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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 March 4, 2016

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

MARCH 4, 2016

The Louisiana Purchase Room Baton Rouge, LA

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in regular session on March 4, 2016, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 9:25 a.m. by Board President Jim Garvey, and opened with a prayer by Mr. Dylan Cranford, Union Parish High School.

Board members present were Dr. Holly Boffy, Mr. Tony Davis, Ms. Kathy Edmonston, Mr. Jim Garvey, Ms. Sandy Holloway, Dr. Gary Jones, Ms. Jada Lewis, Ms. Kira Orange Jones, Mr. Tommy Roque, Dr. Lurie Thomason, and Ms. Doris Voitier.

Ms. Alania Montgomery, Union Parish High School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board recognized and heard remarks from Senator Dan “Blade” Morrish, Chair of the Senate Committee on Education.

Public comments were received from Ms. Deborah Meaux, Louisiana Association of Educators; Mr. Scott Richard, Louisiana School Boards Association, who provided a copy of page 3 of the minutes of the Louisiana Student Standards Review Committee meeting held February 2, 2016, and a copy of “Focus on the FISC” Volume 4, Issue 8, dated March 2016; Dr. James Finney and Dr. Elizabeth Meyers, concerned citizens; Mr. Les Landon, Louisiana Federation of Teachers; Mr. Shawn Fleming, Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council, who provided handouts entitled “FY 2014-15 Final Charter School Per Pupil Funding (March 2015)” and “FY 2015-16 Initial Charter School Per Pupil Funding (July 2015)”; Mr. James Brown, Lusher Charter School and Lake Forest Charter School; and Dr. Kathy Riedlinger, Lusher Charter School.

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

Agenda Item 3. On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board approved the minutes of January 13, 2016, amending Motion 6.5.3, as follows:

On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Boffy, the Board denied ~~consideration of~~ the Type 2 charter school application submitted by Red River Charter Academy in Avoyelles Parish, as recommended by the LDE.

Dr. Jones recused himself from voting on this motion.

Agenda Item 4.

Report by the State Superintendent of Education

State Superintendent of Education John White introduced Dr. George Cannon, Superintendent of the Union Parish School System, Mr. Vaughn Freeman, bus driver for Union Parish School System, and the following students who attend Union Parish High School: Mr. Dylan Cranford, Mr. Xavier Harper, Mr. Jashi Eiland, and Ms. Alania Montgomery.

On route to school early in January 2016, Mr. Freeman and his passengers arrived at the scene of an accident. While Mr. Freeman alerted 911 of the accident, these students, all of whom are certified in CPR, provided lifesaving assistance to the victim until emergency personnel arrived on the scene and the victim was airlifted to University Health Center in Shreveport.

Board members commended these students for coming to the aide of the accident victim and putting into practice the lifesaving skills learned in the classroom.

State Superintendent of Education White provided the Board with a brief update on the budget circumstances to date.

Agenda Item 5.

Board Committee Reports

Agenda Item 5.1.

Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee

(Schedule 2)

- 5.1.1 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board recognized and expressed appreciation to Miss Maria Heredia, 2015-2016 Student Representative for the BESE Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee, and introduced Mr. Andrew Benoit-Naquin, 2016-2017 Student Representative.
- 5.1.2 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board received the report on the status of elementary music education in Louisiana from Ms. Kelly Stomps, Louisiana 2016 Teacher of the Year.
- 5.1.3 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board received the Test Security Irregularities Report for the 2014-2015 School Year.
- 5.1.4 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board received the minutes of the Accountability Commission meeting held January 29, 2016.
- 5.1.5 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board received the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Panel meeting held January 22, 2016.
- 5.1.6 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board received the minutes of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council meeting held February 4, 2016.
- 5.1.7 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §2318. The TOPS University Diploma; and §2353. Mathematics, relative to mathematics requirements for the TOPS University, Core 4, and Basic Diploma pathways; and authorized the LDE to make technical revisions, as needed.
- 5.1.8 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 741 (Nonpublic), *Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators*: §2109. High School Graduation Requirements; and §2323. Mathematics, relative to mathematics requirements for the TOPS University, Core 4, and Basic Diploma pathways; and authorized the LDE to make technical revisions, as needed.

5.1.9 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Davis, 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, relative to diplomas earned by students assessed on the Louisiana Alternate Assessment Level 1 (LAA 1).*

5.1.10 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, the repeal of Bulletin 1955, *Louisiana Content Standards, Benchmarks, and Grade Expectations for Mathematics*, in its entirety, as recommended by the LDE.

Ms. Edmonston was recorded as being opposed to the motion.

5.1.11 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, the repeal of Bulletin 1965, *Louisiana Content Standards, Benchmarks, and Grade Expectations for English Language Arts*, in its entirety, as recommended by the LDE.

Ms. Edmonston was recorded as being opposed to the motion.

5.1.12 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, the establishment of Bulletin 141, *Louisiana Student Standards for English Language Arts: Chapters 1-23*, as recommended by the Louisiana Student Standards Review Committee and the LDE.

Ms. Edmonston was recorded as being opposed to the motion.

5.1.13 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, the establishment of Bulletin 142, *Louisiana Student Standards for Mathematics: Chapters 1-25*, as recommended by the Louisiana Student Standards Review Committee and the LDE.

Ms. Edmonston was recorded as being opposed to the motion.

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

5.2.1 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Jones, the Board received the report on the 8(g) monitoring visits conducted by Board staff.

- 5.2.2 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Jones, the Board received the report from the LDE Director of Internal Audit.
- 5.2.3 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Jones, the Board received the report on LDE contracts of \$50,000 and under approved by the State Superintendent of Education.
- 5.2.4 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Jones, the Board received the report on RSD contracts of \$50,000 and under approved by the State Superintendent of Education.

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The LDE provided Board members with an amended proposed FY 2016-2017 Minimum Foundation Program Formula. State Superintendent of Education White reviewed the amendments with the Board.

- 5.2.5 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board:
 - a. approved the FY 2016-2017 Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) formula, as amended and presented by the LDE;
 - b. authorized the LDE to make technical changes to the MFP formula as needed; and
 - c. authorized the LDE to submit the MFP formula to the Legislature by March 15, 2016.
- 5.2.6 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Jones, the Board approved the following LDE contract:

Contractor:	Tulane University - Assessment Team
Contract Period:	04/01/2016 - 07/01/2016
Contract Amount:	\$832,042.50
Fund:	Federal/ Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)
Competitive Process:	Sole Source

Description of Service: The contractor provides support services for child care directors, teachers, and families through a nationally-acclaimed model for mental health consultation.

- 5.2.7 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Jones, the Board approved the following LDE contract amendment:

Contractor: Joseph Roc Paul
Contract Period: 07/01/2013 - 06/30/2016
Previous Amount: \$50,000.00
Amended Amount: \$20,000.00
Contract Amount: \$70,000.00
Fund: IDEA 84.027
Competitive Process: N/A

Description of Service: The services will consist of talented visual art instruction as stipulated on the students' Individual Education Plan.

Student Centered Goals - Competitive

- 5.2.8 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Jones, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Believe and Prepare Research Grant Program Pilot
Amount: \$45,000.00
Funding Period: 03/05/2016 - 09/30/2016
Source of Funds: Federal/State

Purpose: The purpose of the Believe and Prepare Research Grant Program is to support action research projects that examine and identify promising teacher preparation practices relative to mentor teacher selection and development, candidate support, and assessment. Promising practices resulting from this research can be shared with the Board of Regents, higher education institutions, private preparation providers, and school systems in order to improve current educator preparation programs.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations to universities are to reimburse the teacher preparation program for research activities (e.g., stipends to faculty and research assistants, and developing and administering research instruments).

Ms. Edmonston, Ms. Holloway, and Ms. Voitier recused themselves from voting on the motion.

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

Allocation: Math and Science Partnership
Amount: \$52,812.00
Funding Period: 05/01/2015 - 09/30/2016
Source of Funds: Federal

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

Basis of Allocation: Math Science Partnership subgrants are awarded on a competitive basis to school systems who partner with the science, technology, engineering, and/or mathematics departments at institutions of higher learning. All districts are eligible to participate in a partnership. The amount of funds to be awarded to any district is based on the program proposals and revisions. This allocation is for the third year of the three-year grant period.

Ms. Edmonston, Ms. Holloway, and Ms. Voitier recused themselves from voting on the motion.

- 5.2.10 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Jones, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Math and Science Partnership
Amount: \$2,503,753.00
Funding Period: 05/01/2016 - 09/30/2017
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of the Math Science Partnership (MSP) program established under Title II, Part B, of NCLB Act of 2001 is to assist districts as they create opportunities for enhanced and ongoing professional development for mathematics and science teachers. The MSP program

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has been designed to improve the academic achievement of students by enhancing content knowledge and teaching skills of classroom math and science teachers.

Basis of Allocation: Math Science Partnership subgrants are awarded on a competitive basis to school systems who partner with the science, technology, engineering, and/or mathematics departments at institutions of higher learning. All districts are eligible to participate in a partnership. The amount of funds to be awarded to any district is based on the program proposals and revisions. This allocation is for the second and third year of the three-year grant period.

Ms. Edmonston, Ms. Holloway, and Ms. Voitier recused themselves from voting on the motion.

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

Allocation: Pre-K Expansion Grant - Improvement
Amount: \$1,617,889.00
Funding Period: 04/01/2016 - 09/30/2017
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of these funds is to improve the overall quality of 1300 seats in preschool programs in twelve communities by:

- providing comprehensive services to new families served; and
- providing evidence-based coaching to teachers in new classrooms and existing classrooms.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations were determined through a competitive request process. Subgrantees were selected using three considerations: Demonstrated Success as a Consortium of Early Learning Providers (Community Network), Demonstrated Need through Unmet Family Demand, and At-Risk Status of the Community.

Ms. Edmonston, Ms. Holloway, and Ms. Voitier recused themselves from voting on the motion.

- 5.2.12 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Jones, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Pre-K Expansion Grant - Seats
Amount: \$5,185,000.00
Funding Period: 07/01/2016 - 09/30/2017
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of these funds is to create 660 new seats and sustain 340 seats in preschool programs in twelve communities. These seats will be aligned with LA 4 and Nonpublic School Early Childhood Development (NSECD) program requirements including bachelor degree level teachers, 10:1 child to instructional staff ratios, full day program, and inclusion of children with disabilities. Families enrolling in the seats must meet the same income requirement of 185 percent of the federal poverty line or below, and will be provided comprehensive services through the grant. These seats will be offered through the Community Network's coordinated enrollment process. Classrooms funded through this grant, as well as other classrooms in the site, will be provided evidence-based coaching. This allocation is for the second year of the four-year grant period.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations were determined through a competitive request process. Subgrantees were selected using three considerations: Demonstrated Success as a Consortium of Early Learning Providers (Community Network), Demonstrated Need through Unmet Family Demand, and At-Risk Status of the Community.

Ms. Edmonston, Ms. Holloway, and Ms. Voitier recused themselves from voting on the motion.

Academic Content - Other

- 5.2.13 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Jones, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Standards Review Committee Meetings Substitute Reimbursement
Amount: \$923.85

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Funding Period: 11/12/2015 - 01/15/2016
Source of Funds: State General Fund

Purpose: Committees consisting of professional educators and education stakeholders are reviewing Louisiana's mathematics and English language arts standards through a process pursuant to BESE and legislative directives.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations to school districts are to reimburse districts for the substitutes paid to work while the educators on the Standards Review Committee met at various locations around the state to review and discuss revisions to the standards.

Ms. Edmonston, Ms. Holloway, and Ms. Voitier recused themselves from voting on the motion.

Student Centered Goals - Other

5.2.14 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Jones, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: The Cecil J Picard LA 4 Early Childhood Program
Amount: \$74,576,140.00
Funding Period: 07/01/2016 - 06/30/2017
Source of Funds: State /IAT-TANF

Purpose: The purpose of the Cecil J. Picard LA 4 Early Childhood Program is to provide high-quality early childhood educational experiences to four-year-old children who are considered to be "at risk" of achieving later academic success. The LA 4 program provides six hours per day of educational experiences. The program will be offered at no cost to those children whose families fall below 185 percent Federal Poverty Level. In 2016-2017, LA 4 will continue to serve 16,283 children. Programs will adhere to state-approved guidelines and regulations.

Basis of Allocation: All school systems and charter schools are eligible to submit an application for funding. Allocations are based on prior participation, participation in an early childhood Community Network and community need. Monies are allocated on a per pupil basis at \$4,580.

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Actual reimbursement is based on recipients filling all allocated seats and students meeting attendance thresholds. Award amounts are based on the 2015-2016 final allocations for student participation for each of the participating school systems. Awards for this program are contingent upon approval of funding.

Ms. Edmonston, Ms. Holloway, and Ms. Voitier recused themselves from voting on the motion.

Student Centered Goals - Other

5.2.15 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Jones, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation:	Nonpublic School Early Childhood Development Program
Amount:	\$7,181,440.00
Funding Period:	07/01/2016 - 06/30/2017
Source of Funds:	State General Funds

Purpose: The purpose of the Nonpublic School Early Childhood Development (NSECD) Program is to collaborate with nonpublic schools and Type III child care centers in providing high-quality, developmentally appropriate preschool instruction and services to four-year-old children qualifying for Free/Reduced Lunch. The NSECD Program provides six hours per day of pre-kindergarten instruction. The program is offered at no cost to those children whose families fall below 185 percent Federal Poverty Level.

Basis of Allocation: All BESE/Brumfield-Dodd approved nonpublic schools and licensed accredited Type III child care centers with a quality rating of 3-stars and above are eligible to submit an application for funding. Money is awarded on a per pupil basis at \$4,580 per child per year. Actual reimbursement is based on students maintaining 74 percent monthly attendance. Award amounts are based on the reported October 2015 enrollment, early childhood Community Network participation, and parish need. Awards for this program are contingent upon approval of funding.

Ms. Edmonston, Ms. Holloway, and Ms. Voitier recused themselves from voting on the motion.

Academic Content - Other

5.2.16 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Jones, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: International Choices for College and Career
Readiness Education - 8(g)
Amount: \$16,000.00
Funding Period: 07/13/2015 - 06/30/2016
Source of Funds: IAT -8(g)

Purpose: International Choices for College and Career Readiness 8(g) grant proposes assistance for schools to improve literacy and to prepare students for higher education and the global marketplace through world language programs. Due to the cultural and economic impact of French and Spanish languages in Louisiana, assistance is offered to support Spanish language programs and the foreign associate teachers from Spain and Mexico who staff many of the programs.

Basis of Allocation: For SY 2015-2016, allocation for services for an employee in Calcasieu Parish to assist in the recruitment of international teachers, to conduct a series of sessions during the pre-school orientation, to translate and interpret Spanish and English, and to provide technical assistance to teachers. This amount covers salary, travel expenses, and benefits.

Ms. Edmonston, Ms. Holloway, and Ms. Voitier recused themselves from voting on the motion.

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

Contractor: CB&I Government Solutions, Inc.
Contract Period: 10/16/2013 - 10/16/2016
Previous Amount: \$289,813.00
Amended Amount: \$10,039.00
Contract Amount: \$299,852.00
Fund: IAT – FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

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Description of Service: This amendment provides for additional environmental services associated with the preparation of a Soil Management Plan (SMP) for Booker T. Washington High School slab demolition and soil remediation.

5.2.18 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Jones, 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: \$25,376,015.00
Amended Amount: \$1,493,692.96
Contract Amount: \$26,869,707.96
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for additional services for grants management - FEMA insurance reconciliation, grants management/resolution of 58 priority schools classification of work, grants management - closeout readiness/final reconciliation and resolution, extension of project delivery staff, and claims management.

5.2.19 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Jones, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Mahlum Scairono Martinez Joint Venture
Contract Period: 10/15/2014 - 10/15/2017
Previous Amount: \$171,736.00
Amended Amount: \$2,634.50
Contract Amount: \$174,370.50
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for additional services for brick masonry and mortar testing for Thurgood Marshall School refurbishment.

5.2.20 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Jones, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects Project Design Group, LLC
Contract Period: 01/18/2012 - 01/18/2017
Previous Amount: \$2,591,208.80
Amended Amount: \$1,763.00
Contract Amount: \$2,592,971.80
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for the reimbursable expenses for preliminary plans review fee, State Fire Marshal review fee, appeal fee to State Fire Marshal, application fee for curb cut permit, and curb cut deposit fee for the new high school at Alfred Lawless School.

5.2.21 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Jones, the Board approved the following RSD contract:

Contractor: VergesRome Architects, APAC
Contract Period: 09/16/2010 - 09/16/2016
Previous Amount: \$1,176,895.80
Amended Amount: \$69,744.00
Contract Amount: \$1,246,639.80
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment adjusts the designer's fee for basic services based on the final construction price for Andrew J. Bell Junior High School - Safe and Secure.

5.2.22 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Jones, the Board approved the student characteristics and needs identified by the local Orleans Parish working group as an appropriate basis for the district-level computation to be used in the allocation, effective July 1, 2016, of the Minimum Foundation Program funds to Orleans Parish district schools and to Type 1, 1B, 3, 3B, 4, and 5 charter schools located in Orleans

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Parish, all pursuant to La. R.S. 17 §3995(A)(3)(b) (as amended by Acts 2015, No. 467), with implementation of the district-level computation and allocation process developed by the participants in the collaborative process contemplated by §3995(A)(3)(b) being contingent upon approval by the Orleans Parish School Board (OPSB) or by its superintendent on authority delegated to him by the OPSB.

5.2.23 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Jones, the Board approved, as Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 126, *Charter Schools: §2301. State Funding*.

5.2.24 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Jones, the Board approved, as Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 129, *The Recovery School District: §1111. Allocation of Funds*, as amended and presented by the LDE.

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Dr. Boffy requested that the BESE Executive Director provide Board members with the report from the Governor’s Committee on K-12 Education Transition Advisory Team entitled “onwardlouisiana.” She also requested that agendas and minutes of meetings of the Governor’s Committee on K-12 Education Transition Advisory Team be provided to Board members.

Ms. Voitier requested that an item to address the report from the Governor’s Committee on K-12 Education Transition Advisory Team be included on the next Administration and Finance Committee agenda.

5.2.25 On motion of Mr. Davis, and seconded by Ms. Orange Jones, the Board received the report regarding the BESE/LDE legislative protocol.

Agenda **Committee of the Whole**
Item 5.3. **Administration and Finance Committee** (Schedule 4)

5.3.1 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board received an update on RSD Capital Projects from November and December 2015 including RSD and OPSB Monthly Summaries for November 2015; Superintendents' Report for November 2015; RSD and OPSB Open Contracts as of December 6, 2015; RSD and OPSB Monthly Summaries for December 2015; Superintendents' Report for December 2015; RSD and OPSB Open Contracts as of January 6, 2016; and Bid Tabulations for December 2015 and January 2016.

- Agenda Item 5.4. **Committee of the Whole**
School Innovation and Turnaround Committee (Schedule 5)
- 5.4.1 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board received the report pertaining to the status of and recommendation for schools transferred to the Recovery School District.
- 5.4.2 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board received the 2016 EnrollNOLA Annual Report.
- 5.4.3 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board received the report on the New Orleans Early Education Network (NOEEN).
- Agenda Item 5.5. **Educator Effectiveness Committee** (Schedule 6)
- 5.5.1 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board approved the McNeese State University Practitioner Teacher Program Alternative Paths to Certification in Elementary Grades 1-5, Middle Grades Mathematics 4-8, and Middle Grades Science 4-8.
- 5.5.2 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board approved the Nicholls State University Master of Arts in Teaching - Alternative Paths to Certification Program for:
- General Special Education Mild/Moderate Integrated to Merged Grades 1-5; and
 - General Special Education Mild/Moderate Integrated to Merged Grades 6-12 Biology, Chemistry, General Science, English, Mathematics, and Social Studies.
- 5.5.3 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board approved Mild/Moderate Special Education Add-On Endorsement Programs submitted by The New Teacher Project Academy in the following areas:
- Early Childhood (Grades PK-3);
 - Elementary (Grades 1-5);
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- Middle School English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies (Grades 4-8);
- Secondary Biology, Chemistry, English, French, General Science, Physics, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Spanish (Grades 6-12); and
- General-Special Education Mild/Moderate: An Integrated to Merged Approach in Grades 1-5, 4-8 (English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies) and 6-12 (Biology, Chemistry, General Science, Physics, English, Mathematics, Social Studies, French, and Spanish).

- 5.5.4 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board approved the appointment of Dr. Kimberly McAlister to the Teacher Certification Appeals Council (TCAC) to fill the vacancy formerly held by Dr. William Rieck.
- 5.5.5 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board revoked the Louisiana Type B teaching certificate, #068405, issued to Ms. Polly Robertson.
- 5.5.6 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board revoked the Louisiana Ancillary Artist/Drama teaching certificate, #547392, issued to Ms. Telisha Diaz.
- 5.5.7 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 3 teaching certificate, #444474, issued to Ms. Mera Bercy.
- 5.5.8 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 1 teaching certificate, #461332, issued to Ms. Victoria Steward.
- 5.5.9 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board granted the issuance of a Louisiana teaching certificate appropriate to the credentials of Mr. Glenn Frederick Bell, Jr.

Agenda **School Innovation and Turnaround Committee** (Schedule 7)
Item 5.6.

- 5.6.1 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board deleted from the School Innovation and Turnaround Committee agenda "Consideration of the Louisiana Nonpublic School Choice 2015 Annual Report" and directed State Superintendent of Education White and/or LDE staff not to distribute or submit this legislatively required annual report until such time as the substance of the findings outlined by the Legislative Fiscal Office are addressed by State Superintendent of Education White and BESE members.
- 5.6.2 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board approved the request for a material amendment to the charter governing Democracy Prep Baton Rouge Charter School, operated by Democracy Prep Louisiana Charter School, to expand their grade levels served in 2016-2017 by adding grade 5 to the previously approved levels of kindergarten, grade 1, grade 6, and grade 7, and serving up to 550 students, as recommended by the LDE.
- 5.6.3 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board received the status report on Types 2, 4, and 5 charter schools.
- 5.6.4 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board received the report regarding the independent third-party review of the Type 2 Charter Application submitted by Kingdom Builders Community Development Corporation in Lafayette Parish, pertaining to the concerns raised by the LDE, and using school leadership nationally recognized standards.
- 5.6.5 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board denied the Type 2 Charter Application submitted by Kingdom Builders Community Development Corporation in Lafayette Parish, as recommended by the LDE.

Ms. Edmonston was recorded as abstaining.

Ms. Lewis and Ms. Orange Jones were recorded as voting "No."

- 5.6.6 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board received the report regarding independent third-party reviews concerning the leadership component of the charter application process for future charter school applications.
- 5.6.7 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board received the update report regarding collaborations between local school districts and the Recovery School District.
- 5.6.8 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 126, *Charter Schools*: §301. Definitions, and §2701. Students Eligible to Attend, relative to Type 2 charter school residency requirements.

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

Agenda Item 6.1. **Nonpublic School Council** (Schedule 8)

On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board received the minutes of the Nonpublic School Council meeting held January 26, 2016, and approved the tentative agenda for April 26, 2016.

Agenda Item 6.2. **Superintendents' Advisory Council** (Schedule 9)

On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board received the minutes of the Superintendents' Advisory Council meeting held February 18, 2016, and approved the tentative agenda for March 17, 2016.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.