, or transfer from private or parochial schools.
- Those Scholastic Academy students who do not meet state criteria for gifted after two years must be placed in separate Scholastic Academy classes or in regular classrooms rather than remaining in Scholastic Academy for the remainder of their school careers. Students will exit the program, if need be, at the end of a school year rather than at mid-term.

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- EBR must monitor each site that contains a Scholastic Academy/Gifted blended class to assure that policies and procedures are consistently followed throughout the district. For future waivers to be approved, the percentage of minorities in EBR's gifted program must continue to increase. Please note that BESE conditionally approved a similar request from East Baton Rouge Parish for the 2007-2008 school year.
2. approved, for the 2008-2009 school year only, the request from St. Martin Parish for a waiver of Bulletin 741, §913, which limits enrollment in grades K-3 to 26 students and in grades 4-12 to 33 students. St. Martin received a large influx of students from other parishes and from Texas following Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. Some of the classes have already reached the limits allowed by §913. Without the waiver many students would not be able to continue with the same courses in which they were enrolled in their original schools.
 3. approved the request from St. Tammany Parish for a waiver of Bulletin 1706, Subpart B, §2001, which sets the maximum caseload for a Talented Arts teacher at 30 students. The district is requesting to raise the maximum for the Visual Arts and Theater programs to 60. Students receive services one day a week for two hours for each instructional class. The increased caseload would allow for a full schedule per teacher. If approved, each instructional class will have a maximum of eight students.
 4. approved the request from West Feliciana Parish for a waiver of Bulletin 741, §333, which requires school districts to adopt a calendar consisting of a minimum of 182 days. Students missed 8 instructional days due to Hurricane Gustav. By adding additional minutes to the school day and converting partial instructional days to full instructional days, each district school will now provide a minimum of 63,720 instructional minutes as required by law and BESE policy. However, LEA officials do not feel that they can schedule 182 school calendar days. West Feliciana has already held the two required staff development days.
- 9-H-5 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved as Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, Standard 2321.B., which stipulates that districts provide a 7th grade course covering 7th and 8th grade GLEs and requires districts to administer an exam covering 8th grade GLEs at the end of the 7th grade course, as presented by the Department.
- 9-H-6 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on Textbook Waiver Requests.

- 9-H-7 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the 2007-2008 Nonpublic Annual School Report and the 2008-2009 Nonpublic School Classifications.
- 9-H-8 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved as Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 1794, *State Textbook Adoption Policy and Procedure Manual*, §301. Definitions and §311. Invitation Circular Letter, as presented by the Department.
- 9-H-9 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the new copyright editions listed below, as recommended by the Department:
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| Name of Publisher: | Glencoe/McGraw-Hill |
| Adoption: | 2007-2008 – K-12 Reading and Literature |
| Title of Book: | <i>Glencoe Literature: World Literature</i> |
| Approved ©2002 ISBN: | 9780078251122 |
| Recommended ©2009 ISBN: | 9780078456053 |
| Grade Levels: | 9-12 |
- 9-H-10 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the State Textbook Adoption Committee recommendations for K-12 English Language Arts, as presented by the Department.
- 9-H-11 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and referred to the School and District Accountability Commission: “Consideration of LEA requests to change alternative schools’ Option (routing) status.”
- 9-H-12 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and referred to the School and District Accountability Commission: “Consideration of discussion of the Board’s policies concerning reconstitution of failed schools.”
- 9-H-13 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and referred to the Student/School Performance and Support Committee: “Consideration of increasing the membership of the School and District Accountability Commission.”
- 9-H-14 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved as Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*, §3905. Inclusion of Alternate Assessment Results and §1403. Entry into Academic Assistance, as presented by the Department.

- 9-H-15 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on: "Consideration of establishing a preliminary agenda for the School and District Accountability Commission and setting the meeting date" and directed LDE staff and BESE staff to set upcoming SDAC meeting dates and establish agenda items for dissemination to Board members.
- 9-H-16 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on: "Consideration of AUS 4 schools in the August 2008 accountability release."
- 9-H-17 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deferred: "Consideration of a discussion on LEAP relative to students with disabilities."
- 9-H-18 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved as Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 118, *Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices*, §309. Erasure Analysis, as presented by the Department.
- 9-H-19 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the 2009-2010 Testing Schedule, as presented by the Department.
- 9-H-20 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the 2007-2008 Non-Graduating Seniors Survey Report.
- 9-H-21 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deferred: "Consideration of changes to Bulletin 1530: *Louisiana IEP Handbook for Students with Disabilities*."
- 9-H-22 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and referred to the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council: "Consideration of revisions to Bulletin 1706, Subpart B, *Regulations for Gifted/Talented Students*."
- 9-H-23 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and referred to the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council and the Special Education Advisory Council: "Consideration of revisions to Bulletin 1508, *Pupil Appraisal Handbook*."
- 9-H-24 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the Department's recommendation to replace the current Standing Items on the Special Education Advisory Council agenda with the Standing Items listed below to align with duties of an advisory panel specified in §300.169 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA):
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"Consideration of a report concerning unmet needs within the state in the

education of children with disabilities.”

“Consideration of rules or regulations proposed by the Louisiana Department of Education regarding the education of children with disabilities.”

“Consideration of evaluations and reports on data to the Secretary of Education concerning the education of children with disabilities.”

“Consideration of the development and implementation of policies related to the coordination of services for children with disabilities.”

- 9-H-25 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on: “Consideration of the establishment of an Early Childhood Interagency Council to facilitate cross system policy and program support.”
- 9-H-26 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board directed the Department to provide a draft resolution in December 2008 to be submitted to Louisiana’s congressional delegation and the President of the United States informing them that the Headstart Program should address children ages 0-3 years old and the funding mechanism for inclusion of those children.
- 9-H-27 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on: “Consideration of recommendations on how to engage districts in providing Early Childhood (LA 4) Education services to all four-year olds and become grantees of Headstart programs for children ages 0-3 years old.”
- 9-H-28 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the Department’s request to amend the Request for Applications (RFA) for the *Early Childhood Programs: Teacher Collaboration in Inclusive Settings*, as recommended by the Department, to allow three universities to participate in the project.
- 9-H-29 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the Department’s request to release the 2009-2012 Request for Proposals (RFP) for the *21st Century Community Learning Centers After-School Program*, as recommended by the Department.
- 9-H-30 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the Options Program Continuation Applications and Locally-Developed Skills Certificates for the 2008-2009 school year, as presented by the Department.

- 9-H-31 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board referred to the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council proposed revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, §303. General Powers of Local Education Governing Authorities, §501. Criminal Background Checks and Staff Misconduct, §723. Other Reports, §1309. Guidelines for Expulsions, §1110. Placement of Students, §1103. Compulsory Attendance, §337. Written Policies and Procedures, §502. Staff Misconduct and Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, and §2304. Science Education.
- 9-H-32 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved as Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, §1103. Compulsory Attendance and §1118. Dropout Prevention and Recovery.
- 9-H-33 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved as Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, §519. Educators' Right to Teach.
- 9-H-34 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on: "Consideration of a report to the Board on developing Board Policy recommendations for establishing:
- a. standards for effective, high-quality after-school/extended learning programs inclusive of both academic and enrichment activities, and
 - b. methods for evaluating programmatic effectiveness, including the measurement of student academic achievement."
- 9-H-35 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the 2008-2009 Cecil J. Picard LA 4 Early Childhood Program Before- and After-School Enrichment Program waiver requests for the following districts, as amended and presented by the Department:

<u>District</u>	<u>Full or Partial Waiver</u>	<u>Submitted to Board</u>
Acadia	Full	October
Ascension	Full	October
Assumption	Full	October
Baker	Full	October
Bienville	Full	October
Bogalusa City	Full	October

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Bossier	Full	October
Caddo	Full	October
Calcasieu	Partial	October
Caldwell	Full	October
Cameron	Full	October
Catahoula	Full	October
Central	Full	October
Concordia	Full	October
DeSoto	Full	October
East Carroll	Full	October
Iberia	Partial	October
Iberville	Full	October
Jackson	Full	October
Jefferson	Partial	October
Jefferson Davis	Full	October
LaSalle	Full	October
Lincoln	Full	October
Livingston	Full	October
Monroe City	Full	October
Natchitoches	Partial	October
Orleans	Full	October
Ouachita	Partial	October
Plaquemines	Full	October
Pointe Coupee	Full	October
Rapides	Full	October
Recovery School District	Full	October
Red River	Full	October
Richland	Full	October
Sabine	Full	October
St. James	Full	October
St. John	Full	October
St. Landry	Full	October
St. Martin	Full	October
St. Mary	Full	October
St. Tammany	Partial	October
Tangipahoa	Partial	October
Tensas	Partial	October
Terrebonne	Full	October
Union	Full	October
Vermilion	Full	October
Vernon	Full	October
Washington	Full	October
Webster	Full	October

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West Baton Rouge	Full	October
West Carroll	Full	October
Winn	Full	October
Louisiana School for the Deaf	Full	October
Zachary	Full	October
Crocker Arts	Full	October
Lafayette Academy	Full	October
Martin Luther King Charter	Full	October

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NOTE: Motion 36 of the Student/School Performance and Support Committee report was withdrawn because the Board does not have statutory authority to authorize the Department to handle Before- and After-School Enrichment waivers for the LA 4 Prekindergarten Program administratively.

Agenda Item 10 **Board Advisory Council Reports**

Agenda Item 10-A **Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council** (Schedule 11)

On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the minutes of the Parish Superintendents' Advisory Council meeting held October 2, 2008, and approved the tentative agenda for November 6, 2008.

Agenda Item 10-B **Louisiana Educational Assessment Testing Commission** (Schedule 12)

On motion of Ms. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the minutes of the Louisiana Educational Assessment Testing Commission meeting held October 3, 2008, and approved the tentative agenda for February 6, 2009.

Agenda Item 11 **Board Advisory Council Appointments**

There were no Advisory Council appointments in October 2008.

Agenda Item 12 **Received and/or Referred**

Agenda Item 12-A On motion of Mr. Guice, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and referred to the Quality Leaders/Educators Committee: "Consideration of changes in Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*, and/or the *Louisiana Administrative Code*, Title 28, Part I, pertaining to Board appeals for certification." (Schedule 13)

Agenda Item 12-B On motion of Mr. Guice, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and referred to the Quality Leaders/Educators Committee: "Consideration of a revision to the Louisiana State K-12 Educational Technology Standards (Bulletin 104)." (Schedule 14)

Agenda Item 12-C On motion of Mr. Guice, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and referred to the Student/School Performance and Support Committee: "Consideration of revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, to address the passage of SB 548, Act 466 during the 2008 Legislative Session." (Schedule 15)

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Public comments regarding the Louisiana School for the Deaf were received from Ms. Sharon Thibodeaux, concerned parent; Mr. Edward "Ned" Breeden, concerned parent; Ms. Jennifer L. Fogarty, concerned parent; Mr. Kenneth David, concerned citizen; and Mr. Wayne Free, Louisiana Association of Educators (LAE).

Ms. Johnson requested that Ms. Ollie Tyler convey to Superintendent Pastorek what occurred at this meeting and provide to him the information that these parents and Mr. David have brought to the Board's attention in order for the Superintendent to address some of these issues in his communications.

Agenda Item 13 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. McDaniel, the Board approved as Declaration of Emergency Bulletin 1706, *Regulations for Implementation of the Children with Exceptionalities Act* (R.S. 17:1941, et seq.), Subpart A. Regulations for Students with Disabilities, §464. Admission and Release.

Ms. Givens was recorded as being opposed to the motion.

Mr. Lee abstained. (Schedule 16)

Agenda Item 15 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following slate of officers for 2009:

- Mr. Keith Guice - President,
- Mr. Walter Lee - Vice-President, and
- Ms. Louella Givens - Secretary-Treasurer.

Agenda
Item 16 **Received and/or Referred**

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Item 16-A On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received and referred to the State Authorized School Oversight Committee: "Consideration of a report which provides information on the program at the Excel High School in the RSD."

Agenda
Item 17 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board received the report regarding the appointment of Ms. Elizabeth Moore as Interim State Director of the Special School District (SSD) by Superintendent Paul Pastorek. (Schedule 17)

Agenda
Item 18 On motion of Mr. Guice, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following Delegation of Authority as recommended by the Department:

- Administrative and Appointing Authority for Special School District to Elizabeth Moore (Interim State Director of the Special School District).

Further, this Delegation of Authority authorizes Elizabeth Moore to supervise and oversee the administration of the BESE Special Schools and to exercise Appointing Authority for the BESE Special Schools.

This action is to be effective retroactively to Thursday, October 9, 2008. (Schedule 18)

Agenda
Item 19 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board received the report on: "Consideration of amendments to the *Personnel and Administrative Manual for Special School District and the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) Special Schools* and retained this item on the agenda until December 2008." (Schedule 19)

Agenda
Item 20 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board revoked the Type B Louisiana Teaching Certificate, #091182, for Mr. Joseph Barbee. (Schedule 20)

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Item 21 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Bennett, the Board revoked the Type A Louisiana Teaching Certificate, #049824, for Mr. Philip Cardwell. (Schedule 21)

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Item 22 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board revoked the Type C Louisiana Teaching Certificate, #160547, for Ms. Paula Crawford. (Schedule 22)

Agenda Item 23 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board revoked the Type C Louisiana Teaching Certificate, #149530, for Mr. Lyles Lashley.
(Schedule 23)

Agenda Item 24 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board revoked the Type B Louisiana Teaching Certificate, #089524, for Ms. Marla Meek.
(Schedule 24)

Agenda Item 25 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board revoked the Type C Louisiana Teaching Certificate, #129921, for Ms. Donna Schisler.
(Schedule 25)

Agenda Item 26 On motion of Mr. Bayard, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board revoked the Level 1 Louisiana Teaching Certificate, #444268, for Mr. Carlos Valencia.
(Schedule 26)

Agenda Item 27 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board received the minutes of the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) Public Hearing meeting held October 15, 2008.
(Schedule 27)

Agenda Item 28 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board deleted from the agenda: "Consideration of increasing the membership of the School and District Accountability Commission."
(Schedule 28)

Agenda Item 29

Motion 1 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved the following contracts as recommended by the Department, for the Department and Board agencies:

Educator Support

- 1. Contractor: Louisiana State University
- Previous Contract: Yes
- Begin Date: 10/16/2008
- End Date: 9/30/2009
- Total Amount: \$339,145.00
- Source of Funds: Federal – LA Advanced Placement Academy

Description of Service: The contractor will administer the LSU sub-recipient portion of the US Department of Education Advanced Placement Incentive Program (APIP).

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- 2. Contractor: Office of Citizens with Developmental Disabilities
- Previous Contract: Yes
- Begin Date: 7/1/2008
- End Date: 6/30/2009
- Total Amount: \$1,438,262.00
- Source of Funds: Incoming Funds

Description of Service: These funds are to provide appropriate services to eligible IDEIA for Special School District (SSD) students residing in Office of Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) facilities consistent with levels established. Changes in the number of students served may require amendments to this agreement providing a change in funding during the term noted.

- 3. Contractor: Office of Addictive Disorders (DHH)
- Previous Contract: Yes
- Begin Date: 7/1/2008
- End Date: 6/30/2009
- Total Amount: \$77,000.00
- Source of Funds: Incoming Funds

Description of Service: These funds are to provide education services to adolescents receiving chemical dependency treatment at The Springs of Recovery Adolescent Substance Abuse Program located at Greenwell Springs Hospital.

(Schedule 29)

Motion 2 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board denied approval of the following contract:

Special School District

- Contractor: Unglesby & Marionneaux, LLC
- Previous Contract: No
- Begin Date: 10/18/2008
- End Date: 10/18/2008
- Total Amount: \$80,000.00
- Source of Funds: State

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Description of Service: The contractor will provide legal representation of the state's interest in legal proceedings, including but not limited to litigation, as directed by the state, in which the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Louisiana Department of Education, the Special School District, and the Louisiana School for the Deaf, or any of them, or any official or employee of any of them, are made defendants, including any and all work to be performed by the contractor in advance of and in preparation for and/or in anticipation of such litigation or other legal proceedings.

(Schedule 29)

Agenda
Item 30

On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board authorized the BESE Executive Director to contract with an additional provider of professional services to assist with tenure hearings:

Contractor:	To be determined
Amount:	\$5,000.00
Contract Period:	October 15, 2008, through June 30, 2009
Funds:	State

Description of Service: Through this contract, counsel will furnish legal services which may include assisting the Board with the conducting of tenure hearings held by the Board.

(Schedule 30)

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.