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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 December 3, 2014

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

DECEMBER 3, 2014

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

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in regular session on December 3, 2014, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by Board President Chas Roemer, and opened with a prayer by Ms. Celeste Runnels, a student at Baton Rouge Magnet High School.

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, and Mr. Chas Roemer.

Mr. Jay Guillot and Ms. Jane Smith were absent.

Mr. Adel Rahman, a student at Baton Rouge Magnet High School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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. On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Dr. Beebe, the Board approved the minutes of October 15, 2014.

Agenda Item 4. **Election of Board Officers**

Agenda Item 4.1. **Consideration of Election of Board Officers for 2015**

On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the following slate of officers for 2015:

Mr. Charles E. "Chas" Roemer, IV – President;
Mr. Jim Garvey - Vice-President; and
Ms. Holly Boffy - Secretary-Treasurer.

Agenda
Item 5.

Report by the State Superintendent of Education

State Superintendent of Education John White encouraged Board members to attend the policy forum on educator preparation at 1:30 p.m., following the BESE meeting. There are currently seven pilots partnered with institutions of higher education or non-profits to develop in-school apprentice-based teacher preparation programs. There will be three policy forums over the next year.

Advanced Placement is a priority in Louisiana. In 2012, 4,000 students passed an AP test in Louisiana; this year, 6,500 students passed an AP test in Louisiana. This is the most advanced, rigorous measurement of student work being done and signifies that a student has prepared himself or herself for college.

State Superintendent of Education White stated that the College Board, a national organization, selects from each state two Advanced Placement Scholars who represent the pinnacle of academic achievement with respect to Advanced Placement. The 2014 Louisiana State Scholars are:

- Sierra Runnels, who completed 18 Advanced Placement exams and scored 5 on all except one. Sierra is a National Merit Finalist and is attending the University of Georgia. She previously attended Baton Rouge Magnet High School; and
- Adel Rahman, who has completed 15 Advanced Placement exams and scored 5 on all except two. Adel is currently a senior at Baton Rouge Magnet High School and is a National Merit Semi-Finalist.

State Superintendent of Education White recognized Ms. Nanette McCann, Principal of Baton Rouge Magnet High School.

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On Point of Personal Privilege, Ms. Hill recognized Mr. McCaleb Henderson, Superintendent of the Community Association of Underprivileged Students, who works tirelessly to develop tutorial math and reading programs in EBR.

Agenda Item 6. **Board Committee Reports**

Agenda Item 6.1. **Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee**
(Schedule 2)

- 6.1.1 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board:
- a. approved the 2015-2016 Nonpublic School Academic Classifications, as presented by the LDE; and
 - b. approved three new schools:
 - The Emerge Center - East Baton Rouge Parish - Non-Accredited Approved;
 - The Church Academy - Ascension Parish - Non-Accredited Approved; and
 - Emmanuel Seventh Day Adventist School - Tangipahoa Parish - Non-Accredited Approved.
- 6.1.2 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report regarding requests from Local Education Agencies (LEAs) for waivers of policy contained in Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §2313. Elementary Programs of Study, which concerns Foreign Language waiver requests from LEAs for the 2014-2015 school year, submitted by the State Superintendent of Education.
- 6.1.3 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the requests from the Ascension Parish School System to waive policy contained in Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §903. Exceptional Students; and Bulletin 1530, *Louisiana IEP Handbook for Students with Exceptionalities*: §127. Three-Year Age Span, contingent upon the following:
1. IEPs are developed for each student and parents are aware of the age span issue via site determination;
 2. Class size and age ranges are not increased during the 2014-2015 school year;
 3. The age span for these four classes does not exceed one year, six months; and
 4. Class size does not exceed seven students.

- 6.1.4 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the request from the Tangipahoa Parish School System for a waiver of policy contained in Bulletin 1706, *Regulations for Implementation of the Children with Exceptionalities: §2001. Pupil/Teacher, and Pupil Appraisal Ratios for Public Education*, granted for the 2013-2014 school year, to be continued for the 2014-2015 school year. This would allow an increase in the pupil/teacher ratio from 30 to a maximum of 50 students for three Talented Visual Arts teachers, from 30 to a maximum of 64 students for three Talented Theatre teachers, and from 30 to a maximum of 32 students for one Talented Music teacher.
- The Tangipahoa Parish School System must monitor programming impacted by this request to assure that policies and procedures are consistently followed. For future waivers to be approved, the talented performance growth must not be negatively impacted and ratios should not increase from the current levels requested.
- 6.1.5 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the request from the Terrebonne Parish School System for a waiver of policy contained in Bulletin 1706, *Regulations for Implementation of the Children with Exceptionalities: §2001. Pupil/Teacher, and Pupil Appraisal Ratios for Public Education*, granted for the 2013-2014 school year, to be continued for the 2014-2015 school year. This would allow an increase in the pupil/teacher ratio from 30 to a maximum of 38 students for seven Gifted teachers, from 30 to a maximum of 49 students for one Talented Visual Arts teacher, and from 30 to a maximum of 41 students for one Talented Music teacher.
- The Terrebonne Parish School System must monitor programming impacted by this request to assure that policies and procedures are consistently followed. For future waivers to be approved, the gifted student academic performance levels should not reflect any impacts, and documentation of the talented services, performances, and exhibitions must be submitted to the LDE at the end of the school year. The talented population total should not reflect a decline in numbers.
- 6.1.6 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board denied the request from New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy (NOMMA) for a waiver of policy contained in Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System: §301. School Performance Score Goal*, as recommended by the State Superintendent of Education.

- 6.1.7 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report regarding the Spring 2015 assessments for grade levels 3 through 8.
- 6.1.8 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deferred until January 2015: "Consideration of a report regarding ACT and Advanced Placement (AP) participation and scores."
- 6.1.9 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the list of Disciplinary Hearing Officers, as presented by the LDE.
- 6.1.10 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following TOPS-Tech Early Start training program providers for the 2014-2015 academic year:
- Associated Builders and Contractors - Bayou and Pelican Chapters, and
 - St. James Parish School System.
- 6.1.11 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the authorization of the following course providers for School Year 2015-2016:
- Edmentum,
 - Pinnacle Learning Solutions,
 - St. Agatha Career School,
 - Urban League of Greater New Orleans, and
 - Youth Empowerment Project.
- 6.1.12 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the Fall 2014 Reading Report and directed the LDE to submit the report to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education.
- 6.1.13 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Panel meeting held on November 12, 2014.
- 6.1.14 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the minutes of the Early Childhood Advisory Council meetings held on October 21, 2014, and November 5, 2014.

- 6.1.15 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the minutes from the Accountability Commission meeting held on November 17, 2014.
- 6.1.16 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §2313. Elementary Programs and §2323. TOPS Honors Course Standards.
- 6.1.17 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 1530, *Louisiana's IEP Handbook for Students with Exceptionalities*: §503. Types of Alternate Assessments and §505. Alternate Assessment Participation Criteria.

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Public comments were received on the following agenda item:

Agenda Item 6.3., "Consideration of the proposed Bulletin 137, *Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*, as required by Act 868 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session:"

Support: Ms. Jodi Loar, Color Wheel Learning Center.

Oppose: None.

Information Only/Other: None.

- 6.1.18 On motion of Dr. Beebe, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board directed the LDE to provide a proposal in January 2015 regarding the development of a framework for professional development for early learning centers, including a professional training element addressing modules, online learning, etc.
- 6.1.18A On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, the establishment of Bulletin 137, *Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*: §101. Purpose and Authorization; §103. Definitions; §301. Requirements of Licensure; §303. Exemptions from Licensure; §305. Operating Without a License;

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Penalties; §307. Types of Licenses; §309. Term of License; §311. Posting of License; §313. Annual Licensure Fee; §315. Inspections; §317. Transitional Provisions; §319. Waivers; §501. Definitions; §503. Individuals and Entities as Owners for Licensing Purposes; §505. Prohibitions; §507. Criminal Background Checks for Owners; §509. State Central Registry Disclosure Forms for Owners; §701. Initial Application Process; §703. Initial Inspection Process; §705. Access; §707. Fees; §709. Validity of Licenses; §711. Renewal Applications; §713. Renewal and Other Inspection Procedures; §901. Change in Location; §903. Change of Ownership; §905. Change in License Type; §907. Notification of Temporary or Permanent Closure; §1101. Non-Critical Operating Violations; §1103. Critical Incidents and Required Notifications; §1105. Identified Critical Violations and Fines; §1107. Departmental Reconsideration of Assessment of Fine; §1109. Administrative Appeal of Assessment of Fine; §1111. Payment of Fines; §1301. Reasons for Denial, Revocation or Refusal to Renew; §1303. Notice of Denial, Revocation or Refusal to Renew; §1305. Posting of Notice of Revocation; §1307. Appeal of Denial, Revocation or Refusal to Renew; §1309. Disqualification Period Following Revocation or Refusal to Renew; §1311. Licensure Process Following Disqualification Period; §1501. Operations; §1503. General Liability Insurance Policy; §1505. Visitors; §1507. Daily Attendance Records; §1509. Policies; §1511. Procedures; §1513. Schedules; §1515. Child Records and Cumulative Files; §1701. Prohibitions; §1703. Criminal Background Checks for Volunteers, Staff, Visitors and Independent Contractors; §1705. State Central Registry Disclosure Forms for Volunteers and Staff; §1707. Required Staff; §1709. Director Qualification; §1711. Child to Staff Minimum Ratios; §1713. Supervision; §1715. Staff Records and Personnel Files; §1717. Records for Independent Contractors and Student Trainees; §1719. Orientation Training; §1721. Continuing Education; §1723. CPR and First Aid Certifications; §1725. Medication Management Training; §1901. General Safety Requirements; §1903. Physical Environment; §1905. Nighttime Care for Children; §1907. Furnishings and Equipment; §1909. Safe Sleep Practices. §1911. Care of Children; §1913. Water Activities; §1915. Health Services; §1917. Medication Administration; §1919. Food Service and Nutrition; §1921. Emergency Preparedness and Evacuation Planning; §2101. General Requirements (Center provided, parent provided or contract transportation); §2103. Daily Transportation (Contract or Center Provided); §2105. Field Trips; §2107. Motor Vehicle Passenger Checks; and §2109. Non-vehicular Excursions, related to the establishment of

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statewide minimum standards for the health, safety, and well-being of children in early learning centers.

Further, the Board:

- approved the LDE's request to delete the following language from §1707.A.:
 3. ~~A director or director designee shall be at least age 21 and have a high school diploma or GED.~~
- amended §1721.A. as follows:
 - A. Early learning centers shall provide opportunities for continuing education of staff members. The center staff of Type II and Type III centers, excluding Foster Grandparents, shall obtain a minimum of 12 clock hours of training annually in the topics found in §1719(A) and (B) conducted by trainers approved by the Licensing Division. The Licensing Division shall keep a registry of approved trainers. The center staff of Type I centers, excluding Foster Grandparents, shall obtain a minimum of 3 clock hours of training annually in the topics found in §1719(A) and (B). Beginning July 1, 2015, Type I center staff shall obtain a minimum of 6 clock hours of such training annually. Beginning July 1, 2016, Type I center staff shall obtain a minimum of 9 clock hours of such training annually. Beginning July 1, 2017, Type I center staff shall obtain a minimum of 12 clock hours of such training annually.

6.1.19 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board directed the State Superintendent of Education to revisit the issue of lowering the child to staff ratios for two-year-olds and the pace of the reduction after the funding issues are discussed during the 2015 Legislative Session. The report shall be given at the first scheduled Board meeting after the close of the 2015 Legislative Session.

6.1.20 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*: §613. Calculating a Graduation Index, related to the process for calculating the graduation index.

6.1.21 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 118, *Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices: §3307. Limited English Proficient Students.*

Agenda **Administration and Finance Committee** (Schedule 3)
Item 6.2.

6.2.1 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board received the report on the approved 8(g) block grant projects for elementary/secondary education for FY 2014-2015.

6.2.2 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board received the report on LDE contracts of \$50,000 and under approved by the State Superintendent of Education.

6.2.3 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board received the quarterly report of expenditures and budget balances of 8(g) projects for FY 2014-2015.

6.2.4 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board received the report on the evaluation results for those LEAs/Districts failing to meet the 70% Instructional Requirement based on FY 2012-2013 Annual Financial Report (AFR) data.

6.2.5 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved the 8(g) Statewide budget revisions for New Schools Incubation (S075) and Educator Preparation Pilot Program (S078).

Student Centered Goals - Competitive

6.2.6 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: *Jump Starting* Jump Start Grants - Round II
Amount: \$200,000.00
Funding Period: 12/3/2014 - 6/30/2015
Source of Funds: IAT - 8(g)

Purpose: *Jump Starting* Jump Start Grants provide statewide student access to career counseling services. Career counseling services enable an engaged adult to interact with high school students to help

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determine the traditional or non-traditional college and career training pathways that might work best for them. *Jump Starting* Jump Start grants also enable schools and industry to work together to maximize the number of authentic workplace experiences (ranging from industry speakers to workplace visits to apprenticeships and internships) available to Louisiana students.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations were based on: (1) quality/practicality of planned expenditures; (2) level of multi-district (and charter school) collaboration; (3) documented industry support, including the requirement that a minimum of four industry, economic development, and/or workforce development stakeholders participate in the development of the grant application; (4) documented school principal support; and (5) potential sustainability, including but not limited to: (a) commitment of matching funding; (b) involvement of business, economic development, and workforce development stakeholders; and (c) school principal commitment.

School and District Supports - Competitive

6.2.7 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation:	Louisiana Safe and Supportive Schools Initiative (LSSSI)
Amount:	\$1,071,673.00
Funding Period:	10/1/2014 - 9/30/2015
Source of Funds:	Federal

Purpose: The purpose of these funds is to assist persistently low performing LEAs in developing a systematic approach to improving conditions for learning by using data as a tool for identifying patterns of failure, diagnosing problems, developing appropriate interventions and strategies, and monitoring progress for continuous improvement. The allocation is to expand professional development to build support for youth and parents. Professional development will be provided by Climate Coaches, PASSS Team Members, and mentors/trainers.

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Basis of Allocation: This is a supplemental allocation of \$1,071,673.00 for participating LSSSI school districts to conduct school climate activities in accordance with USDOE requirements. The funds will be allocated as follows: (a) Caddo Parish LSSSI Project: \$346,000 to plan, organize, and host 350 participants at the annual School Climate Institute; stipends and materials for four (4) mentors/trainers to conduct parental involvement activities; and to purchase materials and supplies to implement capacity-building training around mental health and social and emotional support; (b) Lafayette Parish LSSSI Project: \$200,000 to conduct professional development training for staff and to train trainers in Mental Health First Aid, and implementation of PBIS Tier 2 and 3; (c) Tangipahoa Parish LSSSI Project: \$146,000.00 to plan, train, and implement Ripple Effects; professional development for staff; implementation of Tier 2 and 3 PBIS; and parental involvement activities; (d) Lafourche Parish LSSSI Project: \$146,000 to provide professional development for staff; train trainers in Mental Health First Aid; and to implement a Safe Schools app district-wide; (e) Terrebonne Parish LSSSI Project: \$75,000 to provide professional development for staff; expand implementation of PBIS; and provide parental involvement activities; (f) Jefferson Parish LSSSI Project: \$146,000 to plan, train, and implement a restorative practices pilot program; professional development for staff; conduct program assessment; and to purchase resource materials; and (g) East Baton Rouge Parish LSSSI Project: \$12,673.00 to plan, train, and implement parental involvement activities.

- 6.2.8 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved the following LDE contract amendment:

Contractor:	SchoolWorks
Contract Period:	3/15/2013 - 12/31/2015
Previous Amount:	\$596,400.00
Amended Amount:	\$298,200.00
Contract Amount:	\$894,600.00
Fund:	IAT - MFP Admin.
Competitive Process:	Competitive

Description of Service: The contractor will formally evaluate charter applications submitted to the LDE during the application period and make recommendations to the State Superintendent of Education.

- 6.2.9 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board received the report on the FY 2013-2014 Fiscal Risk Assessment process.

- 6.2.10 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Gordon, Arata, McCollam, Duplantis & Eagan, LLC
Contract Period: 2/1/2014 - 1/31/2017
Previous Amount: \$800,000.00
Amended Amount: \$800,000.00
Contract Amount: \$1,600,000.00
Fund: Federal - Lexington Insurance Proceeds
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for additional legal services required for the RSD and the State of Louisiana arising out of the massive capital program to rebuild the Orleans Parish Public School System.

- 6.2.11 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Holly & Smith Architects, APAC
Contract Period: 1/21/2010 - 1/21/2016
Previous Amount: \$2,243,902.93
Amended Amount: \$689.56
Contract Amount: \$2,244,592.49
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for the reimbursable expense of the Mobile Interpretive Display Cart Image, City of New Orleans digital filing fee, and City of New Orleans cost for recording approved zoning plans and building fund for the new Phillis Wheatley Elementary School.

- 6.2.12 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: N-Y Associates, Inc. Consulting Engineers Architects & Planners
Contract Period: 1/15/2014 - 1/15/2017

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Previous Amount: \$324,260.00
Amended Amount: \$69,709.60
Contract Amount: \$393,969.60
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for additional services for environmental engineering, surveying, a comprehensive historic door and window assessment report, and the design of a bid alternate for Lafayette Elementary School.

6.2.13 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: N-Y Associates, Inc. Consulting Engineers
Architects & Planners
Contract Period: 1/15/2014 - 1/15/2017
Previous Amount: \$116,835.00
Amended Amount: \$24,880.00
Contract Amount: \$141,715.00
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for the additional service for the development of measured drawings by the designer for kitchen improvements at Walter L. Cohen High School. It also provides for the additional service for extensive building program revisions for the kitchen improvements at various RSD schools. It provides for the additional service of a topographic survey for Henry Allen Elementary School; Walter L. Cohen High School; Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School; and Sarah T. Reed High School.

6.2.14 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: N-Y Associates, Inc. Consulting Engineers
Architects & Planners
Contract Period: 10/17/2012 - 10/17/2015
Previous Amount: \$270,127.51
Amended Amount: \$39,000.00

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Contract Amount: \$309,127.51
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for the additional service for a comprehensive historic door and window assessment report for the Andrew Jackson School refurbishment. It also provides for the additional service for the design of a bid add alternate number one for the Andrew Jackson School refurbishment.

6.2.15 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: N-Y Associates, Inc. Consulting Engineers
Architects & Planners
Contract Period: 12/5/2012 - 12/5/2015
Previous Amount: \$188,521.77
Amended Amount: \$46,150.00
Contract Amount: \$234,671.77
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for the additional service for a comprehensive historic door and window assessment report for the Henry Allen School refurbishment. It also provides for the additional service for the design of a bid add alternate number one for the Henry Allen School refurbishment.

6.2.16 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: VergesRome Architects, APAC
Contract Period: 10/16/2013 - 10/16/2016
Previous Amount: \$847,296.00
Amended Amount: \$8,100.00
Contract Amount: \$855,396.00
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

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Description of Service: This amendment provides for the additional service for preparation of a window assessment of the existing wood and steel windows for the Live Oak Elementary School refurbishment. It also provides for the reimbursable expense of the application fee for the appeal before the Board of Building Standards and Appeals for the City of New Orleans for the Live Oak Elementary School refurbishment.

- 6.2.17 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor:	Yeates & Yeates Architects, LLC
Contract Period:	6/15/2007 - 6/15/2015
Previous Amount:	\$2,545,794.56
Amended Amount:	\$16,526.15
Contract Amount:	\$2,562,320.71
Fund:	IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process:	Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment adjusts the designer's fee for basic services based on the revised final construction contract amount due to additional approved change orders less the value of any change orders attributable to the designer's errors or omissions for the new Fannie C. Williams Elementary School. This adjusts the additional service fee for the learning garden scope of work to the actual amount for the new Fannie C. Williams Elementary School.

- 6.2.18 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board received an update on RSD Capital Projects from October 2014 including: RSD Monthly Summary for October 2014; OPSB Monthly Summary for October 2014; Superintendents' Reports for October 2014; RSD Open Contracts as of November 7, 2014; and OPSB Open Contracts as of November 7, 2014.

- 6.2.19 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board received the report regarding the BESE Budget.

- 6.2.20 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board received the report regarding the MFP Task Force.

Agenda **Committee of the Whole**
 Item 6.3. **Administration and Finance Committee** (Schedule 4)

6.3.1 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Chenevert Architects, LLC
 Previous Amount: \$2,438,620.01
 Amended Amount: \$30,979.35
 Contract Amount: \$2,469,599.36
 Contract Period: 12/20/2007 - 12/20/2015
 Fund: IAT - FEMA
 Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for the extension of the contract end date for Lawrence D. Crocker School from December 20, 2014, to December 20, 2015. It also 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.

6.3.2 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following RSD contract:

Contractor: Mahlum Scairono Martinez Joint Venture
 Contract Amount: \$166,314.00
 Contract Period: 10/15/2014 - 10/15/2017
 Fund: IAT - FEMA
 Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This project consists of refurbishment of Thurgood Marshall School.

6.3.3 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Mahlum Scairono Martinez Joint Venture
 Previous Amount: \$1,375,942.00

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Amended Amount: \$34,535.00
Contract Amount: \$1,410,477.00
Contract Period: 06/19/2013 - 09/19/2016
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for breaking the contract into two separate projects. It also provides for additional surveying, geotechnical, and environmental services for Harriet R. Tubman Elementary School renovation.

- 6.3.4 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: VergesRome Architects, APAC
Previous Amount: \$453,744.50
Amended Amount: \$129,682.00
Contract Amount: \$583,426.50
Contract Period: 12/05/2012 - 12/05/2015
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for an increase in the designer's fee for basic services based on the actual low bidder's price from bids received July 17, 2014, and additional services for the preparation of a window assessment for Samuel J. Green School refurbishment.

- 6.3.5 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: VergesRome Architects, APAC
Previous Amount: \$2,696,406.00
Amended Amount: \$82,806.40
Contract Amount: \$2,779,212.40
Contract Period: 03/07/2014 - 03/07/2017
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

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Description of Service: This amendment provides for the contract to be broken into two separate projects as well as additional services for a traffic impact study; a water flow test; a land survey; Phase I ESA Environmental Survey; lead based paint, asbestos, and mold survey; an elevator assessment; structural analysis on the gymnasium; and reimbursable expenses for LEED for schools registration.

6.3.6 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received an update on RSD Capital Projects from September 2014 including: RSD Monthly Summary for September 2014; OPSB Monthly Summary for September 2014; Superintendents' Reports for September 2014; RSD Open Contracts as of October 6, 2014; OPSB Open Contracts as of October 6, 2014; and Bid Tabulations for September 2014.

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Public comments were received on the following agenda item:

Agenda Item 3.1., "Consideration of an update report regarding meetings and the community engagement process concerning the future use and control of the John McDonogh facility."

Support: None.

Oppose: Mr. Stanley C. Smith, Orleans Parish School Board.

Information Only/Other: Mr. Walter Goodwin and Mr. Frank Buckley, concerned citizens.

6.3.7 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board:

- a. received the report regarding meetings and the community engagement process concerning the future use and control of the John McDonogh facility; and
- b. directed the State Superintendent of Education to issue a request for proposals for the purpose of operating the John McDonogh facility.

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

- Agenda Item 6.4. **Committee of the Whole**
School Innovation and Turnaround Committee (Schedule 5)
- 6.4.1 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board received the update report regarding the OneApp centralized enrollment system for Orleans Parish Schools.
- 6.4.2 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board received the presentation regarding the Greater New Orleans Jump Start Regional Team.
- 6.4.3 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board received the report pertaining to the status of and recommendation for schools transferred to the RSD.
- Agenda Item 6.5. **Educator Effectiveness Committee** (Schedule 6)
- 6.5.1 On motion of Ms. Boffy, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board received the 2013-2014 Teacher Exit Survey and Attrition Report and authorized the LDE to submit the report to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education.
- 6.5.2 On motion of Ms. Boffy, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the following teacher education program, as recommended by the LDE:

Tulane University: Certification-Only Alternate Program in Latin Grades 6-12.
- 6.5.3 On motion of Ms. Boffy, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved a one-year delay in the continuing accreditation visit for Louisiana State University at Alexandria.
- 6.5.4 On motion of Ms. Boffy, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*: §233. The Practitioner Teacher Program Alternative Path to Certification (Minimum Requirements); §235. The Master's Degree Program Alternative Path to Certification (Minimum Requirements); §237. Certification-Only Program Alternative Path to Certification; §243. PRAXIS Exams and Scores;
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§605. Requirements to Add Early Childhood (Grades PK-3); §607. Requirements to Add Elementary (Grades 1-5); and §630. Requirements to add Mild/Moderate (1-5), (4-8) and (6-12)—Mandatory 7/1/2010 to reflect new Praxis Elementary exams required for Louisiana licensure.

- 6.5.5 On motion of Ms. Boffy, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board granted the issuance of a Louisiana teaching certificate appropriate to the credentials of Mr. Jeffrey Rogers.
- 6.5.6 On motion of Ms. Boffy, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board granted the issuance of a Louisiana teaching certificate appropriate to the credentials of Mr. Lester Jenkins.
- 6.5.7 On motion of Ms. Boffy, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board granted the issuance of a Louisiana teaching certificate appropriate to the credentials of Mr. Corey Allen.
- 6.5.8 On motion of Ms. Boffy, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 3 teaching certificate, #473703, issued to Ms. Desarae Knighten.
- 6.5.9 On motion of Ms. Boffy, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board revoked the Louisiana Type A teaching certificate, #443031, issued to Mr. Jefferson Hayden.
- 6.5.10 On motion of Ms. Boffy, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board revoked the Level 1 teaching certificate, #417713, issued to Ms. Courtney Price.
- 6.5.11 On motion of Ms. Boffy, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board revoked the Louisiana Type B teaching certificate, #070402, and the Louisiana Ancillary Talented Music teaching certificate, #001696, issued to Mr. Miles Schexnayder.
- 6.5.12 On motion of Ms. Boffy, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board revoked the Louisiana Ancillary School Psychologist certificate, #451294, issued to Mr. Ron Winfrey.

Agenda Item 6.6. **School Innovation and Turnaround Committee** (Schedule 7)

- 6.6.1 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board required Innovators in Milestone to submit a request for a material amendment to its charter contract at the March 5, 2015, School Innovation and Turnaround Committee meeting regarding a change in the physical location of the Milestone Academy permanent facility. The request for the material amendment must be received by the LDE-established deadline.
- 6.6.2 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board approved:
- the 2015 Common Charter Application for all charter school types;
 - the 2015 Charter Application Timeline for Types 2, 4, and 5 charter schools; and
 - the 2015 Local District Charter Application timeline, which may be amended by the LDE as needed.
- 6.6.3 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board deleted from the agenda: “Consideration of the Type 2 Charter Application submitted by Louisiana Charter Foundation for Rapides and Terrebonne Parishes in response to the 2014 Request for Applications.”
- 6.6.4 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board deleted from the agenda: “Consideration of Type 2 Charter Application submitted by Louisiana Delta Empowerment Group in response to the 2014 Request for Applications.”
- 6.6.5 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board approved the LDE recommendation to renew the charter contract for KIPP New Orleans Leadership Academy, operated by KIPP New Orleans, Inc., for a term of three years, noting that an addendum regarding academic performance and professional development be included in the current and renewal charter contracts, to be signed by the President of BESE and charter organization representatives no later than the January 2015 BESE meetings.

- 6.6.6 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board deferred until the January 2015 BESE meetings, consideration of the report regarding the automatic renewal of Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School, operated by The Friends of King School, Inc., noting that an addendum regarding enrollment policies and procedures be included in the current and renewal charter contracts for Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School, to be signed by the President of BESE and charter organization representatives no later than the January 2015 BESE meeting.
- 6.6.7 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board approved the LDE recommendation to grant an extension for the following schools for the remainder of each charter school's term:
- Lake Charles Charter Academy, operated by Lake Charles Charter Academy Foundation, Inc.;
 - Louisiana Connections Academy, operated by Friends of Louisiana Connections Academy, Inc.;
 - Louisiana Virtual Charter Academy, operated by Community School for Apprenticeship Learning, Inc.;
 - New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy, operated by New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy, Inc.;
 - Fannie C. Williams Charter School, operated by Community Leaders Advocating Student Success, Inc.;
 - Harriet Tubman Charter School, operated by Crescent City Schools, Inc.; and
 - ReNEW Delores T. Aaron Elementary School, operated by ReNEW – Reinventing Education, Inc.
- 6.6.8 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board approved the LDE recommendation to grant a probationary extension for the following schools for the remainder of each charter school's term:
- Lycée Français de la Nouvelle Orleans, operated by Lycée Français de la Nouvelle Orleans, Inc.;
 - Joseph S. Clark Charter High School, operated by Firstline Schools, Inc.;
 - ReNEW Accelerated #1 High School, operated by ReNEW – Reinventing Education, Inc.; and
 - ReNEW Accelerated #2 High School, operated by ReNEW – Reinventing Education, Inc.

6.6.9 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board approved the LDE recommendation to renew the following schools for the terms listed as follows:

- International High School of New Orleans, operated by Voices for International Business and Education, Inc., for a term of six years;
- MAX Charter School, operated by the Maxine Giardina Charter School, Inc., for a term of three years;
- Louisiana School for Agricultural Sciences, operated by Avoyelles Parish School Board, for a term of six years;
- Algiers Technology Academy, operated by Algiers Charter Schools Association, Inc., for a term of three years;
- Arthur Ashe Charter School, operated by Firstline Schools, Inc., for a term of six years;
- Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School, operated by Algiers Charter Schools Association, Inc., for a term of three years;
- Edgar P. Harney Spirit of Excellence Academy, operated by Spirit of Excellence Academy, Inc., for a term of four years;
- Gentilly Terrace Charter School, operated by New Beginnings Schools Foundation, Inc., for a term of three years;
- John Dibert Community School, operated by Firstline Schools, Inc., for a term of six years;
- KIPP Renaissance High School, operated by KIPP New Orleans, Inc., for a term of three years;
- Morris Jeff Community School, operated by Morris Jeff Community School, Inc., for a term of six years;
- ReNEW Cultural Arts Academy, operated by ReNEW – Reinventing Education, Inc., for a term of three years;
- ReNEW SciTech Academy, operated by ReNEW – Reinventing Education, Inc., for a term of six years;
- Sophie B. Wright Learning Academy, operated by Institute for Academic Excellence, Inc., for a term of four years; and
- Sylvanie Williams College Prep, operated by New Orleans College Preparatory Academies, Inc., for a term of three years.

6.6.10 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board received the report regarding the automatic renewal of the charter contracts for the terms listed below:

- Avoyelles Public Charter School, operated by Avoyelles Public Charter School, Inc., for a term of ten years;

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- International School of Louisiana, operated by International School of Louisiana, Inc., for a term of ten years;
- Esperanza Charter School, operated by Choice Foundation, Inc., for a term of seven years; and
- Martin Behrman Elementary School, operated by Algiers Charter Schools Association, Inc., for a term of seven years.

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Item 7.

Board Advisory Council Reports

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Item 7.1.

Nonpublic School Council

(Schedule 8)

On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the minutes of the Nonpublic School Council meeting held October 21, 2014, and approved the tentative agenda for February 3, 2015.

Agenda
Item 7.2.

Superintendents' Advisory Council

(Schedule 9)

On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the minutes of the Superintendents' Advisory Council meeting held November 14, 2014, and approved the tentative agenda for February 12, 2015.

Agenda
Item 8.

Received and/or Referred

Public comments were received on the following agenda item:

Agenda Item 8.1., "Receive Resolution No. 31-14 from the Orleans Parish School Board requesting the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Recovery School District to cease, discontinue, and refrain from creating new public schools in the Parish of Orleans:"

Support: Mr. Stanley Smith, Orleans Parish School Board.

Oppose: None.

Information Only/Other: None.

Agenda Item 8.1. On motion of Dr. Beebe, seconded by Ms. Hill, the Board received Resolution No. 31-14 from the Orleans Parish School Board requesting the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Recovery School District to cease, discontinue, and refrain from creating new public schools in the Parish of Orleans. (Schedule 10)

Agenda Item 8.2. On motion of Dr. Beebe, seconded by Ms. Hill, the Board received the Resolution from the St. Tammany Parish School Board concerning Common Core State Standards and PARCC testing. (Schedule 11)

Agenda Item 9. **Items for Consideration**

Agenda Item 9.1. On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board approved new course offerings (FY 2014-2015) for the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts (LSMSA). (Schedule 12)

Agenda Item 9.2. On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the appointment of Ms. Shan N. Davis as Executive Director of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education effective December 21, 2014.

Agenda Item 9.3. On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board went into Executive Session at 10:13 a.m. to discuss litigation concerning P.B., by and through his next friend, Cassandra Berry, et al. v. John White, Louisiana State Superintendent of Education in his official capacity; Louisiana Department of Education; and Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Civil Case No. 10-cv-04049, Section A.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Yeas: Dr. Beebe, Ms. Boffy, Ms. Bradford, Mr. Garvey, Ms. Hill, Mr. Lee, Ms. Orange Jones, and Mr. Roemer.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absences: Mr. Guillot, Dr. Miranti, and Ms. Smith.

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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 Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board reconvened into Regular Session at 10:44 a.m. A quorum was present.

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Item 9.3.

On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved granting settlement authority to the Louisiana Department of Education relative to litigation concerning P.B., by and through his next friend, Cassandra Berry, et al. v. John White, Louisiana State Superintendent of Education in his official capacity; Louisiana Department of Education; and Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Civil Case No. 10-cv-04049, Section A.

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