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OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES

Meeting of May 11, 2017

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

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**The Thomas Jefferson Rooms A and B
Baton Rouge, LA**

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in special session on May 11, 2017, in the Thomas Jefferson Rooms A and B, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m. by Board President Gary Jones.

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

Dr. Holly Boffy and Ms. Kira Orange Jones were absent.

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

Agenda Item 3. **Items for Consideration**

State Superintendent of Education John White provided an overview of the process related to the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) formula. He discussed the reason why proposed amendments to the FY 2017-2018 Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) formula approved by BESE on March 8, 2017, were recommended to the Board for consideration. These amendments address emergency assistance in the events of natural disasters and military deployment.

Ms. Beth Scioneaux, Louisiana Department of Education (LDE), Deputy Superintendent of Finance, responded to Board member questions.

Discussion followed.

Public comments regarding Agenda Item 3.1., "Consideration of possible amendments to the FY 2017-2018 Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) formula approved by BESE on March 8, 2017," were received from Mr. Scott Richard, Louisiana School Boards Association; Superintendent Michael Faulk, Louisiana Association of School Superintendents; and Superintendent Rick Wentzel, Livingston Parish School System.

Agenda
Item 3.1.

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

- a. amended the FY 2017-2018 Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) formula approved by BESE March 8, 2017, as presented by the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE);
- b. approved additional amendments to Item VIII. Emergency Assistance, B. Military Deployment, as follows:

In the event of a deployment of ~~an entire~~ a brigade combat team or a combination of units of approximately the same size of soldiers from a Louisiana military base on or before September 30, 2017, anticipated to result in at least a ten (10) percent reduction in military-connected students, the 2017-2018 MFP state allocation for the school district in which the military base is located will be held constant and any downward funding adjustments as a result of the 2017-2018 October or February Mid-Year Adjustments would not be implemented.

- c. authorized the LDE to make technical edits and adjustments to the formula, as needed;
- d. authorized the LDE to adjust the estimated cost based on amendments adopted; and
- e. authorized the LDE to submit the formula and simulation of cost to the Legislature.

(Schedule 2)

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.