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OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES

Meeting of April 19, 2017

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

APRIL 19, 2017

The Louisiana Purchase Room Baton Rouge, LA

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in regular session on April 19, 2017, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Board President Gary Jones, and opened with a prayer by Superintendent Sheila Jackson, Grant Parish School System.

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

Ms. Sandy Holloway was absent.

Mr. Mike Edwards, Principal of Montgomery High School in Grant Parish, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On Point of Personal Privilege, Dr. Jones congratulated and presented Certificates of Recognition to Superintendent Jackson and Mr. Edwards on the occasion of the 100 year anniversary of accreditation of Montgomery High School.

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

Agenda Item 3. **Approval of the Minutes**

On motion of Mr. Roque, seconded by Dr. Thomason, the Board approved the minutes of March 29, 2017. (Schedule 2)

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

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

- Prior to the June 2017 BESE meetings, the official graduation rate for 2017, the ACT results, and the LEAP results will be released.
- The Teacher Leader Summit will be held in New Orleans the first week of June 2017.

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- Policies will be prepared that relate to accountability issues and other aspects of the state plan to comply with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).
- The LDE will continue work with Deans of Colleges of Education and leaders of Alternative Education Preparation Programs to develop a process by which those entities will be measured and outcomes will be evaluated.

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Board Committee Reports

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Item 5.1.

Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee

(Schedule 3)

- 5.1.1 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board approved the Nonpublic School Academic Classification for the 2017-2018 School Year for The Church Academy in Lafayette Parish: Non-Accredited Approved.
- 5.1.2 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board granted Brumfield vs. Dodd approval to The Church Academy in Lafayette Parish.
- 5.1.3 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board received a report regarding the "Uniquely Louisiana" education resources.
- 5.1.4 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board approved the waiver request submitted by the Ascension Parish School Board for a waiver of policy contained in Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §1103. Compulsory Attendance and §2314. Carnegie Credit, for the 2017 Spring semester for St. Amant High School and Dutchtown High School, due to the effects of the federally declared disaster, Louisiana Severe Storms and Flooding (DR-4277).
- 5.1.5 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board directed the State Superintendent of Education to provide, as quickly as 2016-2017 test results and analyses are available, an update with regard to the 2016-2017 test scores of students enrolled in schools impacted by the August 2016 flooding disaster, to identify any aggregate results that would appear to be misaligned with expected performance based on historical trends and to recommend any actions needed to ensure the validity of such results used for school and district accountability purposes.

- 5.1.6 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board approved Early Childhood Education as a Jump Start Graduation Pathway, as recommended by the LDE.
- 5.1.7 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board approved The 1881 Institute of Technology as a course provider for the Course Choice Program beginning with the 2017-2018 School Year.
- 5.1.8 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 March 22, 2017.
- 5.1.9 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board received the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Panel meeting held March 29, 2017.
- 5.1.10 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 118, *Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices: §5909. State BESE-Approved Instruments*, relative to kindergarten entry assessments.
- 5.1.11 On motion of Dr. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board deferred until June 2017: “Consideration of policy revisions regarding Mutual Accountability Team recommendations.”
- 5.1.12 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board deferred “Consideration of revisions to Bulletin 102, *Louisiana Physical Education Content Standards*, regarding the adoption of Louisiana physical education standards” and referred the item back to the LDE for further review and consideration by BESE.
- Agenda Item 5.2. **Administration and Finance Committee** (Schedule 4)
- 5.2.1 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Boffy, the Board received the report on LDE contracts of \$50,000 and under approved by the State Superintendent of Education.
- 5.2.2 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Boffy, the Board received the quarterly report of expenditures and budget balances of 8(g) projects for FY 2016-2017.

School and District Innovations - Competitive

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

Allocation: School Redesign Planning Grant
Amount: \$659,274.00
Funding Period: 03/08/16 - 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 schools and students. These funds are intended to help school systems make a determination about whether each partner is the right fit for the schools as they build a school redesign plan for the 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. Voitier recused herself from voting on this motion.

District Support - Competitive

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

Allocation: Early Childhood Lead Agencies
Amount: \$3,104,388.00
Funding Period: 07/01/2017 - 06/30/2018
Source of Funds: SGF / Federal

Purpose: The LDE coordinates the Louisiana Early Childhood Care and Education Network by designating, through a competitive process, a Lead Agency for each community to conduct administrative functions and coordinate essential activities. The Lead Agency also serves as fiscal agent. Lead Agencies must:

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1. Conduct administrative functions for the community network;
2. Coordinate CLASS observations by assuring that accurate observations are conducted for all Toddler and Pre-K classrooms and that feedback is provided to all participating programs; and
3. Coordinate birth-to-age-five enrollment for publicly-funded programs and the state funding application for the Community Network.

Basis of Allocation: Funding is being provided at a rate of \$582 per Toddler and Pre-K classroom.

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

District Support - Other

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

Allocation: Micro-Enterprise Credential Resources / Jump Start Video Network (JSVN)
 Amount: \$6,000.00
 Funding Period: 10/12/2016 - 06/30/2017
 Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The Jump Start Video Contest provided grant awards for students who created videos suitable for posting on the Jump Start Video Network. These videos are intended to help students and parents understand the structure and benefit of the Jump Start program.

Basis of Allocation: Each video approved for uploading to the JSVN will be awarded a \$1,000 grant.

5.2.6 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Boffy, the Board approved the following LDE contract:

Contractor: Louisiana State University
 Contract Period: 04/01/2017 - 08/31/2017
 Contract Amount: \$82,500.00
 Fund: Federal, State – Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), 8(g)
 Competitive Process: N/A

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Description of Service: The contractor will disseminate and collect responses on parent satisfaction from online and mailed surveys that will support the accountability system for all publicly-funded early childhood education programs called for by Act 3 of the 2012 Legislative session.

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

Contractor: Louisiana State University Agricultural Center
Contract Period: 04/01/2017 - 03/31/2020
Contract Amount: \$900,000.00
Fund: Federal - USDA
Competitive Process: Sole Source

Description of Service: Services provided under this interagency agreement will enable the State to fulfill obligations detailed in Louisiana Revised Statute 17:195.1, which requires the implementation of a Louisiana Farm to School Program, and which will be funded with 100% restricted federal child nutrition program state administrative funds. Services will include: (a) development of an inventory of farming operations throughout the state; (b) guidance to local schools to develop relationships with local farmers; (c) guidance to assist schools and districts in the inclusion of local farmers, food processors, and suppliers in the procurement process (d) dissemination of specific farm to school procurement guidelines for farmers and schools; (e) dissemination of information to schools and districts regarding proper equipment required to prepare fresh food; (f) creation of a plan to integrate classroom and hands-on activities related to agriculture, food, health, and nutrition into the school curricula; and (g) development and distribution of farm to school guidance materials for local schools and farmers, including a Louisiana Farm to School Handbook.

5.2.8 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Boffy, the Board approved the following LDE contract amendment:

Contractor: Fluency Plus, LLC
Contract Period: 01/01/2016 - 01/01/2018
Previous Amount: \$223,837.00
Amended Amount: \$100,000.00
Contract Amount: \$323,387.00
Fund: State General Fund
Competitive Process: Sole Source

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Description of Service: The contractor will provide court-ordered services of an independent monitor to monitor compliance with the consent decree issued by the federal court in the litigation captioned P.B., et al. v. White, et al. [2:10-cv-04049] , U.S. District Court of the Eastern District of Louisiana.

5.2.9 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Boffy, the Board approved the following LDE contract:

Contractor: Northwestern State University - Pathways
Contract Period: 07/01/2017 - 06/30/2018
Contract Amount: \$367,873.10
Fund: IAT/Federal - Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)
Competitive Process: N/A

Description of Service: The contractor will provide management of the Louisiana Pathways Child Care Career Development System. Louisiana Pathways Child Care Career Development System is the career registry for child care leaders, teachers, trainers, and coaches. Louisiana Pathways Child Care Career Development System tracks professional development hours, provides needed data for the distribution of School Readiness Tax Credits.

5.2.10 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Boffy, the Board approved the following LDE contract:

Contractor: Northwestern State University - Scholarship Program
Contract Period: 07/01/2017 - 06/30/2018
Contract Amount: \$1,781,848.75
Fund: IAT/Federal - Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)
Competitive Process: N/A

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

- 5.2.11 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Boffy, the Board approved the following LDE contract:

Contractor: Louisiana State University (LSU)
Contract Period: 09/30/2016 - 06/30/2019
Contract Amount: \$131,200.00
Fund: State, IAT
Competitive Process: Sole Source

Description of Service: Services provided under this contract with LSU will provide technical support, via Dr. George Noell, regarding the value-added model in accordance with Act 54 which requires performance at every level of K-12 public education to be evaluated based upon student growth. LSU, via Dr. George Noell, will analyze data and produce reports for the purposes of teacher preparation providers' program evaluation. LSU, via Dr. George Noell, will provide technical support for the development of a teacher preparation quality rating system.

- 5.2.12 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Boffy, the Board received updates on RSD Capital Projects from January 2017 including: RSD and OPSB Monthly Summaries for January 2017; Superintendents' Report for January 2017; RSD Open Contracts as of January 31, 2017; OPSB Open Contracts as of January 31, 2017; and the 4th Quarter Report for 2016.

- 5.2.13 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Boffy, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Eskew+Dumez+Ripple, APC
Contract Period: 03/09/2012 - 09/09/2017
Previous Amount: \$1,616,479.05
Amended Amount: \$81,599.00
Contract Amount: \$1,698,078.05
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment adjusts the designer's basic services fee based on the final construction price for McDonogh 42 Elementary School.

- 5.2.14 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Boffy, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: SCNZ Architects, LLC
Contract Period: 10/17/2012 - 10/17/2017
Previous Amount: \$327,671.20
Amended Amount: \$71,061.00
Contract Amount: \$398,732.20
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment adjusts the designer's basic service fee based on the final construction price for McDonogh #28 Elementary School refurbishment.

- 5.2.15 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Boffy, the Board approved the following RSD contract:

Contractor: Trapolin Peer Architects - VMDO Architects, PC-JV
Contract Period: 04/19/2017 - 04/19/2020
Contract Amount: \$1,347,930.90
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This project consists of construction of New Karr High School.

- 5.2.16 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Boffy, the Board approved the 8(g) FY 2016-2017 statewide program and budget revisions for LEAP 2025 (S005), Educator Preparation Transition Support Program (S078), International Choices for College and Career Education (S080), and Early Childhood Care and Education Network Expansion (S075).

- 5.2.17 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Boffy, the Board:

- a. approved the report in response to the following resolutions of the 2016 Regular Legislative Session, and
- b. directed the LDE to submit the report in response to HCR 141 and SR182 to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education.

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HCR 141

Requests the Commissioner of Higher Education and the State Superintendent of Education to jointly report to the legislature on increasing availability and use of dual enrollment programs.

SR 182

Requests the State Superintendent of Education, in consultation with local and state officials, to jointly study and develop recommendations for creating a more seamless system of secondary and postsecondary education.

- 5.2.18 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Boffy, the Board received the report regarding the BESE Superintendent's Evaluation Work Group.
- 5.2.19 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Boffy, the Board approved the recommendation of the BESE Superintendent's Work Group.
- 5.2.20 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Boffy, the Board received the report regarding the BESE Legislative Work Group.
- 5.2.21 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Boffy, the Board approved the legislative protocol for the 2017 Regular Legislative Session, as recommended by the BESE Legislative Work Group.
- 5.2.22 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Boffy, the Board approved the watch list of bills for the 2017 Legislative Regular Session to include the following: HB 4, HB 79, HB 130, HB 178, HB 194, HB 203, HB 239, HB 242, HB 330, HB 390, HB 497, HB 500, HB 517, HB 532, HB 536, HB 545, HB 546, HB 557, HB 567, HB 568, HB 569, HB 572, HB 573, HB 584, HB 616, HCR 7, SB 13, SB 71, SB 73, SB 82, SB 87, SB 91, SB 110, SB 157, SB 170, SB 190, SB 209, SB 215, SB 225, SB 226, and SB 233.

Agenda
Item 5.3.

Educator Effectiveness Committee

(Schedule 5)

- 5.3.1 On motion of Dr. Thomason, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved a one-year extension of the provisional approval of the Caddo Parish Practitioner Teacher Program, beginning in April 2017, as recommended by the LDE.

5.3.2 On motion of Dr. Thomason, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board granted the waiver of policy outlined in Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*: §803. Appeal Process, enabling the Teacher Certification Appeals Council (TCAC) to consider appeals for Temporary Authority to Teach (TAT) extensions provided there is evidence that the appellant:

- is teaching in a demonstrated shortage area, as evidenced by LEA-level workforce needs;
- registered for and has taken the examinations required for admission into a post-baccalaureate teacher certification program at least twice during the initial one-year validity period of the authorization;
- met the standards of effectiveness pursuant to Bulletin 130, *Regulations for the Evaluation and Assessment of School Personnel*, and mandated by R.S. 17:3885 of the Louisiana 2010 Regular Legislative Session in all years in which the TAT was held; and
- is recommended by the LEA and will continue to be employed by the LEA.

Further, the Board directed the LDE, in collaboration with the TCAC, to conduct a study regarding the efficacy of TAT extensions. The results of that study are to be submitted to BESE no later than the April 2018 Educator Effectiveness Committee meeting and should include a formal report outlining the findings of the study and, if appropriate, recommended changes to the TAT policy.

5.3.3 On motion of Dr. Thomason, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 1 teaching certificate #531418 issued to Mr. Joshua Philip Krieg.

5.3.4 On motion of Dr. Thomason, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 1 teaching certificate #500388 issued to Mr. Steven Patrick Wilson, Sr.

5.3.5 On motion of Dr. Thomason, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 2 teaching certificate #475594 issued to Mr. Nicholas Ryan Willis.

- 5.3.6 On motion of Dr. Thomason, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 1 teaching certificate #518040 issued to Ms. Kimberly Lorraine Naquin.
- 5.3.7 On motion of Dr. Thomason, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board revoked the Louisiana PL 1 teaching certificate #457380 issued to Ms. Ashley Gray Dowden.
- 5.3.8 On motion of Dr. Thomason, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board granted the reinstatement of a Louisiana teaching certificate appropriate to the credentials of Mr. Byron T. Wade.
- 5.3.9 On motion of Dr. Thomason, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board granted the reinstatement of a Louisiana teaching certificate appropriate to the credentials of Ms. Brandy Adams Ledet.

Agenda Item 5.4. **School Innovation and Turnaround Committee** (Schedule 6)

- 5.4.1 On motion of Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board approved a material amendment to the approved charter governing GEO Prep at Mid-City, to be operated by GEO Foundation, to change the current grade configuration (six through twelve) to kindergarten through eighth grade, and to increase enrollment capacity from 425 to 630 students, beginning with the 2017-2018 School Year, as recommended by the LDE.
- 5.4.2 On motion of Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board received a verbal update report from the State Superintendent of Education regarding the extension of the charter contract for Northshore Charter School.
- 5.4.3 On motion of Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board deferred until the June 2017 School Innovation and Turnaround Committee meeting: "Consideration of the extension of the charter contract for Northshore Charter School."

- 5.4.4 On motion of Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board received the update report regarding the automatic renewal term of the charter school contract for Belle Chasse Academy, operated by Belle Chasse Academy, Inc., amending the length of the charter contract renewal, which was previously received by the Board in December 2016, from nine years to ten years, beginning with the 2017-2018 School Year, as recommended by the LDE.
- 5.4.5 On motion of Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board approved the request from Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish, operated by Athlos Academies, to extend the opening date for the previously approved charter application from Fall 2017 to Fall 2018, as recommended by the LDE.
- 5.4.6 On motion of Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board approved the operation of Linwood Public Charter School, to be operated by the Recovery School District for the 2017-2018 School Year, pursuant to a management agreement with Shreveport Charter Schools, Inc., developed by the RSD Superintendent.
- 5.4.7 On motion of Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board approved the maximum enrollment capacity, by grade level, for the 2017-2018 School Year for Linwood Public Charter School as follows:

Grade Level	Maximum Enrollment
K	125
1	125
2	135
3	105
4	50
5	0
6	80
7	85
8	90

Also noted is that this enrollment capacity, by grade level, is subject to modification when deemed necessary by the RSD Superintendent.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.