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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 January 14, 2015**

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION**

**JANUARY 14, 2015**

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

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in regular session on January 14, 2015, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m. by Board President Chas Roemer, and opened with a prayer by Ms. Danielle Staten, East Baton Rouge Parish School System.

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

Ms. Deborah Joseph, East Baton Rouge Parish School System, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

On Point of Personal Privilege, Mr. Roemer introduced and welcomed Ms. Mary Johnson Harris, newly appointed BESE Member for District 4.

Agenda Item 3. On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board approved the minutes of December 3, 2014.

Agenda Item 4. **Report by the State Superintendent of Education**

State Superintendent of Education John White stated that it is clear that revenue issues are driving the dialogue regarding the executive budget and there is cause for concern in two regards:

- An MFP proposal will be brought to the Board in two months. Additional funding should be sought for public education where possible and at the same time due deference should be shown to the Legislature and the Governor as they navigate this inopportune challenge.

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- LDE will be experiencing challenges to its organizational model in terms of changes that would have to be made in order to meet the financial circumstances that the executive budget seems to present.

On Point of Personal Privilege, Ms. Boffy expressed regrets on behalf of Ms. Carla Jackson, State Teacher of the Year, who was unable to attend the January 13, 2015, Committee meetings.

On Point of Personal Privilege, Ms. Hill recognized and presented a certificate to Ms. Meta Johnson, 2014-2015 Educational Diagnostician of the Year.

Agenda Item 5.        **Board Committee Reports**

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

5.2.1            On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board approved Brumfield vs. Dodd certifications for the following schools: Indian Bible Academy - Allen Parish; Lakeview Maria Montessori Preschool - St. Tammany Parish; and The Emerge Center - East Baton Rouge Parish.

5.1.2            On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board ratified the emergency provision to amend Bulletin 1530, *Louisiana's IEP Handbook for Students with Exceptionalities*: §503. Types of Alternate Assessments, and §505. Alternate Assessment Participation Criteria, effective December 11, 2014.

5.1.3            On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board approved the request from the Tangipahoa Parish School System to waive policy contained in Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §913. Class Size and Ratios, to increase the class size from 26 students to 33 students for three accelerated combination classes (grades 1-3) utilizing the Montessori Method of instruction at the Hammond Westside Montessori School, contingent upon the following:

- class size does not exceed 33 students;
- academic performance measures should not reflect a decline in scores; and
- the system-wide student classroom teacher ratio in grades K-3 remains at a maximum of 20 students to one classroom teacher.

- 5.1.4 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board deleted from the January 2015 Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee agenda: "Consideration of a request from an LEA for a waiver of policy contained in Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*, submitted by the State Superintendent of Education."
- 5.1.5 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board deferred the report regarding recurrent waiver requests of BESE policy submitted by LEAs to the State Superintendent of Education until the March 2015 Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee meeting.
- 5.1.6 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board approved the "Report on Alternative Education Schools and Programs - SY 2013-2014" and authorized the LDE to submit the report to the governor, the House Committee on Education, and the Senate Committee on Education.
- 5.1.7 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board approved Media Arts I, II, III, and IV as course equivalents for Art for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) Core Curriculum for the 2014-2015 ninth grade cohort and beyond.
- 5.1.8 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board approved Public Service as a Jump Start Graduation Pathway, as recommended by the LDE.
- 5.1.9 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board received the Test Security Irregularities Report for the 2013-2014 school year.
- 5.1.10 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board received the minutes of the Early Childhood Advisory Council meeting held December 8, 2014.
- 5.1.11 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board received the minutes of the Accountability Commission meeting held January 5, 2015.
- 5.1.12 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators: §2318*. The TOPS University Diploma.

5.1.13 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Nonpublic Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators: §2109. High School Graduation Requirements.*

5.1.14 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board received the report regarding ACT and Advanced Placement (AP) participation and scores.

5.1.15 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board deferred the report regarding the development of a framework for professional development for early learning centers until the June 2015 Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee meeting.

Agenda Item 5.2. **Administration and Finance Committee** (Schedule 3)

5.2.1 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board received the quarterly report from the LDE Director of Internal Audit.

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

5.2.3 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board received the report on in-state travel for Board members to be reimbursed from the BESE budget.

5.2.4 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board received the quarterly report of expenditures and budget balances of 8(g) projects for FY 2014-2015.

5.2.5 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board received the report on the Special School District budget.

5.2.6 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board received the report on LDE contracts of \$50,000 and under approved by the State Superintendent of Education

**District Support - Competitive**

5.2.7 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Early Childhood  
Amount: \$615,000.00  
Funding Period: 01/15/2015 - 06/30/2015  
Source of Funds: State/IAT-CCDF

Purpose: The purpose of these funds is to support Early Childhood Network Pilots (Cohort 3) to implement the five strategies outlined in the Early Childhood Care and Education Network - Roadmap to 2015:

1. unify expectations;
2. support teachers and providers;
3. measure and recognize progress;
4. fund high quality providers; and
5. provide clear information and high quality choices.

The ultimate goal of the Early Childhood Care and Education Network is to prepare our youngest learners for Kindergarten.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations were determined competitively via an application. There was a two-step screening process: (1) application review for basic requirements; and (2) interviews.

Allocations represent 20% of year one allocations.

**School and District Support - Competitive**

5.2.8 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: High Cost Services Grant - Round 2  
Amount: \$700,987.00  
Funding Period: 01/14/2015 - 09/30/2015  
Source of Funds: Federal

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Purpose: High Cost Services refers to IDEA State Set Aside funds made available to provide additional supports and services to LEAs serving students with high needs. The provision for states to implement High Cost grants was introduced in response to concerns that costs for services for children with the most significant disabilities negatively impact the resources of districts and states, thus making it extremely difficult to provide individualized supports and services necessary for students to thrive in the education setting. These funds are available only to students who qualify for services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Basis of Allocation: SCR 55, the MFP Resolution for FY 2014-2015, outlines the method for calculating and allocating the High Cost Services Allocation based on four tiers. The cost for qualifying students must exceed three times the average state per pupil expenditure. Applications will be funded based on the needs of the student, the cost to educate the student, the impact of the costs of services on the budget of the school system or school where the student is enrolled, and the availability of funds.

#### **District Support - Other**

5.2.9 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation:	Early Childhood Community Network Pilot Technology Support
Amount:	\$173,500.00
Funding Period:	01/15/2015 - 06/30/2015
Source of Funds:	State

Purpose: Technology support is provided to community network pilots in order to field test the data systems associated with the CLASS and Teaching Strategies Gold assessments and enhance the local technology infrastructure to support and encourage the understanding and implementation of the standards, instruction, and assessment model.

Basis of Allocation: All community network pilots are receiving technology support through this allocation. Amounts are based on distribution of classrooms and teachers within each pilot network.

- 5.2.10 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the following LDE contract:

Contractor: Louisiana State University-Baton Rouge  
Contract Period: 03/01/2015 - 09/30/2016  
Contract Amount: \$1,057,974.00  
Fund: Federal - IDEA -Part D  
Competitive Process: Non Competitive

Description of Service: The contract continues to provide research-based educational professional development to educators who work with students with disabilities in such areas as inclusive practices, culturally responsive practices, school family partnerships, and data-base decision making.

- 5.2.11 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the following LDE contract:

Contractor: Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center  
Contract Period: 01/01/2015 - 12/31/2015  
Contract Amount: \$251,127.00  
Fund: Federal - IDEA -Part B  
Competitive Process: Non Competitive

Description of Service: The Human Development Center will assist the LDE in developing and implementing a comprehensive plan for professional development of IEP teams in Louisiana. Phase 1 will focus on the development, with rigorous stakeholder input, of five modules covering the essential components of the IEP team process. Phase 2 will support the state in dissemination of professional learning in six regional events and creating and maintaining access to on-demand learning via internet access.

- 5.2.12 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the following LDE contract:

Contractor: Archdiocese of New Orleans  
Contract Period: 01/20/2015 - 06/30/2016  
Contract Amount: \$163,525.00

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Fund: State - HB1 Appropriation  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: The Archdiocese of New Orleans will increase the capacity of selected schools to serve more Louisiana Scholarship Program students by partnering with CTB/McGraw-Hill Education to implement data-driven, blended learning curriculum and assessments.

5.2.13 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the following LDE contract:

Contractor: Diocese of Baton Rouge  
Contract Period: 01/20/2015 - 06/30/2016  
Contract Amount: \$75,058.00  
Fund: State - HB1 Appropriation  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: The Diocese of Baton Rouge will increase the capacity of selected schools to serve more Louisiana Scholarship Program students by partnering with the Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana (A+PEL), which will provide professional development workshops, school site visit evaluations, and support with blended learning.

5.2.14 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the following LDE contract:

Contractor: Diocese of Shreveport  
Contract Period: 01/20/2015 - 06/30/2016  
Contract Amount: \$110,988.00  
Fund: State - HB1 Appropriation  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: The Diocese of Shreveport will increase the capacity of selected schools to serve more Louisiana Scholarship Program students by partnering with the School Leadership Center, which will provide teacher support and coaching, as well as leadership development fellowships.

5.2.15 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the following LDE contract amendment:

Contractor: Akili Academy/Crescent City Schools  
Contract Period: 07/01/2013 - 06/30/2015  
Previous Amount: \$1,058,400.00  
Amended Amount: \$74,400.00  
Contract Amount: \$1,132,800.00  
Fund: Federal - Title IV, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC)  
Competitive Process: Competitive/ 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC RFP Process

Description of Service: This contract provides before-, during-, and after-school academic enrichment opportunities for children attending low-performing schools through the establishment and operation of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers.

5.2.16 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the following LDE contract amendment:

Contractor: Urban Support Agency, Inc.  
Contract Period: 07/01/2013 - 06/30/2015  
Previous Amount: \$1,279,200.00  
Amended Amount: \$160,400.00  
Contract Amount: \$1,439,600.00  
Fund: Federal - Title IV, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC)  
Competitive Process: Competitive/ 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC RFP Process

Description of Service: This contract provides before-, during-, and after-school academic enrichment opportunities for children attending low-performing schools through the establishment and operation of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers.

On Point of Personal Privilege, Mr. Roemer recognized Representative J. Kevin Pearson, House Retirement Committee.

5.2.17 On motion of Dr. Beebe, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board deferred until March 2015: "Consideration of LDE contracts and leases of \$50,000 and over," pertaining to the proposed contract with the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and

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Mechanical College for the period 12/01/2014 - 12/31/2015 in the amount of \$142,438.00 to provide a projection of the costs of the present retirement system and the ability of school boards to finance these costs, including policy recommendations for improving TRSL's ability to meet both unfunded accrued liability and the long term sustainability of the system.

5.2.18 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board received the report from Education Finance staff concerning Type 2 charter school budgets and expenditure reports, including irregularities and concerns.

5.2.19 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board received the report from Education Finance staff concerning Type 5 charter school budgets and expenditure reports, including irregularities and concerns.

5.2.20 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Byron J. Stewart & Associates, APC  
Architects & Planners  
Contract Period: 10/17/2012 - 10/17/2015  
Previous Amount: \$145,780.85  
Amended Amount: \$1,880.00  
Contract Amount: \$147,660.85  
Fund: IAT - FEMA  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for the additional service associated with the preparation for the appeal process for Sarah T. Reed School refurbishment. It also provides for the reimbursable expense for the filing fee with the Appeals Board for Sarah T. Reed School refurbishment.

5.2.21 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Duplantis Design Group, PC  
Contract Period: 10/17/2012 - 10/17/2015

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Previous Amount: \$286,612.60  
Amended Amount: \$10,000.00  
Contract Amount: \$296,612.60  
Fund: IAT - FEMA  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for additional services for the development of a comprehensive historic door and window assessment report for the refurbishment of Agnes L. Bauduit School.

5.2.22 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Harry Baker Smith Architects II, PLLC  
Contract Period: 10/17/2012 - 10/17/2015  
Previous Amount: \$137,253.90  
Amended Amount: \$800.00  
Contract Amount: \$138,053.90  
Fund: IAT - FEMA  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for the reimbursable expense for the submittal of the appeal package to the Board of Standards and Appeals for Dwight D. Eisenhower School refurbishment.

5.2.23 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Jacobs Project Management Company/CSRS Consortium  
Contract Period: 12/01/2013 - 11/30/2016  
Previous Amount: \$24,660,431.31  
Amended Amount: \$715,583.69  
Contract Amount: \$25,376,015.00  
Fund: IAT - FEMA  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for additional services for grants management - Phase I - large outstanding issues resolution (PM/CM - DAC)/grant debt/undocumented advances/applied

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payments and PA Program Specialist; dedicated professional services for construction quality evaluations for William Frantz Elementary School; additional office space for RSD; coordination of ribbon cuttings and ground breakings; and meeting space for design-build oral presentations for the new Carver High School, Sherwood Forest Elementary School, and Paul B. Habans Elementary School.

- 5.2.24 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Moses Engineers, Inc.  
Contract Period: 12/09/2010 - 6/09/2015  
Previous Amount: \$80,597.80  
Amended Amount: \$15,023.00  
Contract Amount: \$95,620.80  
Fund: IAT - FEMA  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment increases the designer's fee for basic services based on the final construction price after change orders.

- 5.2.25 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the following RSD contract:

Contractor: NOCCA Institute  
Contract Period: 2/1/2015 - 1/31/2020  
Contract Amount: \$710,137.00  
Fund: Self-Generated - Harrah's - City of New Orleans  
Competitive Process: Sole Source

Description of Service: This contract is for the lease of space to operate the New Orleans Therapeutic Day Program (NOTDP).

- 5.2.26 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Waggonner & Ball Architects, APC  
Contract Period: 03/09/2012 - 03/09/2015  
Previous Amount: \$2,373,782.70

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Amended Amount: \$69,211.74  
Contract Amount: \$2,442,994.44  
Fund: IAT - FEMA  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment adjusts the basic service fee for Sophie B. Wright High School renovation based on the actual low bidder's price, and selective demolition and test pile program based on the final construction price. It also provides for reimbursable expense for a Construction Benchmark Certificate, Regulatory Fees for Preliminary Review State Fire Marshal, Appeal Request State Fire Marshal, Appeal to Board of Building Standards Appeal City of New Orleans, and Fire Marshal Plan Review La. Department of Public Safety. This amendment provides for reimbursable expense for printing of construction documents and addenda for Sophie B. Wright High School renovation and for selective demolition and test pile program at Sophie B. Wright High School.

- 5.2.27 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board received an update on RSD Capital Projects from November 2014, including RSD Monthly Summary for November 2014; OPSB Monthly Summary for November 2014; Superintendents' Reports for November 2014; RSD Open Contracts as of December 8, 2014; OPSB Open Contracts as of December 8, 2014; and Bid Tabulations for November 2014.
- 5.2.28 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board received a status report regarding the Attorney General's opinion relative to John McDonogh High School.
- 5.2.29 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved reports in response to the following resolutions of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session and directed said reports to the appropriate legislative committee(s):
- HCR 61, which requests BESE, in consultation with stakeholders, to develop a statewide model for the funding of and the equitable distribution of public funds for early childhood care and education;
  - HR 140, which requests BESE to monitor the findings and recommendations of the My Brother's Keeper Task Force as they pertain to elementary and secondary education;

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- HCR 187, which requests BESE, in collaboration with the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, the Louisiana School Boards Association, and the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, to study and explore all options for providing free transportation to students attending charter schools;
- HR 220, which requests that BESE reconvene a Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) Task Force to determine the actual cost of providing public education in Louisiana and identify all potential funding mechanisms to enable school systems to meet this cost;
- HR 224, which requests BESE to conduct a study relative to the number of students attending charter schools who, based on the attendance zones of the local public school system where they reside, would have otherwise attended a public school that received a letter grade of "D" or "F" or any variation thereof for the most recent school year pursuant to the school and district accountability system;
- SCR 96, which requests BESE and the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) jointly to assess water accessibility in Louisiana schools and report its findings to the legislature by February 1, 2015;
- SCR 134, which requests BESE to examine and consider the status of school suspensions and expulsions, as well as plans to revise current school discipline policies in response to the "Supportive School Discipline Initiative" launched by the United States Department of Education (USDOE) and United States Department of Justice; and
- SR 204, which requests BESE to convene an MFP Task Force to examine the actual cost of educating a student in Louisiana public elementary and secondary schools, as well as related issues relative to the MFP formula.

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Dr. Beebe offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Hill, amending paragraph 3 on page 268 of the January 13, 2015, Administration and Finance packet as follows:

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~~Local school boards can achieve greater flexibility in their use of local revenues by approving or renewing local tax referenda having less restrictive language and fewer dedications for the use of funds. Dedicated projects approved by voters should follow local taxes that are remitted to charter schools. While dedicated funds and pre-identified projects are easy to explain to voters and often garner support from those who will benefit from those dedications, they significantly hamper the ability of school boards and superintendents in meeting all educational needs and legal requirements associated with financing a school system.~~

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Lengthy discussion followed.

Public comments were received on the following agenda item:

Agenda Item 6.1., "Consideration of reports in response to resolutions of the 2014 Legislative Session," pertaining to Senate Resolution 194.

**Support:** None.

**Oppose:** Mr. Scott Richard and Mr. Dannie P. Garrett, III, Louisiana School Boards Association.

**Information Only/Other:** Mr. Billy Guidry, concerned citizen.

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Mr. Roemer stated that a Roll Call Vote would be taken on Dr. Beebe's motion to amend paragraph 3 on page 268 of the January 13, 2015, Administration and Finance packet.

Yeas: Dr. Beebe and Ms. Hill.

Nays: Ms. Boffy, Ms. Bradford, Mr. Garvey, Mr. Guillot, Ms. Harris, Dr. Miranti, Ms. Orange Jones, Ms. Smith, and Mr. Roemer.

Abstentions: None.

Absences: None.

The motion failed.

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5.2.30 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Mr. Guillot, the Board directed the State Superintendent of Education to make the following amendments to the report entitled "Response to Senate Resolution 194 of the 2014 Regular Session:"

- amend sentence 1 under the heading "Funding of Type 2 Charter Schools," on page 4 (page 267 of the January 13, 2015, Administration and Finance packet), as follows:

Type 2 charter schools are public charter schools that are operated pursuant to a charter contract between a nonprofit corporation and ~~either BESE or a local school board~~ pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3973(2)(a).

- amend paragraph 3 on page 5 (page 268 of the January 13, 2015, Administration and Finance packet), as follows:

Local school boards can achieve greater flexibility in their use of local revenues by approving or renewing local tax referenda having less restrictive language and fewer dedications for the use of funds. While dedicated funds and pre-identified projects are easy to explain to voters and often garner support from those who will benefit from those dedications, they significantly hamper the ability of school boards and superintendents in meeting all educational needs and legal requirements associated with financing a school system. This report offers no recommendations or opinions about how school systems make such decisions.

Dr. Beebe was recorded as being opposed to the motion.

5.2.31 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to the *Louisiana Administrative Code*, Title 28, Part I. Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, Chapter 15. Honors and Recognitions, §1501. Honorary Diplomas, relative to the issuance of honorary diplomas to veterans of World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, the War in Afghanistan, and the Iraq War, as amended and presented by the LDE as follows:

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**§1501. Honorary Diplomas**

A. The Board may award an honorary diploma to qualifying students who left or will leave high school before graduating to serve in the United States Armed Forces during, but not limited to, World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, the War in Afghanistan, or the Iraq War, or any future war and/or conflict to which the United States is a participant.

1. Veterans shall meet the following criteria to be eligible for an honorary diploma:

a. The veteran left a public school located in Louisiana in order to serve in the United States Armed Forces during World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, the War in Afghanistan, or the Iraq War, or any future war and/or conflict to which the United States is a participant.

b. The veteran would have graduated from a public school in Louisiana in the years ranging from 1941 to 1950, 1950 to 1955, 1964 to 1974, 1990 to 1991, or 2001 to present.

c. The veteran received an honorable discharge from the United States Armed Forces or was released from active duty because of a service related disability.

d. The veteran has not previously been awarded a Louisiana Standard High School Diploma, but may have earned passed a GED high school equivalency examination.

2. An honorary diploma may be awarded posthumously to the family of a deceased veteran.

3. An honorary diploma awarded to an eligible veteran shall not be considered a Standard Louisiana High School Diploma for the purposes of satisfying postsecondary admissions requirements and/or determining eligibility for postsecondary financial aid, including, but not limited to, the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) scholarship.

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On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board received the report regarding the MFP Task Force.

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 the request from Loyola University New Orleans to advance to Level II state approval.
- 5.3.2 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) accreditation and continued state approval for the Educator Preparation Programs at Centenary College.
- 5.3.3 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) accreditation and continued state approval for the Educator Preparation Programs at Louisiana College.
- 5.3.4 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*: §204. Minimum Requirements for Approved Regular Education Programs for Birth to Kindergarten; §243. PRAXIS Exams and Scores; §341. Introduction; §344. Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate; §604. Requirements to add Birth to Kindergarten; and §605. Requirements to add Early Childhood (Grades PK-3), as amended and presented by the LDE.
- 5.3.5 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 996, *Standards for Approval of Teacher and/or Educational Leader Preparation Programs*: §501. Process/Procedures.
- 5.3.6 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 Ms. Latasha Brown.
- 5.3.7 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 Ms. Judith Williams.
- 5.3.8 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 Ms. Desarae Knighten.

5.3.9 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board revoked the Louisiana Type B teaching certificate, #069112, issued to Mr. Raymond Coyle.

5.3.10 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board revoked the Louisiana Temporary Authority to Teach, #545323, issued to Ms. Jovan Martin.

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

5.4.1 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board received a status report on Types 2, 4, and 5 charter schools.

5.4.2 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the request for a material amendment to the charter governing Democracy Prep Baton Rouge Charter School, operated by Democracy Prep Louisiana, to adjust their grade configuration in 2015-2016 to kindergarten and sixth grade, serving grades kindergarten through eighth grades at full scale, as recommended by the LDE.

5.4.3 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the non-renewal of Andrew H. Wilson Charter School, operated by Broadmoor Charter School Board, Inc.

5.4.4 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board deferred consideration of the renewal for Lagniappe Academies until the March 5, 2015, School Innovation and Turnaround Committee meeting, pending the results of a report elaborating on the findings within Lagniappe Academies' IDEA monitoring report and including any information that may provide context for these findings no later than Friday, February 27, 2015, for BESE review.

5.4.5 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board received the report regarding the automatic renewal of Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School, operated by The Friends of King School, Inc., for a term of five years, noting that an addendum regarding enrollment policies and procedures signed by the President of BESE and charter organization representatives be included in the renewal charter contract.

5.4.6 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the continuation of the kindergarten through college continuum pilot program.

5.4.7 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the request from the Friends of King Charter School Board to transfer Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School to the jurisdiction of the OPSB at the conclusion of the 2014-2015 school year, with final approval of the transfer contingent upon the following conditions:

- BESE receives written notification from the OPSB that it has agreed to accept jurisdiction of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School no later than March 1, 2015; and
- The OPSB provides the LDE with a copy of a finalized Type 3B charter contract for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School to be effective July 1, 2015, complying with all state and federal laws governing charter school authorization, including the following provisions as required per Bulletin 129, *The Recovery School District*: §505, no later than March 1, 2015,
  - Prohibit the school from establishing admissions requirements;
  - Require the school to continue to follow all policies and procedures applicable to Type 5 charter schools for participation in the New Orleans unified enrollment process (OneApp/EnrollNOLA) and the New Orleans citywide student expulsion process;
  - Require the school to continue to provide transportation services for students;
  - Permit the school to remain in its current and future assigned facility or designate an alternative facility for use by the charter school;
  - Specify whether the school shall retain independent LEA status or become one of the LEAs of the OPSB, and include, as appropriate, relevant LEA financial procedures and monitoring required by the LDE;
  - Specify that the charter contract be for a term of three to seven years; and
  - Specify that the first renewal regarding the school as a Type 3B charter school shall be aligned with the maximum charter terms as outlined in Bulletin 126 (A = maximum 10 years; B = maximum 7 years; C = maximum 6 years; and D = maximum 3 years).

5.4.8 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board deferred consideration of the request from Lagniappe Academies of New Orleans Charter School Board to seek to transfer Lagniappe Academies to the jurisdiction of the Orleans Parish School Board at the conclusion of the 2014-15 school year until the March 5, 2015, School Innovation and Turnaround Committee meeting, pending a decision on the renewal of Lagniappe Academies.

Agenda **Received and/or Referred**  
Item 6.

Agenda On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Harris, the Board received  
Item 6.1. the Resolution from the Washington Parish School Board concerning Common Core State Standards and PARCC testing. (Schedule 6)

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Ms. Hill offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith, to receive the Resolution from the Caddo Parish School Board concerning Common Core State Standards and PARCC testing.

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Ms. Harris offered a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Smith, to receive the Resolution from the Caddo Parish School Board concerning Common Core State Standards and PARCC testing and refer the Resolution to the Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee for further review due to the serious nature of the concerns listed in the Resolution.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Roemer stated that a Roll Call Vote would be taken on Ms. Harris' motion.

Yeas: Dr. Beebe, Ms. Harris, Ms. Hill, and Ms. Smith.

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

Abstentions: None.

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Absences: None.

The motion failed.

Agenda Item 6.2. On motion of Ms. Hill, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board received the Resolution from the Caddo Parish School Board concerning Common Core State Standards and PARCC testing. (Schedule 7)

Agenda Item 7. **Items for Consideration**

Agenda Item 7.1. On motion of Dr. Beebe, seconded by Mr. Guillot, the Board approved new course offerings (FY 2014-2015) for the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts (LSMSA). (Schedule 8)

Agenda Item 7.2. On motion of Dr. Beebe, seconded by Mr. Guillot, the Board went into Executive Session at 10:26 a.m. to discuss litigation concerning Navis Hill et al. v. Bobby Jindal, in his Official Capacity as Governor, State of Louisiana; et al., Docket No. 632170, Section 27, 19th Judicial District Court, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Yeas: Dr. Beebe, Ms. Boffy, Ms. Bradford, Mr. Garvey, Mr. Guillot, Ms. Harris, Ms. Hill, Dr. Miranti, Ms. Orange Jones, Ms. Smith, and Mr. Roemer.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absences: None.

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 Dr. Beebe, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Board reconvened into Regular Session at 10:47 a.m. A quorum was present.

Agenda            On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Dr. Beebe, the Board received  
Item 7.2.           the report on litigation concerning Navis Hill et al. v. Bobby Jindal, in his  
                         Official Capacity as Governor, State of Louisiana; et al., Docket No.  
                         632170, Section 27, 19th Judicial District Court, East Baton Rouge  
                         Parish, Louisiana.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at  
10:48 a.m.