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Meeting of January 12, 2010

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

JANUARY 12, 2010

**Auditorium
State Office Building
Baton Rouge, LA**

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in special session on January 12, 2010, in the Auditorium, located in the State Office Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 9:22 a.m. by Board President Keith Guice.

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

Ms. Louella Givens and Ms. Tammie McDaniel were absent.

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

Agenda Item 4 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board approved the minutes of December 10, 2009.

Agenda Item 5 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved the Louisiana College and Career Readiness Policy Framework and appendices, as presented by the Department.

Agenda Item 6 On motion of Mr. Bennett, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved as Notice of Intent revisions to Nonpublic Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators*: §2111 to reflect the change to End-of-Course Tests and the phasing out of GEE as the assessment requirement for a state diploma.

Agenda Item 7 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board approved as Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §2341. English, §2353. Mathematics, §2361. Science, §2363. Social Studies, §2317. High Schools, §901. Scheduling, §2318. The College and Career Diploma, §2319. The Career Diploma, as presented by the Department.

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Further, the Board approved as Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 1566, *Pupil Progression Policies and Procedures*: §307. Submission Process and §503. Regular Placement, as presented by the Department.

Mr. Bayard was recorded as abstaining.

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Item 8

On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board approved the recommendations of the School and District Accountability Commission for 4th and 8th grade students relative to the LEAP test. Further, the Board retained this item on the agenda in order for the revised policy language for Bulletin 1566, *Pupil Progression Policies and Procedures*, to be submitted to the Board for approval as Notice of Intent at the regularly scheduled January 2010 Committee and Board meetings.

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Ms. Dastugue offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Garvey, that the Board approve as Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*: §613. Calculating a Graduation Index, §1101. Performance Labels, §1601. Entry Into and Exit From Academically Unacceptable School Status, and §4311. Performance Labels, as presented by the Department.

Ms. Dastugue noted that this motion was the recommendation of the School and District Accountability Commission.

Discussion followed.

Public comments regarding Agenda Item 9, "Consideration of changes to Bulletin 111 relative to raising the score for *Academically Unacceptable Schools* (AUS) and creation of a 'Watch List' for schools at risk of becoming *Academically Unacceptable*," were received from Superintendent Gary Jones, President of the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents.

Discussion continued.

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Mr. Roemer offered a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Garvey, that the Board approve the recommendations of the School and District Accountability Commission relative to raising the score for *Academically Unacceptable Schools* (AUS) and creation of a "Watch List" for schools at risk of becoming *Academically Unacceptable*, as presented, and direct that the School Performance Scores be increased by 5 points in 2013 and 2014, respectively, so that by 2014 the score for *Academically Unacceptable Schools* (AUS) would be 85.

Discussion followed.

A Roll Call Vote was taken on Mr. Roemer's substitute motion.

Yeas: Mr. Garvey and Mr. Roemer.

Nays: Mr. Bayard, Mr. Bennett, Ms. Buquet, Ms. Dastugue, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Guice.

The motion failed.

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Ms. Dastugue offered an amendment to her original motion, seconded by Mr. Bennett, that the Board approve as Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*: §613. Calculating a Graduation Index, §1101. Performance Labels, §1601. Entry Into and Exit From Academically Unacceptable School Status, and §4311. Performance Labels, as presented by the Department, changing the School Performance Score for *Academically Unacceptable Schools* to 65 in 2011 and to 75 in 2012. Further, that the Board state its commitment to establish School Performance Scores through 2015 by the end of December 2010.

Discussion followed.

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Mr. Lee offered an amendment to the motion, seconded by Mr. Bayard, that the School Performance Score be raised by 7.5 points in 2011 and by 7.5 points in 2012.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Lee withdrew his amendment.

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Mr. Lee offered a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Buquet, that the Board approve as Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*: §613. Calculating a Graduation Index, §1101. Performance Labels, §1601. Entry Into and Exit

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From Academically Unacceptable School Status, and §4311. Performance

Labels, as presented by the Department, changing the School Performance Score for *Academically Unacceptable Schools* to 65 in 2010, to 70 in 2011, and to 75 in 2012. Further, that the Board state its commitment to establish School Performance Scores through 2015 by the end of December 2010.

A Roll Call Vote was taken on Mr. Lee's substitute motion.

Yeas: Mr. Bayard, Ms. Buquet, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Guice.

Nays: Mr. Bennett, Ms. Dastugue, Mr. Garvey, and Mr. Roemer.

The motion failed for lack of six favorable votes.

Mr. Guice stated that the Board would vote on Ms. Dastugue's amended motion.

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Item 9

On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Bennett, the Board approved as Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System: §613. Calculating a Graduation Index, §1101. Performance Labels, §1601. Entry Into and Exit From Academically Unacceptable School Status, and §4311. Performance Labels, as presented by the Department, changing the School Performance Score for *Academically Unacceptable Schools* to 65 in 2011 and to 75 in 2012. Further, the Board stated its commitment to establish School Performance Scores through 2015 by the end of December 2010.*

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Yeas: Mr. Bennett, Ms. Buquet, Ms. Dastugue, Mr. Garvey, Ms. Johnson, and Mr. Roemer.

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

The motion passed.

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On Point of Personal Privilege, Mr. Bayard commented that when a Special Called Board meeting is requested the reason for the meeting should be clearly stated and there should be a clear need for doing so. Mr. Bayard stated that to hold a Special Called Board meeting for any other reason is an abuse, and it is not the correct way to run business.

Mr. Guice stated that he felt that Mr. Bayard made a very appropriate point, and the Board would take his comments into consideration.

At this point in the meeting Mr. Guice relinquished the Chair to Mr. Lee.

Dr. George Noell provided the Board with a PowerPoint presentation entitled, "Defining LDOE Agency Goals," and responded to questions posed by Board members.

Superintendent Pastorek stated that in preparing for Race to the Top there is another goal that is required by the application. That goal, as outlined in Race to the Top, is that there be an increase in the number of students who pursue postsecondary education and complete one full year of postsecondary education within a two-year period. Because this goal is a requirement of Race to the Top, there should be a total of nine agency performance goals, and Superintendent Pastorek requested that the Board approve the addition of the ninth goal.

Public comments regarding Agenda Item 10, "Consideration of the Louisiana Department of Education's eight agency performance goals, including the targets and trajectories for reaching these goals," were received from Ms. Joyce Haynes, Louisiana Association of Educators.

Agenda Item 10 On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Bennett, the Board received the report and approved the Louisiana Department of Education's nine agency performance goals, including the targets and trajectories for reaching these goals, as amended and presented by the Department.

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At this point in the meeting Mr. Guice resumed the Chair.

Agenda Item 11 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board approved and supported Louisiana's participation in the Council of Chief State School Officers' (CCSSO) Common Core Standards consortium of states to develop common academic standards that are internationally-benchmarked, as requested by the Department.

Agenda Item 12 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Mr. Bennett, the Board approved Louisiana's participation in any Assessment Consortium of states to develop and implement common, high-quality assessments aligned with the Common Core Standards, as requested by the Department. One Assessment Consortium in which Louisiana will participate includes the following states: Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

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Lengthy discussion took place regarding Louisiana's application for the United States Department of Education's (USDOE) Race to the Top competition and the *Louisiana Education Reform Plan*.

Public comments regarding Agenda Item 13, "Consideration of Louisiana's application for the United States Department of Education's (USDOE) Race to the Top competition," were received Ms. Joyce Haynes, Louisiana Association of Educators; Mr. Steve Monaghan, Louisiana Federation of Teachers; and Mr. Carnell Washington, East Baton Rouge Federation of Teachers.

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Item 13

Motion 13A On motion of Ms. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Bennett, the Board endorsed and approved Louisiana's application for the United States Department of Education's (USDOE) Race to the Top competition. In addition, the Board endorsed the State Superintendent of Education's execution of the Recovery School District's application to participate in the Race to the Top competition and authorized the Board President to also sign the Recovery School District's application, if necessary.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Yeas: Mr. Bennett, Ms. Buquet, Ms. Dastugue, Mr. Garvey, Ms. Johnson, and Mr. Lee.

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

The motion passed.

Motion 13B On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board directed the Department to include all stakeholders in discussions regarding the implementation of the *Louisiana Education Reform Plan*, including but not limited to the teacher unions and the school board associations.

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Ms. Johnson requested that BESE members be notified of and invited to attend all meetings regarding implementation of the *Louisiana Education Reform Plan*.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m.