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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 29, 2014

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

JULY 29, 2014

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

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in special session on July 29, 2014, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 11:14 a.m. by Board President Chas Roemer.

Board members present were Dr. Lottie Beebe, Ms. Holly Boffy, Ms. Connie Bradford, Mr. Jim Garvey, Ms. Carolyn Hill, Mr. Walter Lee, Dr. Judith Miranti, Ms. Kira Orange Jones, Mr. Chas Roemer, and Ms. Jane Smith.

Mr. Jay Guillot was absent.

Agenda Item 2. On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board approved the agenda, as printed and disseminated. (Schedule 1)

Agenda Item 3. **Items for Consideration**

Agenda Item 3.1. Public comments were received on Agenda Item 3.1., "Consideration of Louisiana State Representatives, James Armes, et al., v. State of Louisiana, et al., 19th Judicial District Court, Docket No. 632,150, Section 22:"

Support: Ms. Kathryn Goppelt, concerned citizen.

Oppose: None.

Information Only/Other: Ms. Lee P. Barrios and Ms. Candyce Watsey, concerned citizens.

Motion 3.1.1 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board received the report regarding Louisiana State Representatives, James Armes, et al., v. State of Louisiana, et al., 19th Judicial District Court, Docket No. 632,150, Section 22.

Agenda Item 3.2. Public comments were received on Agenda Item 3.2., "Consideration of Navis Hill, et al., v. Louisiana State Governor, et al., 19th Judicial District Court, Docket No. 621,170, Section 27:"

Support: Ms. Carol McCall, Citizens for Education; Mr. John Warner Smith, Education's Next Horizon; and Ms. Ruthie Frierson, Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans.

Oppose: Dr. Elizabeth Meyers and Ms. Kathryn Goppelt, concerned citizens.

Information Only/Other: Ms. Candyce Watsey and Ms. Lee Barrios, concerned citizens; Mr. Dannie P. Garrett, III, Louisiana School Boards Association; and Ms. Liz Murrill, Division of Administration.

Motion 3.2.1 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Orange Jones, the Board authorized counsel to intervene in or take any other action necessary to participate on BESE's behalf in Navis Hill, et al., v. Louisiana State Governor, et al., 19th Judicial District Court, Docket No. 621,170, Section 27.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Yeas: Ms. Boffy, Ms. Bradford, Mr. Garvey, Dr. Miranti, Ms. Orange Jones, and Mr. Roemer.

Nays: Dr. Beebe, Ms. Hill, Mr. Lee, and Ms. Smith.

Abstentions: None.

Absences: Mr. Guillot.

The motion passed.

Agenda Item 3.3. Public comments were received on Agenda Item 3.3., "Consideration of a discussion regarding additional options related to Executive Order No. BJ 2014-7:"

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Support: Mr. Barry Erwin, Council for A Better Louisiana; Ms. Kathryn Goppelt, concerned citizen; and Mr. John Warner Smith, Education's Next Horizon.

Oppose: Dr. Elizabeth Meyers and Ms. Candyce Watsey, concerned citizens.

Information Only/Other: Ms. Debbie Meaux, Louisiana Association of Educators; Ms. Lee Barrios, concerned citizen; Mr. Steve Monaghan, Louisiana Federation of Teachers; Mr. Scott Richard, Louisiana School Boards Association; Ms. Liz Murrill, Division of Administration; Ms. Ruth Johnson, Division of Administration; and Ms. Stafford Palmieri, Office of the Governor.

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Mr. Garvey offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Boffy, to authorize counsel to take all necessary action to represent BESE's interest and pursue legal remedies on its behalf regarding Executive Order No. BJ 2014-7 and related implementation.

Discussion followed.

Dr. Beebe offered a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Orange Jones, to receive the report regarding additional options related to Executive Order No. BJ 2014-7.

Further discussion followed.

Mr. Roemer called for a vote on Dr. Beebe's substitute motion.

Motion
3.3.1

On motion of Dr. Beebe, seconded by Ms. Orange Jones, the Board received the report regarding additional options related to Executive Order No. BJ 2014-7.

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Ms. Smith offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Hill, to use the 2013-2014 assessments, LEAP and iLEAP, in 2014-2015 and replenish the test bank of questions with questions prepared by Louisiana educators.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Ms. Smith offered an amended motion, seconded by Ms. Hill, to use, with approval of the Division of Administration, the 2013-2014 assessments, LEAP and iLEAP, in 2014-2015 and replenish the test bank of questions with input from curriculum coordinators and developers and classroom implementers and teachers across the state.

Further discussion followed.

Dr. Miranti offered a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Bradford, to wait no more than one month from the current date to make a determination regarding testing for the 2014-2015 school year.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Roemer called for a vote on Dr. Miranti’s substitute motion.

Motion
3.3.2

On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved waiting no more than one month from the current date to make a determination regarding testing for the 2014-2015 school year.

Dr. Beebe, Ms. Hill, and Ms. Smith were recorded as being opposed to the motion.

Agenda
Item 3.4.

Public comments were received on Agenda Item 3.4., “Consideration of the Type 2 charter for Milestone SABIS Academy of New Orleans previously approved for renewal in December 2013:”

Support: None.

Oppose: Ms. Maureen Joseph, Ms. Tessa Jackson, and Mr. Mike Higgins, Innovators in Milestone; Mr. D’Juan Hernandez, Milestone Academy, and Ms. Lee Barrios, concerned citizen.

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Information Only/Other: Ms. Candyce Watsey, concerned citizen.

Motion On motion of Dr. Beebe, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board deferred
3.4.1 until August 2014: "Consideration of the Type 2 charter for Milestone
 SABIS Academy of New Orleans previously approved for renewal in
 December 2013."

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:11p.m.