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The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall provide leadership and create policies for education that expand opportunities for children, empower families and communities, and advance Louisiana in an increasingly competitive global market.

OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES

Meeting of July 24, 2012

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

JULY 24, 2012

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

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in special session on July 24, 2012, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by Board President Penny Dastugue.

Board members present were Ms. Lottie Beebe, Mr. John Bennett, Ms. Holly Boffy, Ms. Connie Bradford, Ms. Penny Dastugue, Mr. Jim Garvey, Mr. Jay Guillot, Ms. Carolyn Hill, Mr. Walter Lee, Ms. Kira Orange Jones, and Mr. Chas Roemer.

Agenda Item 2 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board approved the agenda, as printed and disseminated.

Agenda Item 3.1 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the minutes of June 19, 2012, amending Motion 5.2.28, as follows:

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

- Contractor: 20 Textbook Publishers
AIM Language Learning
Apprentissage Illimitee
Bolchazy Carducci Publishers
Cengage Learning
Davis Publication, Inc.
Ed Sueta Music Publications, Inc.
EMC Publishing, LLC
Gutenberg, Inc., DBA Universal Publishing
Hal Leonard Corporation
Handwriting Without Tears
Holt McDougal
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt School Publisher
MEP Schoenhof's
Patti DeWitt, Inc.
Pearson Education, Inc.
Perfection Learning
Santillana USA Publishing Company
School Education Group
Vista Higher Learning, Inc.
Zaner-Bloser, Inc.

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Previous Contract: No
 Contract Amount: \$0.00
 Contract Period: 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2018
 Fund: N/A
 Competitive Process: No

Description of Service: The publishers agree to maintain adequate supply and to provide approved materials to LEAs with approved Science, Computer Education, and Career and Technical Education textbooks and instructional materials at a fixed cost for 6 years. This contract is needed to support current BESE policy to administer the state textbook adoption program and to ensure that high quality instructional materials are made available to every school and school system at a fixed price.

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 Item 3.2

Mr. Roemer offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Bradford, that the Board approve, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 133, *Scholarship Programs*: §1301. Purpose, §1303. Participation Criteria for Nonpublic Schools, and §1305. Accountability System for Participating Nonpublic Schools.

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Ms. Hill offered a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Beebe, that the Board defer action on Agenda Item 3.2, "Consideration of the criteria and accountability system for school participation in the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program," due to non-compliance with §1303 of the BESE Administrative Code.

Discussion followed.

On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board moved the Previous Question. There was no opposition to the motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken on Ms. Hill's substitute motion to defer action on Agenda Item 3.2, "Consideration of the criteria and accountability system for school participation in the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program," due to non-compliance with §1303 of the BESE Administrative Code.

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Yeas: Ms. Beebe and Ms. Hill.

Nays: Mr. Bennett, Ms. Boffy, Ms. Bradford, Mr. Garvey, Mr. Guillot, Mr. Lee, Ms. Orange Jones, Mr. Roemer, and Ms. Dastugue.

Abstentions: None.

Absences: None.

The motion failed.

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Superintendent of Education White provided the Board with an overview regarding the development of criteria for participation in the expanded Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program that includes an accountability system for participating students at participating schools on or before August 1, 2012, as required by Act 2 of the 2012 Regular Legislative Session.

Public comments in opposition were received from Dr. Melissa Flournoy, LA Progress; Ms. Carol G. Rowe, The Upperroom Bible Church Academy; Mr. Steve Monaghan, Louisiana Federation of Teachers; Ms. Mary Patricia Wray, Louisiana Federation of Teachers; Mr. Donald Songy, Louisiana Association of School Superintendents; Representative Patricia H. Smith; Mr. Scott Richard, Louisiana School Boards Association; Ms. Karran Harper Royal; Ms. Lee Barrios, Coalition for Louisiana Public Education; Mr. Dannie P. Garrett, III; and Mr. Wayne Free, Louisiana Association of Educators.

Public comments in support were received from Mr. Kevin Kane, Pelican Institute; Ms. Ruthie Frierson, Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans; Ms. Brigitte Nieland, Louisiana Association of Business and Industry; Ms. Stephanie Desselle, Citizens for a Better Louisiana; Mr. Zachary Kopplin; Mr. Kenneth Campbell, Black Alliance for Educational Options; and Ms. Veronica Brooks, Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools.

Public comments in opposition and in support were received from: Mr. Nolan Marshall, Cowen Institute.

At this point in the meeting, Ms. Dastugue opened the floor to Board members for comments and/or questions.

Ms. Dastugue relinquished the Chair to Mr. Roemer, Vice-President of the Board.

Discussion followed.

Ms. Dastugue resumed the Chair and discussion continued.

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Ms. Beebe offered a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Hill, that the Board defer action on Agenda Item 3.2, "Consideration of the criteria and accountability system for school participation in the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program," and direct State Superintendent of Education White to provide a formidable accountability plan to address the concerns expressed.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Yeas: Ms. Beebe and Ms. Hill.

Nays: Mr. Bennett, Ms. Boffy, Ms. Bradford, Mr. Garvey, Mr. Guillot, Mr. Lee, Ms. Orange Jones, Mr. Roemer, and Ms. Dastugue.

Abstentions: None.

Absences: None.

The motion failed.

Ms. Dastugue stated that the Board would vote on Mr. Roemer's original motion.

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A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Yeas: Mr. Bennett, Ms. Boffy, Ms. Bradford, Mr. Garvey, Mr. Guillot, Mr. Lee, Ms. Orange Jones, Mr. Roemer, and Ms. Dastugue.

Nays: Ms. Beebe and Ms. Hill.

Abstentions: None.

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Absences: None.

The motion passed.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m.