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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 April 17, 2013

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

APRIL 17, 2013

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

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in regular session on April 17, 2013, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. by Board President Chas Roemer and opened with a prayer by Ms. Carolyn Hill.

Board members present were Ms. Lottie Beebe, Ms. Holly Boffy, Mr. Jim Garvey, Mr. Jay Guillot, Ms. Carolyn Hill, Mr. Walter Lee, Dr. Judith Miranti, Ms. Kira Orange Jones, Mr. Chas Roemer, and Mr. Stephen Waguespack.

Ms. Connie Bradford was absent.

Ms. Carolyn Hill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 2. On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the agenda, as printed and disseminated, with the addition of Emergency Agenda Item 8.1. (Schedule 1)

The Board agreed to take Agenda Item 7.1., "Consideration of Executive Session relative to litigation concerning Barrios v. The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, et al., 19th Judicial District Court, Docket No. C618821, Section 26," out of order.

Agenda Item 7. **Items for Consideration**

Agenda Item 7.1. On motion of Ms. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Guillot, the Board went into Executive Session at 1:13 p.m. to discuss litigation concerning Barrios v. the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, et al., 19th Judicial District Court, Docket No. C618821, Section 26.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Yeas: Ms. Beebe, Ms. Boffy, Mr. Guillot, Ms. Hill, Mr. Lee, Dr. Miranti, Ms. Orange Jones, and Mr. Roemer.

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Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absences: Ms. Bradford, Mr. Garvey, and Mr. Waguespack.

The Roll Call Vote on the motion to go into Executive Session passed. It was noted that no votes would be taken while the Board was in Executive Session; all votes would be made in public.

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On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Orange Jones, the Board reconvened into Regular Session at 1:29 p.m. A quorum was present.

Agenda Item 7.1.

No further action was taken regarding Agenda Item 7.1., "Consideration of Executive Session relative to litigation concerning Barrios v. The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, et al., 19th Judicial District Court, Docket No. C618821, Section 26."

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At this point in the meeting, the Board returned to the regular agenda order.

Agenda Item 3.

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Orange Jones, the Board approved the minutes of March 8, 2013.

Agenda Item 4.

Report by the State Superintendent of Education

State Superintendent of Education John White provided the Board with updates on the following topics:

- Early Childhood Community Pilots,
- Louisiana Teacher Leader Initiative, and
- High school diplomas.

Agenda Item 5. **Board Committee Reports**

Agenda Item 5.1. **Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee** (Schedule 2)

5.1.1 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board:

- approved the 2013-2014 Academic Classifications for the nonpublic schools listed below and changed the Academic Classification for the Red River Academy to Accredited Approved, as recommended by the LDE;
- directed LDE to consider Montessori classification as an approved independent accreditation; and
- revised the March 2013 Board action regarding the 2013-2014 Academic Classification for the St. Peter School in Vermilion Parish from Accredited Approved to Non-Accredited Approved, as recommended by the LDE.

Further, it was noted that the Annual Report regarding Nonpublic Schools' Academic Classifications is approved annually by the Board in June, and the Board has been presented with this information for approval in March 2013 and April 2013; therefore, there will not be a report in June, and the item will be deleted from the June 2013 Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement agenda.

School	Parish	2013-2014 Academic Classification
Amite Christian School	Livingston Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Arden Cahill Academy	Jefferson Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Assembly Christian School	Iberia Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Atonement Lutheran School	Jefferson Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Baton Rouge International School	East Baton Rouge Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Baton Rouge Lutheran School	East Baton Rouge Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
BeauVer` Christian Academy	Beauregard Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Ben's Ford Christian School	City of Bogalusa	Non-Accredited Approved
Bethel Christian School	Jefferson Davis Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Bowling Green School	Washington Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Baton Rouge Montessori Kids	East Baton Rouge Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Breaux Bridge Christian Academy	St. Martin Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Briarfield Academy	East Carroll Parish	Non-Accredited Approved

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Brighter Horizon School of Baton Rouge	East Baton Rouge Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Calvary Baptist School	Orleans Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Cathedral Montessori School	Orleans Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Central Private School	Central Community	Non-Accredited Approved
Central School Corporation	DeSoto Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Chitimacha Tribal School	St. Mary Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Claiborne Academy	Claiborne Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Community Christian Academy	Livingston Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Concordia Lutheran School	Jefferson Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Conquering Word Christian Academy Metairie	Jefferson Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Conquering Word Christian Academy Slidell	St. Tammany Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Covenant Christian Academy	Terrebonne Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Covington Montessori School	St. Tammany Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Crescent City Christian School	Jefferson Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Crescent City Montessori School	Orleans Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Cypress Heights Academy	East Baton Rouge Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Elan Vital Montessori	East Baton Rouge Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Evangel House Christian Academy	St. Martin Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Faith Lutheran School	Jefferson Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Faith Training Christian Academy High School	Vernon Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Family Christian Academy	East Baton Rouge Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Financial Plaza Christian Academy	Caddo Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
First Baptist Christian Academy	Calcasieu Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
First Baptist Christian School	Lafayette Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
First Baptist Christian School	St. Tammany Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Franklin Academy	Franklin Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Gailee Baptist Academy	East Baton Rouge Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Good Shepherd Montessori School	St. Landry Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Grace Christian School	Rapides Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Hamilton Christian Academy	Calcasieu Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Healing Waters Montessori School	St. Tammany Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Houma Assembly Christian Academy	Terrebonne Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Houma Christian School	Terrebonne Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Indian Bible Academy	Allen Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Islamic School of Greater New Orleans	Jefferson Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
John Curtis Christian School	Jefferson Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Kids College	East Baton Rouge Parish	Non-Accredited Approved

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Knights Academy and High School	Jefferson Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
La Printaniere Montessori	East Baton Rouge Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Lakeview Maria Montessori Preschool	St. Tammany Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Little Learners Montessori School	Calcasieu Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Louisiana Collegiate International Academy	Rapides Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Louisiana New School Academy	East Baton Rouge Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Lynn Oaks School	St. Bernard Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
M. Alexander Christian Academy	Caddo Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Maltrait Memorial School	Vermilion Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
McKanstry Preparatory School/Little Scholars	East Baton Rouge Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
McKinney-Byrd Academy	Caddo Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Memorial Baptist School	Jefferson Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Messiah Montessori	Terrebonne Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Montessori Christian Academy	St. Tammany Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Montessori Educational Center	Rapides Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Montessori School for Shreveport	Caddo Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Montessori School of Baton Rouge	East Baton Rouge Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Mt. Carmel School	Vermilion Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Mt. Olive Christian School	Claiborne Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Muslim Academy	Jefferson Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Natchitoches Christian Academy	Natchitoches Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
New Directions Academy	Jefferson Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Northminster Montessori Preschool	St. Tammany Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Northside Christian School	Acadia Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Oak Forest Academy	Tangipahoa Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Oaks Montessori School	Tangipahoa Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Odyssey House Academy	Orleans Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Our Lady of Prompt Succor School	Rapides Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Our Mother of Peace Elementary School	Acadia Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Prairie View Academy	Morehouse Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Providence Classical Academy	Bossier Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Raphael Academy	Orleans Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Rayne Catholic Elementary School	Acadia Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Red River Academy	Rapides Parish	Accredited Approved
Redemptorist Catholic	Acadia Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Riverdale Academy	Red River Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Royal Castle Child Development Center	Orleans Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Runnels School	East Baton Rouge Parish	Non-Accredited Approved

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Sacred Heart School	Avoyelles Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Shiloh Baptist Early Learning Academy	East Baton Rouge Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Silliman Institute	East Feliciana Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Smart Kidz Learning Academy	Calcasieu Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Southland Christian Academy	Livingston Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Southland Christian Elementary and Junior High School	Livingston Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
St. Anna's Episcopal School	Orleans Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
St. Anthony of Padua School	Avoyelles Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
St. Bernard School	St. Martin Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
St. Cecilia School	Lafayette Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
St. Edward School	Iberia Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
St. Francis School	Acadia Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
St. Genevieve School	Lafayette Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
St. George's Episcopal School	Orleans Parish	Accredited Approved
St. Ignatius School	St. Landry Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
St. John Elementary School	St. Mary Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
St. Joseph Elementary and High School	Avoyelles Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
St. Mary's Assumption School, Cottonport	Avoyelles Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
St. Matthew's Episcopal School	Terrebonne Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
St. Peter School	Vermilion Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Stepping Stones Montessori School	Jefferson Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Elementary School	Lafayette Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
T.M. Landry College Preparatory	St. Martin Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Tallulah Academy - Delta Christian School	Madison Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Tensas Academy	Tensas Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
The Chartwell Center	Orleans Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
The Upperroom Bible Church Academy - Paris Avenue	Orleans Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Trafton Academy	Tangipahoa Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Trinity Catholic Elementary School	St. Martin Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
University Montessori School	Orleans Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Upper Lafayette Academy	Lafayette Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Victory Academy	East Baton Rouge Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Waldorf School of New Orleans	Orleans Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Weatherford Academy	Jefferson Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Wildflower Montessori School	Lincoln Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Windermere Christian Academy	Caddo Parish	Non-Accredited Approved

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Word of God Academy	Caddo Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Youth Challenge Program - Camp Beauregard	Rapides Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Youth Challenge Program - Camp Minden	Webster Parish	Non-Accredited Approved
Youth Challenge Program - Gillis Long	Iberville Parish	Non-Accredited Approved

- 5.1.2 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board received the report on the Early Childhood Community Pilot recipients.
- 5.1.3 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board received the status report on the Special Education Advisory Panel.
- 5.1.4 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board received the status report on the College and Career Readiness Commission.
- 5.1.5 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board approved the consolidation of the School and District Accountability Commission and the Committee of Practitioners and approved the proposed membership categories of the new Accountability Commission.
- 5.1.6 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, the repeal of Bulletin 1179, *Driver Education, Traffic Safety, and Administrative Guide for Louisiana Schools*.
- 5.1.7 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, the repeal of Bulletin 1934, *Starting Points Preschool Regulations*.
- 5.1.8 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Orange Jones, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, the repeal Bulletin 105, *Louisiana Content Standards for Programs Serving Four-Year-Old Children*; approved, as a Notice of Intent, the creation of Bulletin 136, *The Louisiana Standards for Early Childhood Care and Education Programs Serving Children Birth – Five Years*; and authorized the LDE to make technical revisions, as needed.

- 5.1.9 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 118, *Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices*: §1813. Performance Standards, to add the End-of-Course (EOC) U.S. History test scaled-score ranges for the four achievement levels, removing the underlining of English III in the proposed policy revisions.
- 5.1.10 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*: §301. School Performance Score Goal, §303. Transition from Fall 2012 to Fall 2013, §413. Dropout/Credit Accumulation Index Calculations, §515. State Assessments and Accountability, §613. Calculating a Graduation Index, and §1301. Reward Eligibility.
- 5.1.11 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board recognized Mr. Alex Naquin for his service as the student representative on the BESE Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee for the 2012-2013 school year and received the report regarding Mr. Peyton Chiasson, who will serve as the 2013-2014 student representative for the BESE Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee.
- 5.1.12 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board:
- received the Summary of Public Comments and Agency Response regarding Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §1125. Comprehensive Counseling and §1705. School Libraries and Media Centers;
 - directed BESE staff to **not** proceed with the final adoption of the March 20, 2013, Notice of Intent regarding revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*;
 - reverted to the prior policy for §1125. Comprehensive Counseling and §1705. School Libraries and Media Centers, with the provision that school systems that may need exceptions to those two sections make those requests to the State Superintendent of Education for his consideration;
 - directed the State Superintendent of Education to inform the Board, via a report to the Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee, prior to his approval or denial of any waiver request pertaining to §1705. School Libraries and Media Centers; and

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- directed BESE staff to submit for publication in the *Louisiana Register*, as a new Notice of Intent, all other sections of Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*, previously approved by the Board as Notice of Intent in January 2013.

Agenda
Item 5.2.

Administration and Finance Committee

(Schedule 3)

5.2.1 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board received the report on RSD contracts of \$50,000 and under approved by the State Superintendent of Education.

5.2.2 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board received the audit report of the Bureau of Internal Audit (BIA): Significant Audit Findings - Single Audits of School Boards and Charter Schools FYE 6/30/2011.

5.2.3 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board received the quarterly report of expenditures and budget balances of 8(g) projects for FY 2012-2013.

5.2.4 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board ratified the Board President's submission of required legislative reports to the Louisiana Legislature (Senate Concurrent Resolution 124 of the 2012 Regular Legislative Session).

5.2.5 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the following LDE contract:

Contractor: The JASON Project
 Contract Amount: \$65,000.00
 Contract Period: 05/01/2013 – 08/01/2013
 Funding: IAT
 Competitive: Sole Source

Description of Services: The JASON project will conduct a maximum of 10 training sessions for a maximum of 25 participants per training session at a rate of \$6,500.00 per training session. The JASON project will include access to online resources for participating middle school science teachers.

5.2.6 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the following LDE contract:

Contractor: The National Center for Improvement of Educational Assessment (NCIEA)
Contract Amount: \$107,100.00
Contract Period: 07/01/2013 - 06/30/2014
Funding: State
Competitive: Sole Source

Description of Services: The NCIEA will provide technical assistance to the LDE as requested regarding the development and implementation of the new assessment and accountability systems. The NCIEA will provide support as the LDE transitions from the current system to the new assessments planned for adoption in 2014-2015. The contractor will provide data analyses to allow for valid interpretations of test scores and use of assessment information in the accountability systems.

5.2.7 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the following LDE contract:

Contractor: Pacific Metrics
Contract Amount: \$1,262,870
Contract Period: 07/01/2013 - 06/30/2014
Funding: State, Federal
Competitive: Sole Source

Description of Services: Through this contract Pacific Metrics will move the PASS System to a newer, proven, and more stable system (ORCA2); maintain the existing PASS system as the ORCA2 implementation is being built and legacy content is migrated; maintain the existing Reading Runway, Newton's Math Classroom, and Multiplication Flashcard components; develop additional content aligned to the Common Core State Standards, new social studies standards, and next generation science standards; provide automated scoring and hand-scoring for constructed-response items and writing prompts; and monitor performance and conduct maintenance on all components of the PASS System.

- 5.2.8 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the following LDE contract amendment:

Contractor: The New Teacher Project
Previous Amount: \$2,118,471
Amended Amount: \$281,000
New Amount: \$2,399,471
Contract Period: 07/01/2011 - 09/30/2013
Funding: Gates – Self Generated
Competitive: Sole Source

Description of Services: This contract amendment outlines a plan to support the LDE with Compass implementation, including continued development of expanded training resources. The contractor will support development of an instructional resource library, which will include training videos aligned to the Compass rubric. Additionally, the contractor will provide consultation on rater certification strategy.

Student Centered Goals - Competitive

- 5.2.9 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocations: Math and Science Partnerships (MSP)
Amount: \$2,323,407
Funding Period: 05/01/2013 – 09/30/2014
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of the Math and Science Partnership Projects, established under Title II, Part B, of NCLB Act of 2001, is to assist districts as they create opportunities for enhanced and ongoing professional development for mathematics and science teachers. The MSP program has been designed to improve the academic achievement of students by enhancing content knowledge and teaching skills of classroom math and science teachers.

Basis of Allocation: Math and Science Partnership (MSP) subgrants will be awarded on a competitive basis to school systems who partner with the science, technology engineering, and/or mathematics departments at institutions of higher learning. All districts were eligible to participate in a

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partnership. The amount of funds to be awarded to any district is based on the program proposals, review scores, number of district projects, and participant numbers. Allocations for 2013-2014 are to provide funding for projects that have not completed their three-year cycle as outlined by the U.S. Department of Education and the MSP legislation.

Student Centered Goals - Other

5.2.10 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocations:	Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate Test Fee Reimbursement
Amount:	\$218,214
Funding Period:	08/01/2012 – 07/31/2013
Source of Funds:	IAT – 8(g)

Purpose: As part of the Expanding High School Choice 8(g) program, the LDE will reimburse \$89 for each 2013 AP exam taken in a course offered for the first time in a Louisiana public school. In addition, for each new IB course offering in 2012-2013, the LDE will reimburse \$104 for that IB course exam. The LDE will also reimburse the one-time registration fee of \$151 for each Louisiana public school student who registered for a 2012-2013 IB program.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations to school districts are based on the number of eligible students requesting Advanced Placement/ International Baccalaureate Exams for the May 2013 testing cycle.

Auxiliary - Other

5.2.11 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocations:	Educator Leader Cadre Substitute Reimbursement
Amount:	\$1,162
Funding Period:	01/01/2013 - 06/30/2013
Source of Funds:	Self-Generated

Purpose: The purpose of this initiative is to define the most effective context for implementing the Common Core State Standards (CCSS),

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including providing written recommendations for tools, processes, support, and training opportunities for teacher use throughout Louisiana; creating and piloting a CCSS lesson or unit; documenting reflection and feedback on the processes engaged in through a pilot of the CCSS; and gathering student work samples.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations to school districts are to reimburse the districts for the substitutes paid to work while the Educator Leader Cadre members met in Baton Rouge on January 29, 2013, to finalize their work for the program.

- 5.2.12 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Chenevert Architects, LLC
Contract Period: 12/20/2007 – 12/20/2014
Previous Amount: \$2,242,466.93
Amended Amount: \$53,697.15
Contract Amount: \$2,296,164.08
Fund: IAT – FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for an interim payment (the “Interim Payment”) to the designer for prolonged contract administration and observation of construction (“Extended CA”) as a result of the contractor exceeding the contract time (July 20, 2012, which is the current contractual substantial completion date) due to no fault of the designer for Lawrence D. Crocker School.

- 5.2.13 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Gordon, Arata, McCollam, Duplantis, and Egan, LLP
Contract Period: 02/01/2011 – 01/31/2014
Previous Amount: \$1,500,000.00
Amended Amount: \$500,000.00
Contract Amount: \$2,000,000.00
Fund: Federal
Competitive Process: True Professional

Description of Service: The contractor will continue to provide professional legal advice to the RSD regarding construction issues relating to its properties.

- 5.2.14 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: McGlinchey Stafford
Contract Period: 04/01/2012 – 04/01/2015
Previous Amount: \$177,808.00
Amended Amount: \$520,731.00
Contract Amount: \$698,539.00
Fund: State
Competitive Process: True Professional

Description of Service: The contractor will continue to provide professional legal representation of the interests of the state and/or any named agency or department or any named individual thereof relative to matters relating to the Recovery School District.

- 5.2.15 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Rozas-Ward/a.i.a. Architects, Inc.
Contract Period: 06/20/2012 – 06/20/2015
Previous Amount: \$1,298,605.11
Amended Amount: \$155,000.00
Contract Amount: \$1,453,605.11
Fund: IAT – FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for designer’s additional service for scope revisions as directed by the RSD for change of site orientation of building for small New Orleans East High School at the Abramson Site.

- 5.2.16 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: SCNZ Architects, LLC
Contract Period: 10/17/2012 – 10/17/2015
Previous Amount: \$180,027.00
Amended Amount: \$9,955.00
Contract Amount: \$189,982.00

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Fund: IAT – FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for the additional service fee for a Property Boundary Survey, an Environmental Phase I Survey, and a Lead Based Paint Survey for the refurbishment of McDonogh #28 School.

5.2.17 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: VergesRome Architects + Fanning Howey, A
Joint Venture
Contract Period: 01/18/2012 – 01/18/2015
Previous Amount: \$1,611,093.00
Amended Amount: \$3,142.00
Contract Amount: \$1,614,235.00
Fund: IAT – FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment adjusts the designer’s fee for basic services based on the available funds for construction and separates the contract into two projects for new three-section elementary school at Fisk-Howard School.

5.2.18 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: VergesRome Architects, APAC
Contract Period: 03/09/2012 – 03/09/2015
Previous Amount: \$3,174,920.00
Amended Amount: \$21,115.13
Contract Amount: \$3,196,035.13
Fund: IAT – FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for additional design services that are required for scope of work to perform exploratory demolition for the site of Frederick A. Douglass High School.

5.2.19 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board deferred “Consideration of a review of the 2013-2014 Budget for the Recovery School District” until the June 18, 2013, Administration and Finance Committee Meeting.

- 5.2.20 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the proposed program and budget for the 8(g) statewide program, Expanding High School Choice (LDE) (S073), for FY 2013-2014.
- 5.2.21 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board received the timeline for building the FY 2014-2015 8(g) Program and Budget.
- 5.2.22 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board received the report on the BESE Budget.
- 5.2.23 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board:
 - a. received the report regarding the FY 2012-2016 strategic plan;
 - b. established a working group of the Board, including the State Superintendent of Education or his designee, to provide feedback on the FY 2015-2019 strategic plan; and
 - c. directed the BESE Executive Director to work with the Board working group to revise the indicators and bring revisions back to the Board for consideration at its June 2013 meeting.

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Public comments were received on the following Administration and Finance Committee agenda item:

Agenda Item 8.2., "Consideration of a report on the 2013 Legislative Session:"

Oppose: Mr. Keith Chatelain, Greater New Orleans Tea Party (GNOTP); Mr. Jim Crumling, Acadiana Patriots; Ms. Lee Barrios, concerned citizen; Mr. Grant Barker, concerned citizen; Mr. Cedric Barker, concerned citizen; Ms. Rachael Sachs, concerned citizen; and Ms. Debbie Sachs, concerned citizen.

Other: Ms. Karen Champagne, concerned citizen; Ms. Angela Alef, concerned citizen; Mr. Wayne Free, Louisiana Association of Educators; and Mr. Kevin Ebarb, concerned citizen.

- 5.2.24 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board received the report on the 2013 Legislative Session.

- 5.2.25 On motion of Mr. Roemer, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board:
- a. Directed the LDE to preserve the 70% instructional expenditure requirement previously contained in the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) formula and continue to measure compliance with this requirement.
 - b. Districts failing to meet the 70% requirement and failing to meet their growth target shall be required to develop a corrective action plan with assistance from the LDE as needed.

- 5.2.26 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board received the report and retained "Consideration of the Minimum Foundation Program advisory group" on the Administration and Finance Committee agenda until the June 18, 2013, meeting.

Agenda Item 5.3. **Educator Effectiveness Committee** (Schedule 4)

- 5.3.1 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved, for certification purposes, the following program, as recommended by the LDE:

Relay Graduate School of Education's Practitioner Teacher Program – Alternate Path to Certification.

- 5.3.2 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board received the report on the 7th Annual Cecil J. Picard Symposium on Academic Excellence to be held on July 12, 2013, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

- 5.3.3 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board granted the issuance of a Louisiana teaching certificate appropriate to the credentials of Mr. Desmond Hammett.

Agenda Item 5.4. **School Innovation and Turnaround Committee** (Schedule 5)

- 5.4.1 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board received the report regarding the postponement of the combining of KIPP Central City Primary and KIPP Central City Academy until the 2014-2015 school year.

- 5.4.2 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board received the report regarding the unified enrollment process for Type 2 charter schools in Orleans Parish.
- 5.4.3 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board received the report regarding Belle Chasse Academy.
- 5.4.4 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board received the update report on RSD Capital Projects for January 2013 and February 2013, which includes the RSD-OPSB Phase 1 Monthly Summary for January 2013; RSD-OPSB Phase 2 Monthly Summary for January 2013; Superintendent's Report for January 2013; BESE Open Contracts as of February 7, 2013; OPSB Open Contracts as of February 8, 2013; Bid Tabulation Sheet for January 2013; RSD-OPSB Phase 1 Monthly Summary for February 2013; RSD-OPSB Phase 2 Monthly Summary for February 2013; Superintendent's Report for February 2013; BESE Open Contracts as of March 7, 2013; OPSB Open Contracts as of March 8, 2013; and the RSD Fourth Quarter Report for 2012.
- 5.4.5 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board approved the St. Landry Parish School Board Reconstitution Plan for Creswell Elementary School, as recommended and presented by the LDE, with the following amendments and contingencies, to be resolved prior to the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year:

Amendments:

1. LDE shall designate a staff member to serve as a monitor, and at a minimum:
 - Ensure that district personnel are making and implementing plans and procedures to actualize the approved Reconstitution Plan prior to the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year;
 - Ensure that decisions regarding the implementation of the plan are being made based on collaboration with Park Vista school leadership;
 - Act as a ready LDE point of contact for the school district in providing informational resources or other appropriate support as the plan is being implemented;
 - Ensure that all issues identified by BESE are being addressed by district leadership;

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- Identify any additional areas that need to be addressed by district leadership to ensure the plan is implemented successfully;
 - Make reports to BESE in June, August, and October on the progress of the implementation of the plan, and make additional reports as necessary; and
 - Make recommendations to BESE for additional modifications to the Reconstitution Plan, if necessary.
2. No school with a separate site code may be housed at the Creswell site.
 3. BESE shall approve any additional programs or schools (other than the accelerated and virtual programs) proposed by the school district to be housed at the Creswell site.
 4. The district superintendent shall delegate the authority to approve all decisions related to personnel and employment of teachers and staff at Park Vista Elementary to the principal of Park Vista Elementary School.
 5. A change in school leadership at Park Vista shall result in the entire reconstitution plan being reconsidered by BESE. Upon reconsideration of the plan, per R.S. 17:10.5, BESE may consider transfer of the school to the Recovery School District.
 6. The LDE monitor shall make reports to BESE in June, August, and October detailing, at a minimum, the following:
 - Progress toward implementing each of the approved components of the plan;
 - Concerns with the implementation of the plan;
 - Recommended changes to the approved reconstitution plan, if necessary; and
 - Progress made in identifying and implementing solutions for each of the specific issues identified by BESE needing resolution.
 7. The school district shall develop a proposed school-based budget for Park Vista Elementary and shall grant the Park Vista Elementary principal the authority to budget and make decisions regarding the expenditure of funds to the maximum extent permitted by law. This proposed budget shall be presented to BESE at the June BESE meeting for approval.

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8. The school district shall hold parent meetings to effectively communicate to parents and families the changes occurring at multiple school sites in relation to the approved Reconstitution Plan.
9. An annual report shall be made to BESE by the LDE. The report will include data that demonstrate pertinent enrollment, academic progress, and fidelity to the plan, as necessary. These annual reports will be provided until BESE determines they are no longer necessary.
10. Per R.S. 17:10.5, if the local district "fails at any time to comply with the terms of the reconstitution plan approved by the state board," BESE may reconsider the Reconstitution Plan and exercise the option to transfer Creswell Elementary School to the jurisdiction of the Recovery School District.

Contingencies addressed and resolved prior to the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year:

The school district shall design and implement plans, subject to the approval of the principal at Park Vista Elementary:

1. To complete the outfitting of additional classrooms at the Park Vista site;
2. Regarding class sections, physical placement of students in classrooms at the Park Vista site;
3. To hire the appropriate number of high-quality teachers and staff to provide instruction and support to the students enrolling at Park Vista;
4. Ensuring the appropriate amount of space, number of classrooms, and other facilities are provided to serve the additional students enrolled at Park Vista;
5. Considering the location of additional specialized programs or classrooms serving Park Vista students at the Creswell site;
6. To provide Park Vista with the appropriate textbooks, supplies, computers, etc. from the Creswell site or elsewhere needed to serve the students enrolled at Park Vista; and
7. To enroll and register students at Park Vista under the approved enrollment zone changes and the district's No Child Left Behind School Choice program.

Agenda **Board Advisory Council Reports**
Item 6.

Agenda **Superintendents' Advisory Council** (Schedule 6)
Item 6.1.

On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board received the minutes of the Superintendents' Advisory Council Meeting held March 21, 2013, and approved the tentative agenda for May 16, 2013.

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Public comments were received on the following agenda item:

Agenda Item 8.1., "Consideration of a report regarding the unification of Landry High School and O.P. Walter High School:"

Oppose: Mr. Willie M. Zanders, Friends of L.B. Landry High School, who provided a handout entitled, "An Open Letter to Members of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education on Behalf of Friends of L.B. Landry High School;" Ms. Almysha Warner, Friends of L.B. Landry High School; Ms. Tia Thompson, student at L.B. Landry High School; and Mr. Derek Lamothe, Friends of L.B. Landry High School.

Support: Mr. Adrian Morgan, Algiers Charter School Association.

Agenda On motion of Ms. Hill, seconded by Ms. Orange Jones, the Board received
Item 8.1. the report regarding the unification of L. B. Landry High School and
O. Perry Walker High School.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.