



**BOARD  
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ELEMENTARY  
and  
SECONDARY  
EDUCATION**

*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 8, 2017**

# LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

MARCH 8, 2017

## The Louisiana Purchase Room Baton Rouge, LA

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in regular session on March 8, 2017, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 9:14 a.m. by Board President Jim Garvey, and opened with a prayer by Ms. Heather Howle, Chair of the K-8 Science Standards Workgroup.

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.

Mr. Wade Bonds, Fair Park Alumni Association, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 2. Retired Colonel Jim Wascom, Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, administered the Oath of Office to Dr. Gary L. Jones, President; Dr. Holly F. Boffy, Vice-President; and Ms. Jada Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer.

Agenda Item 3. On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the agenda, as printed and disseminated. (Schedule 1)

Agenda Item 4. On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board approved the minutes of January 24, 2017.

Agenda Item 5. **Report by the State Superintendent of Education**

State Superintendent of Education White highlighted the following in his report to the Board:

- By the March Special Board Meeting, bills will have begun to be pre-filed and the LDE will have a better understanding of what education legislation exists.

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- At this time, it appears that the K-12 legislation will be light, but there has already been a lot of discussion about potential legislation affecting higher education, some of which stretches into the K-12 realm. The Legislature has requested from Board of Regents a very comprehensive set of proposals for policy changes regarding the shape of the higher education system and, to a degree that entails Dual Enrollment, the intersection between the K-12 and higher education systems.
- The Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) formula will be put into a Resolution and heard by the Legislature. Due to the financial situation of the state, it is expected that the MFP will be contested and sent back to the Board for modifications.
- Legislation regarding Early Childhood issues is not expected.

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**Board Committee Reports**

Agenda  
Item 6.1.

**Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee**  
(Schedule 2)

- 6.1.1 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board approved the Nonpublic School Academic Classification for the 2017-2018 School Year for 24/7 Learning Academy in Jefferson Parish: Non-Accredited Approved.
- 6.1.2 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board approved the Nonpublic School Academic Classification for the 2017-2018 School Year for Courtney Christian School in Tangipahoa Parish: Non-Accredited Approved.
- 6.1.3 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board approved the Nonpublic School Academic Classification for the 2017-2018 School Year for HYPE Academy in Orleans Parish: Non-Accredited Approved.
- 6.1.4 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board granted Brumfield vs. Dodd approval for 24/7 Learning Academy in Jefferson Parish.
- 6.1.5 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board granted Brumfield vs. Dodd approval for Courtney Christian School in Tangipahoa Parish.

- 6.1.6 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board granted Brumfield vs. Dodd approval for HYPE Academy in Orleans Parish.
- 6.1.7 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board recognized and expressed appreciation to Mr. Andrew Benoit-Naquin, 2016-2017 Student Representative for the BESE Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee, and introduced Mr. Javin Bowman, 2017-2018 Student Representative.
- 6.1.8 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Roque, 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, regarding Foreign Language waiver requests from LEAs for the 2016-2017 school year or until such time as laws related to foreign language instruction are updated, as amended and submitted by the State Superintendent of Education.
- 6.1.9 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board received the minutes of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council meeting held February 15, 2017.
- 6.1.10 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board received the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Panel meeting held January 25, 2017.
- 6.1.11 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board received the minutes of the Accountability Commission meetings held February 8, 2017, and February 17, 2017.
- 6.1.12 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board received the report regarding Mutual Accountability Team recommendations and directed LDE staff to develop policy incorporating the recommendations for consideration at the April 2017 Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee meeting.
- 6.1.13 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 139, *Louisiana Child Care and Development Fund Programs*: §103. Definitions, §305. General Certification Requirements for All Child Care Providers, §309. Specific Certification and Registration Requirements for Family Child Care

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Providers, §311. Specific Certification Requirements for In-Home Child Care Providers, §707. Credit for Early Learning Center Directors and Staff, §901. Authority, §903. Participation in LA Pathways, §1101. Authority, §1103. Definitions, §1105. Quality Start Child Care Rating System Requirements, §1107. Participation, and §1109. Quality Start Child Care Rating System Tiered Bonus Payments.

Further, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, the following revisions to Bulletin 139, *Louisiana Child Care and Development Fund Programs*: the addition of §320. Suspension of Payments to Providers, and §902. Definitions; and the repeal of §1111. Termination.

- 6.1.14 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §2318. The TOPS University Diploma; §2319. The Career Diploma; §2341. English; and §2361. Science, relative to science requirements for the TOPS University diploma pathway and English technical writing requirements.
- 6.1.15 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Roque, 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 §2329. Science, relative to science requirements for the TOPS University diploma pathway.
- 6.1.16 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board included the text of Louisiana Revised Statute 17:285.1. in the revisions to Bulletin 1962, *Louisiana Content Standards, Benchmarks, and Grade Level Expectations for Science*.
- 6.1.17 On motion of Ms. Edmonston, seconded by Dr. Thomason, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 1962, *Louisiana Content Standards, Benchmarks, and Grade Level Expectations for Science*: §101. Introduction, as amended and presented by the LDE; §301. Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions; §303. Energy; §305. From Molecules to Organisms: Structure and Processes; §307. Earth's Systems; §309. Earth and Human Activity; §501. Waves and Their Applications; §503. From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes; §505. Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits; §507. Earth's Place in the Universe; §701. Matter and Its Interactions; §703. Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics; §705.

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Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity; §707. Earth's Place in the Universe; §709. Earth's Systems; §901. Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions; §903. From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes; §905. Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics; §907. Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits; §909. Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity; §911. Earth's Systems; §913. Earth and Human Activity; §1101. Energy; §1103. Waves and Their Applications in Technologies for Information Transfer; §1105. From Molecules to Organisms: Structure and Processes; §1107. Earth's Place in the Universe; §1109. Earth's Systems; §1111. Earth and Human Activity; §1301. Matter and Its Interactions; §1303. Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions; §1305. Matter and Energy in Organisms and Ecosystems; §1307. From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes; §1309. Ecosystems; §1311. Earth's Place in the Universe; §1313. Earth's Systems; §1315. Earth and Human Activity; §1501. Matter and Its Interactions; §1503. Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions; §1505. Energy; §1507. Waves and Their Applications in Technologies for Information Transfer; §1509. Earth's Place in the Universe; §1511. Earth and Human Activity; §1513. From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes; §1515. Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics; §1701. Matter and Its Interactions; §1703. Energy; §1705. Earth's Systems; §1707. Earth and Human Activity; §1709. From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes; §1711. Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics; §1713. Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits; §1715. Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity; §1901. Matter and Its Interactions; §1903. Energy; §1905. Earth's Place in the Universe; §1907. Earth's Systems; §1909. Earth and Human Activity; §1911. From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes; §1913. Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits; §1915. Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity; §2101. Resources and Resource Management; §2103. Environmental Awareness and Protection; §2105. Personal Responsibilities; §2107. Earth's Systems; §2109. Human Sustainability; §2111. Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics; §2301. From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes; §2303. Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics; §2305. Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits; §2307. Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity; Their Applications; §2901. Matter and Its Interactions; §2501. Earth's Place in the Universe; §2503. Earth's Systems; §2505. Human Sustainability; §2701. Matter and Its Interactions; §2703. Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions; §2705. Energy; §2707. Waves and

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§2903. Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions; §2905. Energy; §3101. Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions; §3103. Energy; and §3105. Waves and Their Applications in Technologies for Information Transfer.

Further, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, repeal of the following sections from Bulletin 1962, *Louisiana Content Standards, Benchmarks, and Grade Level Expectations for Science*: §101. Philosophy of Science Education; §103. Need and Context for Reform; §105. Purpose of the Framework; §107. Intended Audiences; §109. Intended Use; §111. Louisiana Content Standards Foundation Skills; §113. Information Literacy Model for Lifelong Learning; §301. Nature of Science; §303. Unifying Concepts and Processes; §305. Instructional Issues; §307. Technology; §309. Materials and Equipment; §311. Science and Equity; §501. Purpose of Assessment; §503. Classroom Assessment; §505. Large-Scale Assessment; §701. Science Strands; §901. Science as Inquiry; §903. Benchmarks K-4; §905. Benchmarks 5-8; §907. Benchmarks 9-12; §1101. Physical Science; §1103. Benchmarks K-4; §1105. Benchmarks 5-8; §1107. Benchmarks 9-12; §1301. Life Science; §1303. Benchmarks K-4; §1305. Benchmarks 5-8; §1307. Benchmarks 9-12; §1501. Earth and Space Science; §1503. Benchmarks K-4; §1505. Benchmarks 5-8 (Warning: Benchmarks 9-12 need to be addressed if Earth Science is not offered at the high school level); §1507. Benchmarks 9-12; §1701. Science and the Environment; §1703. Benchmarks K-4; §1705. Benchmarks 5-8; §1707. Benchmarks 9-12; §1901. Prekindergarten; §1903. Kindergarten; §1905. First Grade; §1907. Second Grade; §1909. Third Grade; §1911. Fourth Grade; §1913. Fifth Grade; §1915. Middle School: Grades 5-8; §1917. Grade 5; §1919. Grade 6; §1921. Grade 7; §1923. Grade 8; §1925. High School: Grades 9-12; §1927. Physical Science (Recommended for Grade 9); §1929. Biology (Recommended for Grade 10); §1931. Earth Science (Recommended for Grades 11/12); §1933. Environmental Science (Recommended for Grades 11/12); §1935. Chemistry (Recommended for Grades 11/12); §1937. Physics (Recommended for Grades 11/12); and §2101. Definitions.

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

6.2.1 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board received the report from the LDE Director of Internal Audit.

6.2.2 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board received the report on 8(g) monitoring visits conducted by Board staff.

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

6.2.4 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board received the audit reports of the Bureau of Internal Audit (BIA): Teacher Incentive Fund and Purchase Card Transactions for the FY 2015-2016.

6.2.5 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board  
a. approved the FY 2017-2018 Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) Formula;  
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, 2017.

**Student Centered Goals - Competitive**

6.2.6 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Believe and Prepare: Early Childhood  
Amount: \$100,000.00  
Funding Period: 03/08/2017 - 06/30/2018  
Source of Funds: IAT-CCDF

Purpose: The purpose of Believe and Prepare: Early Childhood is to support the development of Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate Programs, and to help lead teachers meet the credential requirements within policy. Through the provision of startup funding and ongoing

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technical support, Believe and Prepare: Early Childhood funds will elevate and professionalize the child care workforce, expand state availability of high-quality teacher preparation programs, and increase the number of children who have access to a teacher with the knowledge and skills necessary to support their development.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations to teacher preparation programs will reimburse initial startup costs such as technology, supplies, additional staff, and candidate recruitment.

Ms. Edmonston and Ms. Holloway recused themselves from voting on this motion.

### **School and District Innovations - Competitive**

6.2.7 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Charter School Program - Planning and  
Implementation  
Amount: \$480,000.00  
Funding Period: 03/08/2017 - 07/30/2017  
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of the Charter Schools Program - Planning and Implementation grant program is to support new charter schools with the resources they need to start at full capacity, leading to a strong first year of operation and success beyond. This grant program supports initiatives related to the planning, program design, and initial implementation of charter schools by providing funds for the refinement of the educational program, professional development for staff, community engagement, and operational costs related to educational materials and supplies.

Basis of Allocation: In 2015, the LDE submitted a competitive application to the U.S. Department of Education to support Louisiana's charter schools. The LDE was awarded funding to support charter schools in Spring 2016. Allocations will be provided to charter schools through the federal CSP grant program. Recipients of funds submitted competitive grant proposals to the LDE and were evaluated by a review committee using a rubric. Funding determinations were based on each applicant's score and quality of the proposed plan.

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These allocations include Year 1 and Year 2 funding; however, Year 2 funding, or \$75,000 of each allocation in the related allocation schedule, cannot be spent until March 15, 2017.

Ms. Edmonston and Ms. Holloway recused themselves from voting on this motion.

**School and District Supports - Competitive**

6.2.8 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: McKinney-Vento Flood  
Amount: \$217,556.00  
Funding Period: 07/01/2016 - 09/30/2017  
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of the Education for Homeless Children and Youth grants is to ensure that all homeless children and youth have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education as any non-homeless child or youth. This specific supplemental allocation is for those LEAs whose children and youth were severely affected by the flooding of 2016.

Basis of Allocation: Allocation recommendations are based on the total number of students identified as Homeless by each flood impacted LEA and reported by the LEA(s) in the LDE's Student Identification System (SIS) as of October 1, 2016. There is a base allocation of \$1000 for traditional LEAs and \$500 for charter LEAs whose jurisdictions were identified as federally declared disaster areas. Each LEA submitted a needs assessment for the type of assistance needed for homeless students and families. These funds will be used for the identified needs.

Ms. Edmonston and Ms. Holloway recused themselves from voting on this motion.

6.2.9 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Homeless  
Amount: \$1,098,888.00  
Funding Period: 07/01/2016 - 09/30/2017  
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of the Education for Homeless Children and Youth grants is to ensure that all homeless children and youth have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education as any non-homeless child or youth. These are competitive grants that are awarded on a three-year cycle. Subgrantees must submit an annual continuation application; FY 2016-2017 is Year 3 of 3.

Basis of Allocation: Allocation recommendations are based on the total number of students identified as Homeless by each subgrantee and reported by the LEA(s) in the LDE's Student Identification System (SIS) as of February 1, 2016. In the third year of this award cycle, subgrantees will receive grant allocations ranging from \$1,512 to \$169,462.

Ms. Edmonston and Ms. Holloway recused themselves from voting on this motion.

6.2.10 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Migrant Education  
Amount: \$2,057,540.00  
Funding Period: 07/01/2016 - 09/30/2017  
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of this grant is to provide funding to eligible entities to help migratory children overcome educational disruption, cultural language barriers, social isolation, and other factors that inhibit the ability of such children to achieve to high academic standards.

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Basis of Allocation: For 2016-2017 flow-through, districts that house enough migrant students to generate \$10,000 in Title I, Part C funds receive allocation amounts determined by a funding formula. Each district is awarded an equal amount per student and an additional amount for students determined to be most at risk for academic failure. Five districts refused 2016-2017 allocations, so funds were re-allocated to remaining districts.

Ms. Edmonston and Ms. Holloway recused themselves from voting on this motion.

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**Student Centered Goals - Competitive**

On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation:	Teacher Preparation Transition Support
Amount:	\$220,000.00
Funding Period:	10/01/2016 - 09/30/2017
Source of Funds:	IAT - 8(g), Federal

Purpose: The purpose of the Teacher Preparation Transition Support Program is to support the design and implementation of competency-based teacher preparation programs that include, at minimum, a full-year residency experience for aspiring teachers. The program provides funds to universities to support the transition of all teacher preparation programs, including specific, extreme high-cost needs and accelerated transformation and launch of aligned programs.

Basis of Allocation: Interagency transfers to BESE-approved teacher preparation providers are to provide funding for specific, extreme high-cost needs associated with the alignment of undergraduate teacher preparation programs to updated regulations adopted by BESE in October 2016.

Ms. Edmonston and Ms. Holloway recused themselves from voting on this motion.

**School and District Innovations – Competitive**

6.2.12 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: School Redesign Planning Grant  
Amount: \$620,000.00  
Funding Period: 03/08/2017 - 09/30/2017  
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of the School Redesign Planning Grant is to allow school systems to learn more about what a potential partner could offer to their schools and students. These funds are intended to help school systems make a determination about whether each partner is the right fit for their schools as they build a school redesign plan for their school system.

Basis of Allocation: Eligible school systems submitted applications to the LDE. LDE staff reviewed applications against a list of criteria. Funding determinations were based on successfully meeting all criteria.

Ms. Edmonston and Ms. Holloway recused themselves from voting on this motion.

**Academic Content - Other**

6.2.13 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Science Standards Review Committee Substitute Reimbursement  
Amount: \$4,335.88  
Funding Period: 07/01/2016 - 6/30/2017  
Source of Funds: State General Funds

Purpose: Standards are statements that define the knowledge and skills that students need to learn throughout their education in order to successfully transition to college and the workplace. In Louisiana, standards are reviewed once every seven years to ensure that what is

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being taught in the classroom will effectively prepare students for college and a career. On Wednesday, June 22, 2016, the Louisiana Board of Secondary and Elementary Education (BESE) approved a process by which the K-12 Louisiana science standards will be reviewed and updated.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations to school districts are to reimburse the districts for the substitutes paid to work while the Science Standards Review member met in various locations around the state of Louisiana, to begin work for the program

Ms. Edmonston and Ms. Holloway recused themselves from voting on this motion.

6.2.14 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the following LDE contract amendment:

Contractor: Visual Communication Service, LLC  
Contract Period: 07/01/2016 - 6/30/2017  
Previous Amount: \$50,000.00  
Amended Amount: \$25,000.00  
Contract Amount: \$75,000.00  
Fund: IAT/IDEA  
Competitive Process: Non-Competitive

Description of Service: The contract will enable the special school district to provide sign language interpreting services during classroom instruction.

6.2.15 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the following LDE contract amendment:

Contractor: Northwestern State University - Scholarship Program  
Contract Period: 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2017  
Previous Amount: \$3,284,495.00  
Amended Amount: \$200,000.00  
Contract Amount: \$3,484,495.00  
Fund: Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)  
Competitive Process: Non-Competitive

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Description of Service: The contractor will administer the child care development scholarship program. Louisiana Pathways provides financial assistance for child care professionals in Type III centers or family homes to pursue specialized instruction to achieve high quality child outcomes.

6.2.16 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the following LDE contract amendment:

Contractor: Agenda for Children - Region 1 (Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, and St. Bernard Parishes)  
Contract Period: 07/01/2016 - 06/30/2018  
Previous Amount: \$875,816.49  
Amended Amount: \$875,816.49  
Contract Amount: \$1,751,632.98  
Fund: Federal/Child Care and Development Fund  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: The contractor will provide consumer education and referral services, foundational learning opportunities, and technical assistance to early childhood providers in order to support implementation of the Early Childhood Care and Education Network.

6.2.17 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the following LDE contract amendment:

Contractor: Agenda for Children - Region 3 (St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington Parishes)  
Contract Period: 07/01/2016 - 06/30/2018  
Previous Amount: \$379,658.84  
Amended Amount: \$379,658.84  
Contract Amount: \$759,317.68  
Fund: Federal/Child Care and Development Fund  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: The contractor will provide consumer education and referral services, foundational learning opportunities, and technical assistance to early childhood providers in order to support implementation of the Early Childhood Care and Education Network.

6.2.18 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the following LDE contract amendment:

Contractor: Agenda for Children - Region 4 (Ascension, Assumption, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, and Terrebonne Parishes)  
Contract Period: 07/01/2016 - 06/30/2018  
Previous Amount: \$323,574.82  
Amended Amount: \$323,574.82  
Contract Amount: \$647,149.64  
Fund: Federal/Child Care and Development Fund  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: The contractor will provide consumer education and referral services, foundational learning opportunities, and technical assistance to early childhood providers in order to support implementation of the Early Childhood Care and Education Network.

6.2.19 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the following LDE contract amendment:

Contractor: Children's Coalition - Region 9 (Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll Parishes)  
Contract Period: 07/01/2016 - 06/30/2018  
Previous Amount: \$358,098.48  
Amended Amount: \$358,098.48  
Contract Amount: \$716,196.96  
Fund: Federal/Child Care and Development Fund  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: The contractor will provide consumer education and referral services, foundational learning opportunities, and technical assistance to early childhood providers in order to support implementation of the Early Childhood Care and Education Network.



6.2.20 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the following LDE contract amendment:

Contractor: Lafayette Parish School Board - Region 5  
(Lafayette Parish)  
Contract Period: 07/01/2016 - 06/30/2018  
Previous Amount: \$207,094.19  
Amended Amount: \$207,094.19  
Contract Amount: \$414,188.38  
Fund: Federal/Child Care and Development Fund  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: The contractor will provide consumer education and referral services, foundational learning opportunities, and technical assistance to early childhood providers in order to support implementation of the Early Childhood Care and Education Network.

6.2.21 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the following LDE contract amendment:

Contractor: Northwestern State University - Region 7  
(Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, LaSalle, and Winn Parishes)  
Contract Period: 07/01/2016 - 06/30/2018  
Previous Amount: \$25,860.00  
Amended Amount: \$25,860.00  
Contract Amount: \$51,720.00  
Fund: Federal/Child Care and Development Fund  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: The contractor will provide consumer education and referral services, foundational learning opportunities, and technical assistance to early childhood providers in order to support implementation of the Early Childhood Care and Education Network.

6.2.22 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the following LDE contract amendment:

Contractor: Northwestern State University - Region 8  
(Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto,  
Jackson, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine,  
and Webster Parishes)  
Contract Period: 07/01/2016 - 06/30/2018  
Previous Amount: \$504,780.00  
Amended Amount: \$504,780.00  
Contract Amount: \$1,009,560.00  
Fund: Federal/Child Care and Development Fund  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: The contractor will provide consumer education and referral services, foundational learning opportunities, and technical assistance to early childhood providers in order to support implementation of the Early Childhood Care and Education Network.

6.2.23 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the following LDE contract amendment:

Contractor: Pointe Coupee Early Childhood Coalition -  
Region 2 (Pointe Coupee Parish)  
Contract Period: 07/01/2016 - 06/30/2018  
Previous Amount: \$49,300.00  
Amended Amount: \$49,300.00  
Contract Amount: \$98,600.00  
Fund: Federal/Child Care and Development Fund  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: The contractor will provide consumer education and referral services, foundational learning opportunities, and technical assistance to early childhood providers in order to support implementation of the Early Childhood Care and Education Network.

6.2.24 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the following LDE contract amendment:

Contractor: Volunteers of America Greater Baton Rouge - Region 2 (East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana Parishes)  
Contract Period: 07/01/2016 - 06/30/2018  
Previous Amount: \$513,396.00  
Amended Amount: \$513,396.00  
Contract Amount: \$1,026,792.00  
Fund: Federal/Child Care and Development Fund  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: The contractor will provide consumer education and referral services, foundational learning opportunities, and technical assistance to early childhood providers in order to support implementation of the Early Childhood Care and Education Network.

6.2.25 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the following LDE contract amendment:

Contractor: Volunteers of America Greater Baton Rouge - Region 3 (St. Helena and Livingston Parishes)  
Contract Period: 07/01/2016 - 06/30/2018  
Previous Amount: \$73,308.00  
Amended Amount: \$73,308.00  
Contract Amount: \$146,616.00  
Fund: Federal/Child Care and Development Fund  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: The contractor will provide consumer education and referral services, foundational learning opportunities, and technical assistance to early childhood providers in order to support implementation of the Early Childhood Care and Education Network.

6.2.26 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the following LDE contract amendment:

Contractor: Volunteers of America Greater Baton Rouge - Region 5 (Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, and Vermilion Parishes)  
Contract Period: 07/01/2016 - 06/30/2018  
Previous Amount: \$345,137.07  
Amended Amount: \$345,137.07  
Contract Amount: \$690,274.14  
Fund: Federal/Child Care and Development Fund  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: The contractor will provide consumer education and referral services, foundational learning opportunities, and technical assistance to early childhood providers in order to support implementation of the Early Childhood Care and Education Network.

6.2.27 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the following LDE contract amendment:

Contractor: Volunteers of America Greater Baton Rouge - Region 6 (Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, and Jefferson Davis Parishes)  
Contract Period: 07/01/2016 - 06/30/2018  
Previous Amount: \$228,664.30  
Amended Amount: \$228,664.30  
Contract Amount: \$457,328.60  
Fund: Federal/Child Care and Development Fund  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: The contractor will provide consumer education and referral services, foundational learning opportunities, and technical assistance to early childhood providers in order to support implementation of the Early Childhood Care and Education Network.

6.2.28 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the following LDE contract amendment:

Contractor: Volunteers of America Greater Baton Rouge -  
Region 7 (Avoyelles, Rapides, and Vernon  
Parishes)  
Contract Period: 07/01/2016 - 06/30/2018  
Previous Amount: \$245,922.39  
Amended Amount: \$245,922.39  
Contract Amount: \$491,844.78  
Fund: Federal/Child Care and Development Fund  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: The contractor will provide consumer education and referral services, foundational learning opportunities, and technical assistance to early childhood providers in order to support implementation of the Early Childhood Care and Education Network.

6.2.29 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the following LDE contract amendment:

Contractor: Administrators of the Tulane Education  
Fund/Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral  
Sciences  
Contract Period: 07/01/2016 - 06/30/2018  
Previous Amount: \$1,661,400.00  
Amended Amount: \$1,661,400.00  
Contract Amount: \$3,322,800.00  
Fund: Federal/Child Care and Development Fund  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: The contractor will provide consumer education and referral services, foundational learning opportunities, and technical assistance to early childhood providers in order to support implementation of the Early Childhood Care and Education Network.

- 6.2.30 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the following LDE contract:

Contractor: University of Louisiana at Lafayette  
Contract Period: 07/01/2017 - 06/30/2018  
Contract Amount: 2,100,000.00  
Fund: Federal, State - CCDF, State, IDEA  
Competitive Process: Non-Competitive

Description of Service: The contractor will provide Pre-K and Toddler CLASS observations, using reliable observers, and will deliver all scores to the LDE. Contractor scores, along with local scores, will contribute to performance ratings for 2017-2018 for Community Networks and sites. These ratings will be reported as part of the Performance Profiles in 2018 called for by Act 3 (2012) and BESE Bulletin 140, *Louisiana Early Childhood Care and Education Network*.

- 6.2.31 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the following LDE contract:

Contractor: University of Louisiana at Lafayette  
Contract Period: 03/01/2017-07/01/2017  
Contract Amount: 58,711.00  
Fund: Federal - Pre-K Expansion Grant - T&TA  
Competitive Process: Non-Competitive

Description of Service: The contractor will provide Pre-K and Toddler CLASS observations, using reliable observers, and will deliver all scores to the department. Contractor scores, along with local scores, will contribute to performance ratings for 2017-2018 for Community Networks and sites. These ratings will be reported as part of the Performance Profiles in 2018 called for by Act 3 (2012) and BESE Bulletin 140, *Louisiana Early Childhood Care and Education Network*.

- 6.2.32 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board received updates on RSD Capital Projects from December 2016 including: RSD and OPSB Monthly Summaries for December 2016; Superintendents' Report for December; RSD Open Contracts as of December 31, 2016; and OPSB Open Contracts as of December 31, 2016.

6.2.33 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Chenevert Architects, LLC  
Contract Period: 01/18/2012 - 01/18/2018  
Previous Amount: \$1,926,030.82  
Amended Amount: \$17,568.64  
Contract Amount: \$1,943,599.46  
Fund: IAT - FEMA  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment adjusts the designer's fee for basic services based on the final construction amount for the new two-section elementary school at Paul L. Dunbar School. It also provides for the additional service for redesign of foundation due to unforeseen subsurface site conditions and redesign of foundation at pile caps due to misdriven piles. It also provides for the additional service for redesign for converting classrooms 110 and 108, 210 and 208, and 310 and 308 into Blended Learning Classrooms for the new two-section elementary school at Paul L. Dunbar School.

6.2.34 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Scairono Martinez Architects  
Contract Period: 03/08/2017 - 03/08/2020  
Contract Amount: \$72,801.00  
Fund: IAT - FEMA  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This contract provides for the professional architectural design services and construction administration for Schaumburg Elementary School roof and E.P. Harney Spirit of Excellence Academy gutters.

6.2.35 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the following RSD contract:

Contractor: Sher Garner Cahill Richter Klein & Hilbert, LLC  
 Contract Period: 01/01/2016 - 12/31/2019  
 Contract Amount: \$125,000.00  
 Fund: State - Charter Admin.  
 Competitive Process: Non-Competitive

Description of Service: This contract provides for legal services required for the Louisiana Recovery School District and the State of Louisiana arising out of litigation or potential litigation involving the Recovery School District.

6.2.36 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board ratified action taken per interim authority of the Board President concerning submission of the legislative report to the House and Senate Committees on Education and prior to the March 1, 2017, deadline in response to House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 137 of the 2016 Regular Legislative Session.

6.2.37 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board received the minutes of the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) Task Force meeting held January 24, 2017.

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. Davis, the Board received an update on RSD Capital Projects for November 2016 to include:

- RSD and OPSB Monthly Summaries for November 2016;
- Superintendents' Report for November 2016;
- RSD Open Contracts as of November 30, 2016; and
- OPSB Open Contracts as of November 10, 2016.



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 Ms. Holloway, the Board received the report pertaining to the status of and recommendation for schools transferred to the Recovery School District.

6.4.2 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board received the update report on the New Orleans Early Education Network (NOEEN).

6.4.3 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board received the update report on the unification of public schools in New Orleans.

Agenda Item 6.5. **Educator Effectiveness Committee** (Schedule 6)

6.5.1 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate program proposal submitted by the Children First Professional Development Center, as recommended by the LDE.

6.5.2 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate program proposal submitted by the Jefferson Parish Public School System, as recommended by the LDE.

6.5.3 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate program proposal submitted by Louisiana State University at Alexandria, as recommended by the LDE.

6.5.4 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate program proposal submitted by Louisiana State University at Eunice, as recommended by the LDE.

6.5.5 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 2 teaching certificate, #529513, issued to Ms. Farrah Markham Calkins.

- 6.5.6 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board revoked the Louisiana Type C teaching certificate, #144957, issued to Ms. Leah Ann Aarons Mendoza.
- 6.5.7 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board revoked the Louisiana Ancillary Artist/Drama teaching certificate, #537756, issued to Mr. Byron Terrell Wade.
- 6.5.8 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board revoked the Louisiana Type B teaching certificate, #421042, issued to Ms. Tremica Knight-Henry.
- 6.5.9 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board revoked the Louisiana Type A teaching certificate, #034902, issued to Mr. Tommie Warren, Jr., noting that this revocation is one for which certificate issuance/reinstatement will never be considered.
- 6.5.10 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board revoked the Louisiana Type B teaching certificate, #072701, issued to Ms. Stephanie J. Saberre.
- 6.5.11 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board revoked the Louisiana Ancillary Non-public Montessori certificate, #557644, issued to Ms. Brandy Adams Ledet.
- 6.5.12 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board revoked the Louisiana PL 2 certificate, #516301, and the Louisiana PL 3 certificate, #508499, issued to Mr. Robert Braxton Bird.
- 6.5.13 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 1 teaching certificate, #502450, issued to Mr. Louis Carl Aguillard, noting that this is a revocation for which certificate issuance/reinstatement will never be considered.
- 6.5.14 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board revoked the Louisiana Type A teaching certificate, #475056, issued to Mr. Curtis Isamu Tsuruda.

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

- 6.6.1 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Boffy, the Board received the report regarding the surrender of the charter for KIPP Central City Academy, a Type 5 charter school operated by KIPP New Orleans, Inc., effective July 1, 2017, as recommended by the LDE.
- 6.6.2 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Boffy, the Board received the status report on Types 2, 4, and 5 charter schools, as recommended by the LDE.
- 6.6.3 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Boffy, the Board deferred until the March 29, 2017, Special Board Meeting: "Consideration of a report on the student enrollment percentages of At-Risk students and students with disabilities for all public schools statewide."
- 6.6.4 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Boffy, the Board approved the request for a material amendment to the charter contract governing Impact Charter Elementary, operated by Education Explosion, Inc., to add sixth through eighth grades to the current grade configuration, adding one grade level per year beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, as recommended by the LDE.
- 6.6.5 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Boffy, the Board approved the request for a material amendment to the charter contract governing Lycee Francais de la Nouvelle Orleans, operated by Lycee Francais de la Nouvelle Orleans, Inc., amending admission requirements for the school, beginning in the 2017-2018 school year, to include that students in first grade and beyond, must pass a grade-appropriate assessment of French language proficiency, as recommended by the LDE.
- 6.6.6 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Boffy, the Board deferred until the April 18, 2017, School Innovation and Turnaround Committee meeting: "Consideration of the extension of the charter contract for Northshore Charter School," as recommended by the LDE.

6.6.7 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Boffy, the Board received an update report regarding the Memorandum of Understanding between the Caddo Parish School System and the Recovery School District regarding failing schools and the operation of the school at the site currently occupied by the Linwood Public Charter School for the 2017-2018 school year.

Agenda **Board Advisory Council Reports**  
Item 7.

Agenda **Nonpublic School Council** (Schedule 8)  
Item 7.1.

On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board received the minutes of the Nonpublic School Council meeting held January 24, 2017, and approved the tentative agenda for the April 25, 2017, meeting.

Agenda **Superintendents' Advisory Council** (Schedule 9)  
Item 7.2.

On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Ms. Edmonston, the Board received the minutes of the Superintendents' Advisory Council meeting held February 16, 2017, and approved the tentative agenda for the April 27, 2017, meeting.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.