



A Roll Call Vote was taken.

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

Nays: Ms. Bradford.

Abstentions: Ms. Dastugue.

Absences: Mr. Bayard and Mr. Garvey.

The motion failed for lack of unanimous approval.

Agenda Item 6 Lengthy discussion occurred regarding an amendment to Motion 9-B-47 of the August 18, 2011, Board minutes.

Acting State Superintendent of Education Ollie Tyler requested that the Board defer action on Agenda Item 6, "Approval of the Minutes of August 18, 2011," to allow the LDE to provide clarification regarding the requested amendment.

On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Roemer, the Board deferred until the end of the meeting: "Approval of the Minutes of August 18, 2011."

Agenda Item 7 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Mr. Guice, the Board deferred until January 2012: "Consideration of Election of Board Officers for 2012."

Agenda Item 8 **Notices of Intent**

Agenda Item 8-A **Notices of Intent duly advertised in the June 2011 issue of the Louisiana Register and ready for final adoption.**

Agenda Item 8-A-1 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §344. Red Tape Reduction Waiver and Local Empowerment Program.

Agenda Item 8-B **Notices of Intent duly advertised in the August 2011 issue of the Louisiana Register and ready for final adoption after November 18, 2011.**

Agenda Item 8-B-1 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved for final adoption revisions to the *Louisiana Administrative Code*, Title 28, Part I. Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE Code): §1303. Rulemaking.

Agenda  
Item 9

**Report by the State Superintendent of Education**

“Good Afternoon Board Members. I am delighted to speak with you today.

The Department of Education has had a full schedule since our last full board meeting in August – from our always beneficial annual Leadership Summit for Superintendents, our Charter School Summit, a symposium for our Trailblazer Districts to a historic event for education in Louisiana.

Just two weeks ago, for the first time in state history, the Department of Education released letter grades to schools, districts, and the state as a whole.

Through legislation passed during the 2010 Regular Legislative Session and policy this board adopted in December of 2010, we replaced our star rating system with the A through F letter grade system used to evaluate students.

This new system is meant to provide communities and families with a clearer depiction of school performance.

While 56 percent of our schools received an A, B, or C – just four years ago, in 2007 - only 45 percent of schools would have received an A, B, or C. That represents a significant improvement in student achievement.

Additionally, the percentage of schools achieving a score high enough to earn an A or B has nearly doubled from 14.9 percent in 2007 to 28.4 percent in 2011.

While this denotes that more students are on track – the fact remains we are not improving fast enough. One-third – or approximately 230,000 – students are not performing at grade level.

It is clear we must all work together to achieve dramatic improvement now – for the sake of our children.

And, as part of that working together – last month in Lake Charles, superintendents from our 70 districts gathered with members of the Department for our fourth annual Leadership Summit for Superintendents.

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It was a chance to work alongside our local superintendents for their input as we provided them with valuable information on student achievement and our nine Critical Goals, as well as the implementation of recent policy changes to make sure we are – as the theme of the summit stated – “Delivering the Goods” for each of the nearly 700,000 students in Louisiana.

Also, earlier this month, the Department hosted a summit in New Orleans with representatives from Louisiana’s 78 Type 2, 4, and 5 Charter Schools.

It was an opportunity to discuss with them an enhanced oversight plan developed by the Office of Parental Options in collaboration with the Recovery School District.

This enhanced plan will help ensure an even greater focus on charter school oversight and compliance support for charter schools authorized by BESE.

And, last month the Department hosted a symposium for superintendents and district leaders from nearly all 32 of the trailblazer LEA’s participating.

The event was highlighted by a panel of superintendents discussing the reform work they have undertaken and how the Department has supported these efforts.

Finally, I have some excellent news for six Louisiana public schools to report to you today.

The U.S. Department of Education recognized the six as 2011 National Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence.

The public schools earning this prestigious designation are:

- a. Eden Gardens Fundamental Elementary School in Caddo Parish;
- b. Hattie A. Watts Elementary School in St. Mary Parish;
- c. Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts in Natchitoches Parish;
- d. Many Elementary in Sabine Parish;
- e. Metairie Academy for Advanced Studies in Jefferson Parish; and

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f. Rosenthal Montessori Elementary School in Rapides Parish.

In these high-achieving schools, the proportion of students eligible to receive free or reduced price meals – a national indicator used to determine poverty – ranges from 12 percent to 76 percent.

Additionally, 4 of these schools earned A's and 2 earned B's for the 2010-2011 school year with School Performance Scores ranging from 107 to 173.5.

The six schools will receive their awards at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. in November.

Since 2007, 26 Louisiana schools, including those named this year, have achieved Blue Ribbon status.

And finally, on Monday, we released the Cohort Graduation Rates for 2011. The preliminary cohort rate for the class of 2011 was 70.9, representing a boost of 3.7 points from 2010, when the graduation rate was 67.2.

This marked the first time the state reached the 70 percent mark since the Department started collecting cohort graduation data.

Twelve districts achieved a graduation rate of 80 percent or higher in 2011.

More than 60 percent of schools improved their graduation rate between 2010 and 2011. And 52 high schools achieved double digit gains from 2010 to 2011.

We are very proud of these students, who started high school as freshmen in 2007, and their schools and districts who worked so hard to help them succeed.

Along with the boost in the graduation rates, we also witnessed a significant decrease in the Cohort Dropout Rate – it dropped from 16.9 percent in 2010 to 14.6 percent in 2011.

I want to congratulate Debbie Schum and the Office of College and Career Readiness for their dedication and commitment to our young people. Programs such as the Ninth Grade Initiative, Everybody Graduates, and JAG are making a difference in the lives of students across the state, and we are glad to see such positive outcomes.

That concludes my report.

Thank you for your attention.”



- b. West Baton Rouge Parish School System's request for a waiver of §913. Class Size and Ratios, which limits class size in K-3 to 26, to allow Brusly Elementary School to enroll 27 students in three sections of grade 2.
- c. East Baton Rouge Parish School Board's request for a waiver of §505.B. Certification of Personnel, which allows a district to hire a superintendent who does not hold a valid, state-issued, teaching certificate if certain conditions are met, including that the K-12 population of the district is in excess of 45,000 students, provided that EBRPSS meets all other requirements of the policy. Further, the Board must receive the semi-annual report of administrative waivers of Bulletin 741 policies for February 2011 through September 2011.

- 10-A-3 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board authorized the LDE to approve waivers of Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*: §1603.C.2. and §2003.A.1. for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years to allow Title I schools in "Academically Unacceptable" school status to implement interventions enumerated in the non-Title I corrective action list described in §1603.C.3. and, in the case of Title I newly reconstituted and reopened schools, to approve waivers for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years of remedy/sanction requirements listed in §1603.
- 10-A-4 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following nonpublic school academic classifications for 2011-2012:
- a. The Upperroom Bible Church Preschool and Academy - St. Tammany Parish - Provisionally Approved;
  - b. Storybook Academy Day School - Bossier Parish - Provisionally Approved; and
  - c. Life of Christ Christian Academy/Alternative – Orleans Parish - Provisionally Approved.
- 10-A-5 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on Louisiana's plan for implementation of the Common Core State Standards.
- 10-A-6 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the update regarding LAA 2 accountability improvements and related data and retained this item on the agenda.

- 10-A-7 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the update on test security procedures for Spring and Summer 2011.
- 10-A-8 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the NOCCA core curriculum courses as equivalent to the LA Core 4 required courses in English, math, science, and social studies and recommended that the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission approve these courses as substitutes for the TOPS core courses, as recommended by the LDE.
- 10-A-9 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved textbooks for world languages, ESL, handwriting, music and arts, and health and physical education, as recommended by the State Textbook Adoption Committees.
- 10-A-10 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board referred to the School and District Accountability Commission: "Consideration of an update on efforts to incorporate value-added assessment into the statewide system of school and district accountability" and deleted this item from the Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee agenda.
- 10-A-11 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the Louisiana School Counseling Model (LaSCM): Comprehensive Student Development Program as guidelines for developing comprehensive school counseling programs.
- 10-A-12 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board deferred until December 2011: "Consideration of the LDE's Five-Year Advanced Placement Plan to increase long-term student participation and performance on AP exams."
- 10-A-13 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the Louisiana Superintendent of Education's report of personnel actions for the BESE Special Schools (BSS) and the Special School District (SSD).
- 10-A-14 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on Pupil Progression Plans for the Special School District (SSD) and the BESE Special Schools (BSS).

10-A-15 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following alternative schools, as recommended by the LDE:

Allen Parish School System: Allen Parish Alternative School;  
Beauregard Parish School System: Beauregard Alternative School (B.A.S.);  
Bossier Parish School System: Ware Youth Center-Delinquent Youth & Johnny Gray Jones Youth Shelter and Charlotte Ann Mitchell Educational Center;  
Caddo Parish School System: Academic Recovery & Career Discovery Center, Alexander Learning Center, Hamilton Terrace Learning Center, and Shreveport Job Corps Opportunity Center;  
Concordia Parish School System: Concordia Education Center;  
East Baton Rouge Parish School System: Staring Education Center, East Baton Rouge Acceleration Academy, Northdale Magnet Academy, Arlington Preparatory Academy, Mohican Education Center, and Valley Park Alternative School;  
East Feliciana Parish School System: East Feliciana Parish Enrichment Academy;  
Franklin Parish School System: Horace G. White Learning Center;  
Jefferson Parish School System: Frederick Douglas Academy for Career Preparation/Connections, Ralph J. Bunche Accelerated Academy for High School Prep, St. Ville Accelerated Academy for High School Prep, Westbank Community School, Waggaman Alternative School, John Martyn Alternative Program (7-12), John Martyn Academy for Career Preparation, Deckbar Alternative School, and Jefferson Chamber Foundation Academy;  
Livingston Parish School System: Pine Ridge Alternative School;  
Madison Parish School System: Christian Acres Alternative School;  
Morehouse Parish School System: Morehouse Alternative School;  
Natchitoches Parish School System: Lakeview Annex and Frankie Ray Jackson Technical Center;  
Orleans Parish School System: The Alternative Learning Institute and Youth Study Center;  
Ouachita Parish School System: Ouachita Parish Alternative School;  
Plaquemines Parish School System: Plaquemines Parish Learning Center;  
Red River Parish School System: Ware Youth Center;  
Richland Parish School System: Richland Career Center at Archibald;  
St. John the Baptist Parish School System: St. John Alternative School;  
St. Martin Parish School System: Juvenile Training Center (JTC);  
Tangipahoa Parish School System: Tangipahoa Alternative Programs;  
Union Parish School System: Union Alternative Learning Center;  
Vernon Parish School System: Vernon Parish Optional;

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Webster Parish School System: Webster Parish Expulsion Center;  
Monroe City Schools: Sherrouse School/Discipline Alternative Program;  
Office of Juvenile Justice: Riverside Alternative High School, Scenic Alternative High School, and Southside Alternative High School;  
Recovery School District: Schwartz Alternative School-Model Regional Site;  
Zachary Community School District: Port Hudson Career Academy;  
Associated Marine Institute: AMIkids Acadiana, AMIkids Alexandria, AMIkids East Baton Rouge, AMIkids Bayou Region, AMIkids Jefferson, AMIkids Donaldsonville, AMIkids Red River, AMIkids Northeast Louisiana, and AMIkids Southwest LA; and  
Teen Challenge of Acadiana: Evangelhouse Christian Academy.

10-A-16 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following alternative programs, as recommended by the LDE:

Acadia Parish School System: Acadia Parish Schools' Alternative Program;  
Ascension Parish School System: Ascension Parish Alternative Program;  
Assumption Parish School System: Assumption Alternative Program;  
Avoyelles Parish School System: Avoyelles Virtual Alternative Program (AVAP);  
Bienville Parish School System: Bienville Parish Alternative Program;  
Bossier Parish School System: Butler Educational Complex;  
Calcasieu Parish School System: Calcasieu Parish Alternative Site (CPAS), Boys Village, Methodist Children's Home, Next Step Academy, Harbour House, Positive Connections: Calcasieu Academic & Treatment Center, Calcasieu Parish Juvenile Detention Center, and Simon Youth Academy;  
Caldwell Parish School System: Caldwell Parish Alternative Program;  
Cameron Parish School System: Grand Lake High School, Hackberry High School, Johnson Bayou High School, and South Cameron High School;  
Catahoula Parish School System: Catahoula Parish Alternative Program;  
Claiborne Parish School System: Athens High School Alternative Program, Haynesville Elementary School Alternative Program, Haynesville Jr./Sr. High School Alternative Program, Homer Elementary School Alternative Program, Homer High School Alternative Program, Homer Jr. High School Alternative Program, and Summerfield High School Alternative Program;  
DeSoto Parish School System: DeSoto Alternative;  
East Baton Rouge Parish School System: Discipline Centers Program;  
East Carroll Parish School System: East Carroll Parish Alternative Program;  
Evangeline Parish School System: Evangeline Central-Alternative Program;

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Grant Parish School System: Grant Academy;  
Iberia Parish School System: Alternative Center for Education;  
Iberville Parish School System: Iberville Parish Optional Education Center;  
Jackson Parish School System: Jackson Parish Alternative School Program;  
Jefferson Parish School System: After School Academic Program for Expelled High School Students;  
Jefferson Davis Parish School System: Accelerated Program for Transition, Alternative Program, and Diploma On-Line Track Program;  
Lafayette Parish School System: Alternative Instructional Model Academy (AIM Academy) and Special Education Alternative Site (SEAS) Program;  
Lafourche Parish School System: Positive Action School Site (P.A.S.S.);  
LaSalle Parish School System: LaSalle Parish Alternative Program;  
Lincoln Parish School System: Lincoln Parish Youth Rescue Center;  
Livingston Parish School System: High School Pathways Center;  
Madison Parish School System: Madison Parish Alternative Center;  
Morehouse Parish School System: School-Away-From School, Expulsion School, and Suspension School;  
Pointe Coupee Parish School System: Livonia High School Alternative Instruction Program, Rosenwald Elementary Alternative Instruction Program, Rougon Elementary School Alternative Instructional Program, Upper Pointe Coupee Elementary Alternative Instructional Program, and Valverde Elementary Alternative Program;  
Rapides Parish School System: Rapides Alternative Learning Facility (RALF);  
Red River Parish School System: Springville Education Center;  
Sabine Parish School System: Sabine Career Academy;  
St. Bernard Parish School System: C.F. Rowley Alternative School, GED Pathway Program, and GOALS Program;  
St. Charles Parish School System: ADAPT, HHS/GED/SASC Pathway, Connections, Court School, Performance Based, Proactive Intervention, and Teenagers in Middle Education (TIME);  
St. Helena Parish School System: St. Helena Alternative Recovery Program;  
St. James Parish School System: St. James Alternative Center-Model Regional Site;  
St. Landry Parish School System: St. Landry Alternative Program;  
St. Martin Parish School System: Juvenile Continuing Education Program (JCEP);  
St. Mary Parish School System: St. Mary Parish Alternative Program;  
St. Tammany Parish School System: Operation JumpStart East Program, Operation JumpStart West Program, and Win Multi-Age Alternative Program;

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Tensas Parish School System: Tensas Alternative Program;  
Terrebonne Parish School System: Andrew Price Alternative School, Terrebonne Parish Juvenile Detention Center, and East Street Alternative School;  
Vermilion Parish School System: Vermillion Parish Alternative Program;  
Washington Parish School System: Westside Alternative School;  
West Baton Rouge Parish School System: Brusly Elementary School Alternative Program, Brusly High School Alternative Program, Chamberlin Elementary School Alternative Program, Cohn Elementary School Alternative Program, Devall Middle School Alternative Program, Lukeville Upper Elementary School Alternative Program, Port Allen Elementary School Alternative Program, Port Allen Middle School Alternative Program, and Port Allen High School Alternative Program;  
West Carroll Parish School System: West Carroll Alternative Program;  
Winn Parish School System: Atlanta High School, Calvin High School, Dodson High School, Winnfield Middle School, and Winnfield Senior High School;  
City of Baker School System: Baker Alternative Learning Center;  
Bogalusa City School System: Bogalusa Middle School Alternative, Bogalusa High School Alternative, and Superior Avenue Alternative School;  
and  
Central Community School System: Discipline Center.

- 10-A-17 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the High School Redesign Commission and revisions provided for by Act 163 of the 2011 Regular Legislative Session and revised the agenda item to read: "Consideration of a report on the activities of the College and Career Readiness Commission."
- 10-A-18 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board directed the Louisiana Department of Education to seek legislation adding a Special Education Advocate to the College and Career Readiness Commission.
- 10-A-19 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 118, *Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices*: §305. Test Security Policy, §312. Administrative Error, and §501. District Test Coordinator Role.
- 10-A-20 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board deferred until December 2011: "Consideration of revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, related to seat time requirements," to allow for additional data collection and analysis.

- 10-A-21 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board deferred until January 2012: "Consideration of revisions to Bulletin 1706, *Regulations for Implementation of the Children with Exceptionalities Act*, Subpart 1. Regulations for Children with Disabilities," relative to moving due process hearings to the Administrative Law Judge, as required by Act 683 of the 2010 Regular Legislative Session.
- 10-A-22 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: Chapter 27. Adult Education Programs, §2701. Program Administration, §2703. Requirements for Students, §2705. Requirements for Taking the GED Test, §2709. Requirements for GED Retesting, and §2711. Issuance of Equivalency Diplomas.
- 10-A-23 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 119, *Louisiana School Transportation Specifications and Procedures*: §303. Certification of School Bus Drivers, §307. Retaining School Bus Drivers, §501. Driver Training Program, §1901. Transporting Eligible Students, §2501. Responsibility of Dealers and Manufacturers, and §2507. Lease of School Buses.
- 10-A-24 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 1706, *Regulations for Implementation of the Children with Exceptionalities Act*. §540. Definitions, §541. Use of Seclusion, §542. Physical Restraint, §543. Restrictions on the Use of Seclusion or Physical Restraint, relative to the use of seclusion and physical restraint in response to the behavior of students with exceptionalities, as mandated in Act 328 of the 2011 Regular Legislative Session.
- 10-A-25 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §1103. Compulsory Attendance, related to the exemption of certain students from compulsory attendance who complete a BESE approved program.
- 10-A-26 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §2907. Connections Process, related to Connections Process updates.

- 10-A-27 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §2317. High Schools, §2318. The College and Career Diploma, §2325. Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate, §2345. Foreign Languages, §2351. Journalism, §2353. Mathematics; and revisions to Nonpublic Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators*: §2109. High School Graduation Requirements, §2317. Foreign Languages, §2321. Journalism, §2323. Mathematics, and §2331. Social Studies.
- 10-A-28 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 741: *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §2318. The College and Career Diploma and §2319. The Career Diploma, related to assessment requirements for LAA 2 students.
- 10-A-29 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board waived, for the 2011-2012 school year only, the assessment requirements for LAA 2 students, so that EOCs shall count for five percent of final grades, rather than the currently mandated fifteen to thirty percent.
- 10-A-30 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved "Guidelines for the Use of Seclusion Rooms and Restraint of Students with Exceptionalities."
- 10-A-31 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received information concerning a proposed revision of the Louisiana Department of Education's Critical Goals and retained this item on the agenda until December 2011.

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Item 10-B

**Administration and Finance Committee**

(Schedule 3)

- 10-B-1 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the status report on the Abramson Science and Technology Charter School following litigation, as per the discussion in Executive Session on Tuesday, October 18, 2011. In addition, the Board received the reports on litigation concerning Elaine Davis v. Cecil Picard, et al; Berry, et al., v. Pastorek et al.; and LFT, et al., v. State of Louisiana, et al.
- 10-B-2 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on 8(g) monitoring visits conducted by BESE staff.
- 10-B-3 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the quarterly report from the Director of Internal Audit.

10-B-4 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the LDE contract amendment approved by the Acting State Superintendent of Education, the Co-Chairs of Administration and Finance Committee, and the BESE President.

Contractor: KPMG, LLP  
Original Contract Amount: \$188,000.00  
Amendment Amount: \$134,000.00  
New Contract Amount: \$322,000.00  
Original Contract Period: 7/1/11 - 9/30/11  
New Contract Period: 7/1/11-10/31/11  
Fund: Federal - IDEA B ARRA, Title 1 ARRA, and Preschool ARRA

The contractor will perform agreed-upon procedures for 13 additional LEAs for fiscal monitoring and compliance with ARRA reporting requirements. To fulfill the federal compliance requirements, we are requesting an amendment to the original contract to expand the original scope of the audit.

10-B-5 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the LDE contract approved by the Acting State Superintendent of Education, the Co-Chairs of Administration and Finance Committee, and the BESE President.

Contractor: Marilyn Crawford DBA TimeWise Schools, LLC  
Original Contract Amount: \$150,000.00  
Original Contract Period: 9/19/11 - 6/30/12  
Fund: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

The contractor will build knowledge and capacity of Louisiana Educators to deliver rigorous instruction aligned with Common Core State Standards using a comprehensive instructional approach (Literacy Design Collaborative System). The contractor will also provide high-quality professional development on Literacy Design Collaborative (LDC) tools for educators on assignments and assessments that develop reading and writing across disciplines.

10-B-6 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received RSD contracts of \$50,000 and under approved by the Acting State Superintendent of Education.

- 10-B-7 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received RSD contracts approved by the Acting State Superintendent of Education, the Co-Chairs of Administration and Finance Committee, and the BESE President.
- 10-B-8 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on in-state travel for Board members to be reimbursed from the BESE budget.
- 10-B-9 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the quarterly report of expenditures and budget balances of 8(g) projects for 4th quarter of FY 2011 and 1st quarter of FY 2012.
- 10-B-10 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the audit report from the Bureau of Internal Audit.
- 10-B-11 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the minutes of the BESE Retreat held on August 16, 2011.
- 10-B-12 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the out-of-state travel request for Ms. Linda Johnson to attend the SEDL Board of Directors Meeting in Austin, Texas November 3-4, 2011.
- 10-B-13 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board:
- a. received the report on the Student-Based Budgeting Pilot Program,
  - b. received the report on consideration of possibility of re-defining the data used as the basis for the At-Risk weight in the formula,
  - c. received the report on consideration of possibility of re-defining the data used as the basis for the Special Education weight in the formula, and
  - d. received the report on the FY 2012-13 MFP Budget Request.
- 10-B-14 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the FY 2012-2013 LDE Budget Request.
- 10-B-15 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report on the FY 2012-2013 Special School District (SSD) Budget Request.

**Departmental Support - Competitive**

10-B-16 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant/allocation:

Allocation: LA Assistive Technology Initiative  
Amount: \$45,000  
Funding Period: 07/01/11 – 06/30/12  
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The program will provide funding for seven (7) established regional assistive technology center projects in an effort to increase the capacity of school districts to provide assistive technology services for students with disabilities. These projects will make training and technical assistance available to teachers, therapists, administrators, paraprofessionals, and parents throughout Louisiana.

Basis of Allocation: The purpose of this allocation is to provide funding for the Region Five Assistive Technology Center to plan, direct, and administer the Assistive Technology Summer Institute. The Institute is designed to provide comprehensive training in the area of Assistive Technology for teachers and other personnel providing services to children with disabilities. It is further designed to assist in increasing the capacity of school districts to provide Assistive Technology services by making training available to teachers, therapists, administrators, paraprofessionals, and parents. The allocation is based on the implementation of past Assistive Technology Summer Institutes and will allow the Region Five fiscal agent to conduct all aspects of the Assistive Technology Summer Institute for 2012.

10-B-17 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant/allocation:

Allocation: Early Childhood Programs: Louisiana Early  
Education Program (LEEP)  
Amount: \$82,000  
Funding Period: 01/01/12 – 09/30/12  
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of the Preschool LEEP Summer Institute is to continue to provide certification and training opportunities for early intervention specialists and/or teachers seeking certification in early intervention. This is the final year of a three year grant.

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Basis of Allocation: This allocation is for the final year of a three year grant which was awarded by a Competitive Request for Applications (RFAs). The grant allocation was increased in year one due to overwhelming response from teachers needing courses for certification. This university works with a university in the northern portion of the state to offer class(es) for teachers in that area of the state. The university must also offer teachers classes online during the summer as another alternative for course trainings.

**School and District Support - Competitive**

10-B-18 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant/allocation:

Allocation: Even Start Family Literacy  
 Amount: \$18,189  
 Funding Period: 07/01/10 - 09/30/12  
 Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to break the cycle of poverty and illiteracy by integrating early childhood education, adult education, parenting education and parent/child interactive literacy activities into a unified family literacy program. Implementation is achieved through cooperative projects that build on existing community resources to create a new range of services, to promote academic achievement of children and adults, and to assist them in achieving challenging State and student performance standards.

Basis of Allocation: Competitive subgrants are awarded on a four-year funding cycle through a process mandated by ESEA, Title 1, Part B, Subpart 3 of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*. This Supplemental Allocation reflects the supplemental funding which was received from the USDOE in August 2011.

**Student Centered Goals - Competitive**

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On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant/allocation:

Allocation: SIM in Support of Literacy  
 Amount: \$55,000.00  
 Funding Period: 10/01/11 – 09/30/12  
 Source of Funds: Federal

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Purpose: Year 2 of 3 - The Strategic Instruction Model (SIM) in Support of Adolescent Literacy Pilot Project seeks to assist all struggling learners in two middle and high school feeder systems (1 middle school feeding into 1 high school) over a three-year pilot period. The project seeks to build capacity in SIM Learning Strategies and Content Enhancement Routines that address deficit literacy skills. The project was funded in February 2011 and activities through September 2011 consisted of a needs survey, data study, SIM professional development, and iSTEOP screening. Each site has established a literacy leadership team to oversee their customized professional development plan for implementation of SIM Content Enhancement Routines (CER) and Learning Strategies (LS). Intensive tiered instruction supported by LA SIM professional developer coaches will include frequent progress monitoring, team problem solving, and capacity building.

Basis of Allocation: Year two allocations will not exceed \$27,500.00 per middle-high school feeder system (total of \$55,000). Funding is to be used for SIM teacher and student manuals, SIM coaching, and support of staff professional development, inclusive of substitute pay and travel stipends for October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012. The LA SIM Professional Developers' Cadre will provide staff training and follow up.

Funding for year three is subject to evaluation of a continuation packet consisting of programmatic and fiscal elements.

10-B-20 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant/allocation:

Allocation:	Louisiana School of Innovation and Improvement
Amount:	\$192,500
Funding Period:	07/01/11 – 06/30/12
Source of Funds:	State

Purpose: The purpose of the Louisiana Schools of Innovation and Improvement grant is to provide funds to schools choosing to retain SREB services for the provision of site-based coaching visits, assistance in setting and achieving Smart Goals, job-embedded professional development, 2012 SREB assessments, SREB HSTW/MMGW Summer Conference registration and travel, regional travel to required regional meetings (not to exceed three), or in-state travel to required state conference (not to exceed one). Schools having previous experience with SREB will be given preference in the selection of grant recipients.

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Basis of Allocation: Grant allocations for continuation and open competitive request for proposals (RFP) were conducted to determine the grant awards for FY 2011-2012. Applications were read and scored according to the established selection criteria. Consideration was given to school districts with proposals indicating matching and/or in-kind resources from collaborating partners such as Local Education Agencies (LEAs), business partners, or others. Additional consideration was given to high schools with matched feeder schools applying, as well as schools already involved in implementation of HSTW/MMGW. Again, the intent of the funding is to establish fidelity of implementation of the HSTW/MMGW enhanced design with a focus on Smart Goals that align with the LDOE Nine Critical Goals.

### **Executive Office - Other**

10-B-21 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant/allocation:

Allocation:	Access Codes for MyMathLab System
Amount:	\$33,740
Funding Period:	07/01/11 – 06/30/12
Source of Funds:	8(g) IAT

Purpose: This program is providing matching funds to district for the purchase of student access codes for MyMathLab (MML). MyMathLab is the system that High School Readiness Program (HSRP) teachers have been trained in through the STEM Goal Office. Access codes are \$35 per student. Districts submitted applications to the STEM Office by August 15, 2011 and represented 6 districts, 13 schools, and 20 teachers of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Basis of Allocation: The basis of this allocation is, to receive funds, districts must order access codes within the first month of the first day of school, and teachers must begin using the MyMathLab program within ten days of receiving codes.

### **School and District Innovations - Other**

10-B-22 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant/allocation:

Allocation:	Teacher Incentive Fund
Amount:	\$3,458,181
Funding Period:	10/01/11 – 09/30/12
Source of Funds:	Federal

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Purpose: The LA Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) supports efforts to develop and implement performance-based teacher and principal compensation systems in high-need schools. The goals include: increase the percent of effective educators; build the district capacity to implement and sustain a performance-based compensation system for teachers and principals; and increase student achievement in the seven partnering LEAs. These goals will be achieved through the implementation of TAP™: The System for Teacher and Student Advancement in Ascension, Desoto, Jefferson, Pointe Coupee, St. Mary, Tangipahoa, and West Baton Rouge Parishes.

Basis of Allocation: Funds are distributed to participating LEAs to be used as follows: salary for district/school personnel (i.e., master teachers), salary addendums for additional leadership roles and responsibilities of master/mentor teachers; differentiated effectiveness incentive pay stipends for career teachers, master/mentor teachers, assistant principals, and principals; hard-to-staff recruitment incentives; and the TAP Online Training Portal.

#### **Student Centered Goals - Other**

10-B-23 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant/allocation:

Allocation:	Speech and Language Support for All (SALSA) Development Site Project
Amount:	\$1,500
Funding Period:	07/01/11 – 06/30/12
Source of Funds:	Federal

Purpose: The Speech and Language Support for All (SALSA) Development Site is a pilot program and collaborative project between LDOE, LSU, and East Baton Rouge School System for which SALSA practices are implemented, data are collected and analyzed, and models are developed for possible implementation in other LEAs. This project emphasizes the role of the school-based speech-language pathologist in Response to Intervention and in varied service delivery models to improve student outcomes.

Basis of Allocation: 2011-12 Allocation includes \$1,000 for 1 full-time SLP and \$500 for 1 part-time SLP. This allocation includes compensation for extensive work-related tasks assumed outside of the regular work-day and additional capacity-building efforts offered by these SLPs during the duration of the project.

**Innovation - Other**

10-B-24 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following grant/allocation:

Allocation: Gates Integration Project  
Amount: \$810,850  
Funding Period: 07/01/11 – 06/30/12  
Source of Funds: Self-Generated

Purpose: The purpose of these funds is to support the five Louisiana Gates Integration Project participating districts in their implementation of Literacy Design Collaborative and Shell Centre Math Tasks as part of the Common Core State Standards implementation, as well as the pilot of our Comprehensive Performance Management System as part of ACT 54 implementation.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations to school districts were determined, based on overall award provided by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and then adjusted, based on the number of teachers and administrators participating in the math and literacy pilots.

**Human Capital**

10-B-25 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Bennett, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor: Teach For America, Inc.  
Previous Contract: Yes  
Contract Amount: \$968,468.00  
Contract Period: 09/01/2011 - 06/30/2012  
Fund: State  
Competitive Process: No – Sole Source

Description of Service: The contractor will train and place approximately 550 Teach For America corps members in Louisiana public schools for the 2011-2012 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.

**College and Career Readiness**

10-B-26 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor:	Excent Corporation
Previous Contract:	Yes
Contract Amount:	\$503,400.00
Contract Period:	10/19/2011 - 06/30/2014
Fund:	Federal-College Career Readiness IDEA B Develop & Implement Transition
Competitive Process:	No - Sole Source

Description of Service: The contractor will provide a web-based computer program called My Graduation Plan. This will include site licenses for select middle schools and high schools in East Baton Rouge and Jefferson Parish School Systems, program management, software configuration, training, and a student empowerment workshop. It will start in 3-4 middle schools in each district the first year. Based on the success of the program, it will expand to more middle schools and high schools the second and third year. Students with disabilities are graduating with high school diplomas at half the rate of their typical peers. This program, which is currently being implemented in Texas, Georgia, and Colorado, is helping students and their parents consider diplomas and colleges as viable options when existing in school. This is the only program like this that is web-based and allows the student to access the program anywhere there is an internet access.

**Office of Literacy**

10-B-27 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor:	Louisiana State University Agricultural and Mechanical College
Previous Contract:	Yes
Contract Amount:	\$250,000.00
Contract Period:	10/01/2011 - 06/30/2013
Fund:	Federal-Literacy IDEA B Support Capacity Building Activities
Competitive Process:	No - Interagency Agreement

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Description of Service: The contractor will measure the efficacy of curriculum-based speech and language interventions, develop and evaluate screening measures for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades, and develop interventions for unidentified students suspected of having speech or language impairments. The contract will implement interventions focused on the changing role of the school-based speech-language pathologist in supporting Response to Intervention and in facilitating improved academic literacy outcomes. The contract will aid to meet the following LDOE/BESE goals: Students are literate by the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; Students will enter the 4<sup>th</sup> grade on time; Students perform at or above grade level in ELA by 8<sup>th</sup> Grade; and Achieve all goals regardless of race or class.

10-B-28 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract amendment:

Contractor:	iSTEEP
Previous Contract:	Yes
Original Contract Amount:	\$930,261.00
Amended Amount:	\$99,000.00
Total Contract Amount:	\$1,029,261.00
Begin Date:	01/01/2011
Original Ending Date:	12/30/2014
Revised Ending Date:	12/30/2013
Fund:	IAT 8(g)-LA Literacy Plan
Competitive Process:	No - Sole Source

Description of Service: This program includes a comprehensive Response to Intervention (RTI) standard protocol implementation package which is specific to Louisiana K-12 literacy and provides for integrated training and implementation. The program guides schools through a 6 step process to identify students who need intervention and sets up specialized intervention programs for the students. This amendment adds additional on-site consultation visits relative to the increase in the number of participating schools.

#### **Office of the Superintendent**

10-B-29 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract amendment:

Contractor:	MMCS Consulting, LLC
Previous Contract:	Yes
Original Contract Amount:	\$661,671.00

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Amended Amount:	\$170,401.00
Total Contract Amount:	\$832,072.00
Contract Period:	03/01/2011 - 02/28/2014
Fund:	State
Competitive Process:	Yes

Description of Service: The contractor will provide assistance in the production of the District Composite reports, School Accountability Progress Reports, and First Time College Freshman Reports. This amendment is necessary due to both a decrease and an increase in the services to be provided. Development and production of the First-Time College will be eliminated from Contract Years 2 and 3. Data for five new indicators will be displayed in addition to an online District Composite Report that will display school-level graphical reporting in a longitudinal format. Negotiations for this amendment have been on-going and went well past the deadline to submit for Receive and Defer in August. (The first set of deliverables needs to be completed by February 2012.).

#### **Office of Literacy**

10-B-30 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract amendment:

Contractor:	Voyager Expanded Learning, Inc.
Previous Contract:	Yes
Original Contract Amount:	\$142,000.00
Amended Amount:	\$(-78,000.00)
Total Contract Amount:	\$64,000.00
Begin Date:	10/01/2010
Original Ending Date:	09/30/2013
Revised Ending Date:	10/30/2011
Fund:	Federal-Striving Readers
Competitive Process:	No - Sole Source

Description of Service: The contractor will provide professional development for literacy intervention teachers and project support staff through cohort meetings, launch training, ongoing consultative support, and principal meetings. This contract amendment is needed to reduce the amount of the contract and end the contract early due to a cut in Federal Funds.

**Federal Programs Support**

10-B-31 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract amendment:

Contractor:	Postlethwaite & Netterville
Previous Contract:	Yes
Original Contract Amount:	\$100,000.00
Amended Amount:	\$150,000.00
Total Contract Amount:	\$250,000.00
Begin Date:	02/01/2011
Original Ending Date:	12/30/2011
Revised Ending Date:	12/30/2013
Fund:	Federal-21 <sup>st</sup> Century Learning Center
Competitive Process:	No - Exempt by R.S. 39:1494

Description of Service: The contractor will conduct Agreed Upon Procedures and Fiscal Management Training for the Afterschool Program (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC and SES). The contract is being amended to provide training assistance to programs in fiscal management, based upon a risk assessment to be conducted by the LDE. Also, this contract will be used to increase the number of high quality out-of-school time initiatives in Louisiana through a site assessment review process. The contractor will provide accounting and/or auditing services for the specified afterschool grant programs. These engagements will be in accordance with the Agreed Upon Procedures approved by LDE. The contractor will also assist the Division in determining whether it's after school tutorial programs are operating in accordance with specified federal and state regulations and guidelines.

**Departmental Support**

10-B-32 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract:

Contractor:	Data Recognition Corporation
Previous Contract:	Yes
Contract Amount:	\$1,230,512.00
Contract Period:	07/01/2011 - 06/30/2015
Fund:	State-Testing/Self-Generated Gates Integration Project
Competitive Process:	No - Sole Source

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Description of Service: The contractor will provide support services related to Louisiana's current assessment program. The contract is necessary due to both a decrease and an increase in services to be provided. The elimination of interpretative guides and reduced enrollment results in a savings of \$39,264. An increase of \$1,269,776 is the result of item development, field test form construction, field testing and related psychometric work as we prepare Louisiana students and educators for transitional tests that will be used in the upcoming years. The transitional tests will lead to better performance on the common assessments to be implemented in 2014-2015. This contract ensures continuity in the overall administration of the current statewide assessment program as the state moves toward full implementation of the common standards and common assessments aligned with these standards. Continuity during the transition will ensure that students, schools, and districts are measured in a consistent manner over time.

10-B-33 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract amendment:

Contractor:	Various 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Contracts
Previous Contract:	Yes
Contract Amount:	\$6,609,211.53
Begin Date:	01/01/2010
Original Ending Date:	12/31/2011
Revised Ending Date:	12/31/2012
Fund:	Federal-21 <sup>st</sup> Century Learning Center Flow Thru
Competitive Process:	No - Exempted by R.S. 39:1494.1

Description of Service: Contractors will provide after-school academic enrichment opportunities for children attending low-performing schools through establishment and operation of community learning centers. Contract amounts for fifteen (15) 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Program (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC) contractors are to be increased. The amendments will provide an increase amount of \$300,000.00 in Year 3 funding to contractors in Cohort 7.0.

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<b>21<sup>st</sup> Century Contracts</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Big Buddy Program	\$600,000.00
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Baton Rouge	\$490,324.79
FDDOC Ministry, Inc. (Winner's Circle, Inc.)	\$795,000.00
Institute for Academic Excellence	\$300,000.00
Lafourche Parish School Board	\$150,000.00
Louisiana State University	\$150,000.00
Monroe City Schools	\$799,855.00
New Orleans Chapter of Young Audiences	\$660,000.00
New Orleans Outreach	\$800,000.00
New Orleans South Africa Connection, Inc.	\$400,000.00
Richland Parish School Board	\$ 87,445.74
Sabine Parish School Board	\$495,000.00
St. James Parish School Board	\$206,586.00
St. Landry Parish School Board	\$270,000.00
Volunteers of America - North LA	\$405,000.00

- 10-B-34 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the re-wording of Agenda Item IV.B.3.a., as follows: "Consideration of contracts and leases of \$50,000 and over."
- 10-B-35 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report from Education Finance staff concerning Type 2 charter school budgets and expenditure reports, including irregularities or concerns.
- 10-B-36 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the report on Fiscal Dialogues as a result of Fiscal Risk Assessment Process.

### **Recovery School District**

- 10-B-37 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract amendment:

Contractor:	Chenevert Architects, LLC
Previous Contract:	Yes
Current Contract Value:	\$42,880.90
Amended Amount:	\$3,265.74
New Contract Value:	\$46,146.64
Contract Period:	06/17/2010 - 06/17/2012
Fund:	FEMA
Competitive Process:	Yes

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Description of Service: Demolition of Florence J. Chester Elementary School: The contract amendment adjusts the Designer's Fee for Basic Services required by the revised contract from \$17,604.00 to \$20,869.74, which is based on the final construction price of \$196,118.99 for the Demolition of Florence J. Chester Elementary School. (Increase \$3,265.74)

10-B-38 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract amendment:

Contractor: Holly & Smith Architects, APAC  
Previous Contract: Yes  
Current Contract Value: \$1,891,013.58  
Amended Amount: \$7,800.00  
New Contract Value: \$1,898,813.58  
Contract Period: 01/21/2010 - 01/21/2013  
Fund: FEMA  
Competitive Process: Yes

Description of Service: Phillis Wheatley Elementary School: The contract amendment provides for the Additional Services Fee for the Initial Traffic Study Report and a Final Traffic Study Report to be completed in the fall of 2011 for the New Phillis Wheatley Elementary School. (Increase \$7,800.00)

10-B-39 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract amendment:

Contractor: Jacobs Project Management Company/CSRS Consortium  
Previous Contract: Yes  
Current Contract Value: \$26,994,177.00  
Amended Amount: \$566,115.69  
New Contract Value: \$27,560,292.69  
Contract Period: 12/01/2010 - 12/01/2013  
Fund: FEMA & MFP  
Competitive Process: Yes

Description of Service: The Management/Construction Management Services: This contract amendment provides for the Additional Services Fee to provide the Recovery School District with twelve (12) additional services that fall outside of the Original Contract Agreement for Program Management/Construction Management. (Increase \$566,115.69)

10-B-40 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following contract: amendment:

Contractor:	M3A Architecture, PLLC
Previous Contract:	Yes
Current Contract Value:	\$46,821.00
Amended Amount:	\$770.10
New Contract Value:	\$47,591.10
Contract Period:	06/17/2010 - 06/17/2012
Fund:	FEMA
Competitive Process:	Yes

Description of Service: Demolition of Jordan Elementary: The contract amendment adjusts the Designer's Fee for Basic Services required by the revised contract from \$19,336.00 to \$20,106.10, which is based on the final construction price of \$188,230.65 for the Demolition of Jordan Elementary School. (Increase \$770.10)

10-B-41 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the 8(g) Annual Report for FY 2011.

10-B-42 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the proposed program and budget for 8(g) statewide program, STEM Initiatives, (S070), (LDE), for FY 2011-2012.

10-B-43 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the recommendations for 8(g) program evaluators for FY 2012 (Statewide Programs and Block-Literacy Projects only).

10-B-44 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the 8(g) Advisory Council recommendations regarding priorities for the allocation of 8(g) funds for FY 2013.

10-B-45 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved setting the FY 2013 8(g) budget at \$24,500,000.

10-B-46 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the allocation of \$945,000 for the Management and Oversight of the 8(g) Program for FY 2013.

10-B-47 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board authorized BESE staff to develop the FY 2012-2013 Budget Request, in consultation with the BESE member workgroup, and to submit the Budget Request to the Office of Planning and Budget by the November 1, 2011, deadline.

- 10-B-48 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to the *Louisiana Administrative Code*, Title 28, Part I (BESE Code): §503.C.4. Special Education Advisory Council and revisions to Bulletin 1706, *Regulations for Implementation of the Children with Exceptionalities Act*. §167. State Advisory Panel, §168. Membership, and §169. Duties.
- 10-B-49 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board:
- a. adopted the State Special Education Advisory Panel as its advisory body for policy that affects special education and directed the LDE to convene the Special Education Advisory Panel by the end of the calendar year; and
  - b. directed the State Special Education Advisory Panel to report to BESE.
- 10-B-50 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to the *Louisiana Administrative Code*, Title 28, Part I (BESE Code): §503.C.3. Superintendents' Advisory Council, as presented, with the exception of proposed revisions to Clause i.
- Mr. Lee was recorded as being opposed.
- 10-B-51 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved, as Notice of Intent, revisions to the *Louisiana Administrative Code*, Title 28, Part I (BESE Code): §503.C.2. Nonpublic School Commission and §503.E. Membership, as presented.
- 10-B-52 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received a report on the FY 2012 New Orleans RSD budget.
- Agenda Item 10-C **Committee of the Whole (COW)**
- Agenda Item 10-C1 **Administration and Finance Committee COW** (Schedule 4)
- 10-C1-1 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report regarding RSD contracts of \$50,000 and under approved by the Acting State Superintendent of Education.
- 10-C1-2 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report regarding RSD contracts approved by the Acting State Superintendent of Education, the Co-Chairs of the Administration and Finance Committee, and the BESE President.

10-C1-3 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report from LDE's Education Finance staff concerning Type 5 charter school budgets and expenditure reports, including irregularities and concerns.

10-C1-4 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received the report regarding the FY 2012 New Orleans Recovery School District Budget and retained this item on the agenda until the October 2011 Administration and Finance Committee meeting.

Agenda **School Innovation and Turnaround Committee COW** (Schedule 5)  
Item 10-C2

10-C2-1 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bennett, the Board deferred until the October 2011 School Innovation and Turnaround Committee meeting the requests for material amendments to the charters governing Langston Hughes Academy Charter School, chartered by NOLA 180, Inc.; Pride College Preparatory Academy, chartered by Pride College Preparatory Academy, Inc.; and Arthur Ashe Charter School, chartered by Firstline Schools, Inc.

10-C2-2 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bennett, the Board received an update report on Capital Projects for July 2011, which includes the July 2011 Superintendent's Report, the BESE monthly report on open contracts as of 8/3/2011, and the July 2011 Program Update for RSD Phase 1 Projects.

10-C2-3 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bennett, the Board received the report pertaining to the monitoring and oversight of Type 5 charter schools.

10-C2-4 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bennett, the Board received the update report on the RSD public school enrollment process.

10-C2-5 On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bennett, the Board received the report on the Early Learning Challenge Grant.

Agenda **Educator Effectiveness Committee** (Schedule 6)  
Item 10-D

10-D-1 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the 2010-2011 report on the Teacher Exit Interview System.

10-D-2 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report regarding the 2010-2011 Value-Added Teacher Preparation Assessment Results.

- 10-D-3 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the Corrective Action Plan from McNeese State University in the area of Social Studies.
- 10-D-4 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the Corrective Action Plan from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in the area of Science.
- 10-D-5 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the Corrective Action Plan from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in the area of Social Studies.
- 10-D-6 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on educator evaluation and directed the LDE to provide proposed policy for the Board's consideration in December 2011.
- 10-D-7 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*: §668. Instructional Coaching.
- 10-D-8 On motion of Mr. Bennett, seconded by Ms. Givens, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*: §903. Definitions; §906. Procedures and Rules for Issuance of a Denied Certificate; §909. Suspension and Revocation of Certificates due to Fraudulent Documentation Pertaining to Certification; and §911. Procedures and Rules for Reinstatement of Certificates Suspended or Revoked due to Criminal Convictions and/or Submission of Fraudulent Documents, as amended and presented by the LDE, and further amended §906.E.1. and §906.E.2., as follows:

E. State Board Responsibilities

1. The board will consider the request for issuance and documentation provided. The board is not required to conduct a records review for any of the asterisked crimes hearing and may summarily deny a request for issuance of certificate, for any of the asterisked crimes.

2. When If the board or its designees ~~decide to~~ conduct an issuance records review hearing, board staff shall notify the applicant of a date, time, and place when a committee of the board shall consider the applicant's request. ~~The applicant may be represented and/or accompanied by legal counsel. In addition to the applicant and his/her legal counsel, a maximum of three witnesses may be called to provide testimony regarding the applicant's rehabilitation. Testimony and information considered will be~~

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~~limited to evidence of rehabilitation. Any conviction will be given full faith and credit, and no testimony will be taken to refute the finding of the court. Only~~ The written documentation provided prior to the records review hearing will also be considered.

- 10-D-9 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*: Chapter 3, §343. Artist or Talented Certificate, regarding requirements for issuance of an ancillary Artist certificate.
- 10-D-10 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*: §415. Special Education Examiners, regarding requirements for issuance of an ancillary Educational Diagnostician certificate.
- 10-D-11 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*: §665. Educational Technology Areas, regarding requirements to add Educational Technology Facilitator.
- 10-D-12 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*: §240. Educational Leader Practitioner (Residency) Program.
- 10-D-13 On motion of Ms. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the addition of the Louisiana Teacher of the Year as a non-voting member of the Educator Effectiveness Committee.

Agenda **School Innovation and Turnaround Committee** (Schedule 7)  
Item 10-E

- 10-E-1 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the request for a material amendment to the charter governing New Orleans Charter Elementary School, to be chartered by Firstline Schools, Inc., to grant a one year extension for the opening of the charter school.
- 10-E-2 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the request for a material amendment to the charter governing The NET Charter High School, chartered by Educators for Quality Alternatives, to grant a one year extension for the opening of the charter school.

- 10-E-3 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the request for a material amendment to the charter governing Langston Hughes Academy Charter School, chartered by NOLA 180, Inc., to decrease the school's enrollment capacity from 810 to 540 students.
- 10-E-4 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the request for a material amendment to the charter governing Pride College Preparatory Academy, chartered by Pride College Preparatory Academy, Inc., to increase the school's enrollment capacity from 380 to 428 students.
- 10-E-5 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the request for a material amendment to the charter governing Arthur Ashe Charter School, chartered by Firstline Schools, Inc., to increase the school's enrollment capacity from 334 to 375 students.
- 10-E-6 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the request for material amendment to the charter governing Lanier Elementary School, chartered by Advance Baton Rouge, Inc., to increase the school's enrollment capacity from 298 to 424 students, excluding prekindergarten.
- 10-E-7 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received a report pertaining to the status of and recommendation for schools transferred to the RSD and retained this item on the agenda for reporting in October annually.
- Further, the Board deleted from the agenda: "Consideration of a status report on schools that went into the RSD this year including total student populations, total certified teachers, attendance records, total suspended or expelled students, and the initiatives that are being implemented."
- 10-E-8 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received a report on student test scores and School Performance Scores of all RSD schools operated and chartered.
- 10-E-9 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved the following amendments to the RSD School Facilities Master Plan:
- revisions to the performance standards, October 2011;
  - revisions to the space requirements for small pre K-8, large pre K-8, small high schools, medium high schools, and large high schools, September 2011; and
  - revisions to the School Facilities Master Plan for Orleans Parish Revised Amendments October 2011.

10-E-10 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received an update report on possible policy revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*, and Bulletin 129, *The Recovery School District*, to ensure that no students attending a failing school that is being closed or reconstituted are assigned to another failing school or a watch list school unless the district enters into and meets conditions outlined in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the LDE.

Further, the Board referred this item to the School and District Accountability Commission for its consideration in November 2011, with the stipulation that it come to the Board for final consideration in December 2011.

10-E-11 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 126, *Charter Schools*: §103. Definitions; §512. Application Process for Locally Authorized Charter Schools; §513. Stages of Application Cycle for BESE-Authorized Charter Schools; §515. Charter School Application Components; §517. Consideration of Charter Applications and Awarding of Charters by BESE; §701. Charter School Contract with BESE; §901. Timeline for Charter School Opening; §1101. Charter School Evaluation; §1303. Third Year Review; §1503. Charter Renewal Process and Timeline; §1703. Revocation Proceedings; §1903. Material Amendments for BESE-Authorized Charter Schools; §2701. Students Eligible to Attend; §2707. Application Period; §2709. Enrollment of Students, Lottery, and Waitlist, and Chapter 39. Corporate Partnerships.

10-E-12 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board waived, for the 2012-2013 school year only, the January 1 timeline regarding student applications contained in Bulletin 126, *Charter Schools*: §2707. Application Period and §2709. Enrollment of Students, Lottery, and Waitlist, in order to be consistent with timelines for all types of charter schools.

10-E-13 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board received a report on the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program.

Agenda Item 11 **Board Advisory Council Reports**

Agenda Item 11-A **Nonpublic School Commission** (Schedule 8)

On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Mr. Bennett, the Board received the minutes of the Nonpublic School Commission meeting held October 4, 2011, and approved the tentative agenda for November 1, 2011.

Agenda **Special Education Advisory Council** (Schedule 9)  
Item 11-B

On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Mr. Bennett, the Board received the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Council meeting held October 5, 2011, and approved the tentative agenda for December 3, 2011.

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

On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Mr. Bennett, the Board received the minutes of the Superintendents' Advisory Council meeting held October 6, 2011, and approved the tentative agenda for November 3, 2011.

Agenda **Board Advisory Council Appointments** (Schedule 11)  
Item 12

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Bennett, the Board approved the reappointment of Ms. Toni Buxton to the Special Education Advisory Council upon the recommendation of Ms. Ruth Johnson, Secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services.

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Bennett, the Board approved the appointment of Dr. Elizabeth Marcell to the Special Education Advisory Council upon the recommendation of Ms. Penny Dastugue. Dr. Marcell fills a vacancy on the Council.

Agenda On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board approved  
Item 13 the appointment of Ms. Bridget Devlin to the position of Policy Advisor for the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, effective September 30, 2011.

Agenda On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Bennett, the Board approved  
Item 14 the appointment of Ms. Kimberly Tripeaux to the position of 8(g) Consultant effective October 19, 2011.

Agenda On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved  
Item 15 the appointment of Ms. Amanda Hollman to the position of Director of Operations effective October 17, 2011.

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On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board referred to the School Innovation and Turnaround Committee for inclusion on the December 2011 agenda: "Consideration of a report regarding TRSL matters at Algiers Charter Schools Association."

On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board referred to the School Innovation and Turnaround Committee: "Consideration of granting Milestone SABIS Academy a five year charter school contract extension and a report from the LDE on when Rules promulgated by BESE pertaining to extension of charter school contracts have taken effect."

At this point in the meeting, the Board returned to Agenda Item 6, "Approval of the Minutes of August 18, 2011."

Ms. Givens expressed concerns about the amount being expended on the SM3 Properties, LLC contract, particularly because there was, at the time, vacant space for schools in New Orleans and the RSD school could have been placed elsewhere.

Agenda Item 6 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved the minutes of August 18, 2011, amending Motion 9-B-47, as follows:

Motion 9-B-47

On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following contract amendment:

Contractor:	SM3 Properties, LLC	
Previous Contract:	Yes	
Current Contract Amount:	<del>\$2,234,519.93</del>	<u>\$1,431,917.03</u>
Amended Amount:	<del>\$7,947.00</del>	<u>\$530,677.56</u>
New Contract Amount:	<del>\$2,242,466.93</del>	<u>\$1,962,594.59</u>
Contract Begin Date:	08/15/2007	
Current Contract End Date:	08/31/2011	
Amended End Date:	08/31/2012	
Fund:	FEMA	
Competitive Process:	No, Property Lease	

Description of Service: The leased facility has been used by the Recovery School District (RSD) as a welcome school for those students returning to New Orleans. The building, which is located at 2239 Poydras Street, consists of approximately 31,435 square feet of usable space. The rental rate is \$16.50 per square foot per annum and been rented under this lease for four years. This is the second and last contract renewal option. The monthly rent is \$44,223.13. The facility is operated by the RSD.

Mr. Bayard was recorded as abstaining.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.