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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 August 13, 2014

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

AUGUST 13, 2014

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

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in regular session on August 13, 2014, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 9:13 a.m. by Board President Chas Roemer and opened with a prayer by Ms. Paula Laird, Baton Rouge College Preparatory School.

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

Mr. Jay Guillot was absent.

Ms. Debra Schum, Louisiana Association of Principals, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Agenda Item 3. On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the minutes of June 18, 2014; July 1, 2014; and July 29, 2014.

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

State Superintendent of Education John White's report highlighted the following:

- Half of Louisiana's school systems are participating as early childhood networks, which means those systems have unified or are in the process of unifying Head Start, childcare, and pre-kindergarten under one system of governance and academic expectations. The Board will soon be actively involved in regulating childcare and Head Start.

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- Every school system statewide will be implementing or partially implementing Jump Start. Twenty-three career pathways submitted by regional teams have been approved.
- Eight school systems across the state are piloting the Believe and Prepare education preparation model this year. LDE is working with its higher education partners and school systems to co-design new models of education preparation, where teacher education candidates are educated in the classroom.
- The start of school marks the continuation of important changes – important progress – to early childhood, career education, and educator preparation in addition to curriculum and assessments.

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. Miranti, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board granted Brumfield v. Dodd approval for the following schools:

Cristo Rey Baton Rouge High School - East Baton Rouge Parish,
Healing Waters Montessori School - St. Tammany Parish,
HOPE Christian School - East Baton Rouge Parish,
McKanstry Preparatory School - East Baton Rouge Parish,
Northminster Montessori Preschool - St. Tammany Parish,
SIHAF K-12 Learning Academy - Caddo Parish,
Southern Magnolia Montessori School - St. Tammany Parish,
Torah Academy - Jefferson Parish, and
University Montessori School - Orleans Parish.

5.1.2

On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the request from the East Baton Rouge Parish School System for a waiver of policy contained in Bulletin 1706, *Regulations for Implementation of the Children with Exceptionalities Act*, Subpart 2. Regulations for Gifted/Talented Students: §2001. Pupil/Teacher, and Pupil Appraisal Ratios for Public Education, contingent upon the following:

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- Criteria for admission to Scholastic Academy should continue to be clearly established and concentrated in the elementary grades (Pre-K-6). Students above sixth grade who move into the parish from other districts, states, countries, or transfer from private or parochial schools, are the only students that can be recommended for Great Scholars Academy;
- After two years in the Scholastic Academy, those students who do not meet state criteria for gifted, must be placed in separate Scholastic Academy classes or in regular classrooms rather than remaining in the Scholastic Academy/Gifted blended classes for the remainder of their school careers. Students will exit the program, if need be, at the end of the school year rather than at mid-term; and
- The East Baton Rouge Parish School System must monitor each site that contains Scholastic Academy/Gifted blended classes for elementary, middle, and high school levels to ensure that policies and procedures are consistently followed throughout the district. For future waivers to be approved, the percentages of minorities in the district's gifted programs must remain the same (due to the high success rate) or continue to increase.

5.1.3

On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the request from the Caldwell Parish School System for a waiver of policy contained in Bulletin 1706, *Regulations for Implementation of the Children with Exceptionalities Act*, Subpart 2. Regulations for Gifted/Talented Students: §2001. Pupil/Teacher, and Pupil Appraisal Ratios for Public Education, contingent upon the following:

- The two regular education students added to each grade level (Grades 6-8) must have scored Mastery or higher on the ELA portion of the iLEAP or LEAP test from the previous year;
- The student-teacher ratio will not exceed those established by Bulletin 1706, Subpart 2, Chapter 20, which allows for a 30:1 ratio for a resource setting;
- Instruction is provided for not more than 12 students per period;
- Performance on statewide assessments should not have a negative impact; and
- Gifted blended ELA class at Caldwell Junior High School must be monitored by the Caldwell Parish School System to assure that policies and procedures are consistently followed. For future waivers to be approved, the number of referrals for gifted identification must increase.

5.1.4 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report and endorsed the Battle of New Orleans Educational Curriculum, and expressed appreciation to Lieutenant Governor Jay Dardenne.

5.1.5 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the existing Department of Children and Family Services waivers of early childhood licensing regulations beginning October 1, 2014, with the continuing effectiveness of each until each center’s first annual licensing renewal date following BESE’s promulgation of new early learning center licensing regulations, as follows:

EARLY LEARNING CENTER	LICENSE NUMBER	REGULATION WAIVED	DESCRIPTION
City of Baton Rouge/Parish of EBR/Head Start Center	14624	7303.1.B	may pay with government check instead of certified check or money order
City of Baton Rouge/Parish of EBR/Head Start Center	14938	7303.1.B	may pay with government check instead of certified check or money order
City of Baton Rouge/Parish of EBR/Head Start Center	8104	7303.1.B	may pay with government check instead of certified check or money order
City of Baton Rouge/Parish of EBR/Head Start Center	15634	7303.1.B	may pay with government check instead of certified check or money order
City of Baton Rouge/Parish of EBR/Head Start Center	5345	7303.1.B	may pay with government check instead of certified check or money order
City of Baton Rouge/Parish of EBR/Head Start Center	14624	7303.1.B	may pay with government check instead of certified check or money order

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City of Baton Rouge/Parish of EBR/Head Start Center	9027	7303.1.B	may pay with government check instead of certified check or money order
City of Baton Rouge/Parish of EBR/Head Start Center	1894	7303.1.B	may pay with government check instead of certified check or money order
City of Baton Rouge/Parish of EBR/Head Start Center	7892	7303.1.B	may pay with government check instead of certified check or money order
City of Baton Rouge/Parish of EBR/Head Start Center	15074	7303.1.B	may pay with government check instead of certified check or money order
City of Baton Rouge/Parish of EBR/Head Start Center	11744	7303.1.B	may pay with government check instead of certified check or money order
City of Baton Rouge/Parish of EBR/Head Start Center	5693	7303.1.B	may pay with government check instead of certified check or money order
Montessori School for Shreveport	16008	7369.A.2	director's qualifications accepted
Montessori Education Center	15954	7369.A.2	director's qualifications accepted
Future Leaders Inc. dba Little Learners	16078	7310.B.1	director's qualifications accepted

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University Montessori School of Carrollton	16083	7310.B.1	director's qualifications accepted
Friendswood Church of God Christian Center	308	7310.B.1	director's qualifications accepted
God's Little Tots Daycare, LLC	15923	7310.B.2	director's qualifications accepted
Child's Play II Child Care and Development Center	14966	7311.A.5	criminal background check performed by the federal General Services Administration (GSA) is sufficient
YMCA Castle Kids	6189	7311.A.5	issuing worthless checks conviction; hired prior to 2011 law regarding fraud conviction; allowed to remain as director
University Montessori School of Carrollton	16083	7319.A, D, N.1-6	parents may provide meals and snacks
Healing Waters Montessori School	16086	7319.A, D, N.1-6	parents may provide meals and snacks
Future Leaders Inc. dba Little Learners	16078	7319.A, D, N.1-6	parents may provide meals and snacks
Lakeview Maria Montessori Preschool	16085	7319.A, D, N.1-6	parents may provide meals and snacks

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Crescent City Montessori School	16087	7319.A, D, N.1-6	parents may provide meals and snacks
Young Years Children's Education Center	457	7319.G	center may sell snacks
Southland Park Learning Center	337	7319.G	center may sell snacks
Futures Unlimited Preschool and Daycare	13231	7323.A.2	indoor capacity increase
St. Joan of Arc School-Pre School	1022	7373.A.1.a	indoor capacity increase
Children's Edition	587	7373.A.1.a	indoor capacity increase
Grand Isle Head Start Center	8107	7323.B.1	no direct exit to outdoor play space; safety procedures in place
Rainbow Academy and Preschool	13568	7323.B.1	no direct exit to outdoor play space; safety procedures in place
First Assembly Christian Learning Center	1484	7323.B.1	no direct exit to outdoor play space; safety procedures in place
The Early Learning Center of Broadmoor	4681	7323.B.1	no direct exit to outdoor play space; safety procedures in place

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Trinity Heights Baptist Church Day Care	462	7373.A.2.a	no direct exit to outdoor play space; safety procedures in place
First Friends Christian Learning Center	62	7373.A.2.a	no direct exit to outdoor play space; safety procedures in place
Broadmoor Presbyterian Early Childhood	947	7373.A.2.a	no direct exit to outdoor play space; safety procedures in place
First Baptist Church Day School	57	7373.A.2.a	no direct exit to outdoor play space; safety procedures in place
First Baptist Child Development Center	523	7373.A.2.a & c	no direct exit to outdoor play space; safety procedures in place
The Children's Center (Child Development)	11725	7373.A.2.b	no outdoor play area; indoor gym available
Boutte Christian Academy	429	7323.B.4	A/C unit not enclosed; safety procedures in place
United Methodist Children's Learning Center	13499	7327.E	no gate on stairs; gate would be a fire hazard; safety procedures in place
Mamou Head Start	6187	7327.L	sidewalk not enclosed by fence/safety procedures in place

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Chataignier Head Start Center	12884	7327.L	sidewalk not enclosed by fence/safety procedures in place
Kid Ventures, LLC	13121	7331.H	valid Texas Driver's license instead of La. License

- 5.1.6 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report regarding assessments for the 2014-2015 school year.
- 5.1.7 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deferred until October 2014: "Consideration of annual approval of new alternative education schools and programs."
- 5.1.8 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Panel meeting held August 4, 2014.
- 5.1.9 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received an update report on the Accountability Commission and the minutes of the Accountability Commission meeting held July 21, 2014.
- 5.1.10 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report on the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council.
- 5.1.11 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 132, *Louisiana Course Choice Program*: §103. Definitions; §301. Course Choice Program Authorization; §303. BESE Duties Relating to Course Choice Program; §501. General Provisions; §503. Course Provider Curriculum; §505. Course Provider Instructional Staff; §507. Online Course Providers; §701. Local Educational Authority (LEA) Duties; §1101. Program Funding; and §1301. Provider Evaluation.
- 5.1.12 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §337. Written Policies and Procedures; §901. Scheduling; §1129. Dating Violence; §1302. Student Code of Conduct;

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§2305. Ancillary Areas of Instruction; §2317. High School; §2318. The College Diploma; §2319. The Career Diploma; §2333. Art; §2337. Dance; §2341. English; §2345. Foreign Languages; §2347. Health Education; §2353. Mathematics; §2355. Music; §2361. Science; §2363. Social Studies; §2369. Theatre Arts; and §2397. Career Options.

- 5.1.13 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Nonpublic Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators*: §2109. High School Graduation Requirements; §2305. Art; §2309. Dance; §2313. English; §2317. Foreign Languages; §2323. Mathematics; §2325. Music; §2329. Science; §2331. Social Studies; and §2337. Theatre Arts.
- 5.1.14 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 119, *Louisiana School Transportation Specifications and Procedures*: §301. Employment Requirements; §303. Certification of School Bus Drivers; §2303. Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS); §2503. Purchase of School Buses; §2509. Used School Buses; and §2511. Life of a School Bus.
- 5.1.15 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 1706, *Regulations for Implementation of the Children with Exceptionalities Act*. §133. Expenditures.
- 5.1.16 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 118, *Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices*: §303. Definitions; §305. Test Security Policy; §309. Erasure Analysis; §312. Administrative Error; §313. Viewing Answer Documents; §316. Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices; §319. E-mail Addresses for Nonpublic School Test Coordinators; §1301. Introduction; §1803. Introduction; §2501. General Provisions; §2901. General Provisions; and §3501. Approved Home Study Program Students.
- 5.1.17 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 1530, *Louisiana's IEP Handbook for Students with Exceptionalities*: §401. Eligible Students and IEP Team Responsibilities, §403. Requirements for Promotion, and §405. Requirements for Graduation, as amended, and direct the LDE, in

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consultation with special education advocates, to submit a proposal to the Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee to recognize the achievement of high school students accessing the alternate academic standards in the state, district, and school accountability system.

- 5.1.18 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 118, *Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices*: §107. Assessment Programs; §701. Overview of Assessment Programs in Louisiana; §2000. Sunset Provision; §2001. Introduction; repealing §2003. Participation Criteria; repealing §2011. Grade 4 Achievement Level Descriptors; repealing §2012. Grade 5 Achievement Level Descriptors; repealing §2013. Grade 6 Achievement Level Descriptors; repealing §2014. Grade 7 Achievement Level Descriptors; repealing §2015. Grade 8 Achievement Level Descriptors; repealing §2016. Grade 9 Achievement Level Descriptors; §2035. LAA 2 Administration Rules; §2037. Summer Retest Administration; repealing §2039. LAA 2 Transfer Students; and §3303. Special Education Students to eliminate the administration of the Louisiana Alternate Assessment, Level 2 (LAA 2).
- 5.1.19 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana, District, and State Accountability System*: §301. School Performance Score Goal; §515. State Assessments and Accountability; §519. Inclusion of Schools; §703. Inclusion of Students in the Subgroup Component; §705. AMO; §707. Safe Harbor; §3901. Assessment of Students with Disabilities; §3903. LEAP Alternate Assessment Participation Criteria; §3905. Inclusion of Alternate Assessment Results; and §4310. Subgroup Component AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) to remove references to the Louisiana Alternate Assessment, Level 2 (LAA 2).
- 5.1.20 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 1566, *Pupil Progression Policies and Procedures*: §503. Regular Placement; repeal §703. Promotion of LAA 2 Eligible Students; and §705. Supports for Students.
- 5.1.21 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §2318. The College Diploma and §2319. The Career Diploma.

- Agenda Item 5.2. **Administration and Finance Committee** (Schedule 3)
- 5.2.1 On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board received the report on 8(g) monitoring visits conducted by Board staff.
- 5.2.2 On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board received the report on LDE contracts of \$50,000 and under approved by the State Superintendent of Education.
- 5.2.3 On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board received the report on RSD contracts of \$50,000 and under approved by the State Superintendent of Education.
- 5.2.4 On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board received the audit report of the Bureau of Internal Audit (BIA): "Significant Audit Findings - Single Audits of School Boards and Charter Schools for the Year Ended June 30, 2013."
- 5.2.5 On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved the proposed program and budget for the 8(g) statewide program, Louisiana Instructional Materials Center for Blind/Visually Impaired (LSVI) (S016A), for FY 2014-2015.
- 5.2.6 On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved the proposed program and budget for the 8(g) statewide program, Synergistic STEM Lab (LSD) (S036A), for FY 2014-2015.
- 5.2.7 On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved the proposed program and budget for the 8(g) statewide program, Accessible Learning: A Vision for All! (LSVI) (S036B), for FY 2014-2015.
- 5.2.8 On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved the proposed program and budget for the 8(g) statewide program, Accessing the Curriculum in SMART Ways (LSEC) (S036C), for FY 2014-2015.

Student Centered Goals - Competitive

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

Allocation: Louisiana Striving Readers Comprehensive
Literacy Program (SRCL)
Amount: \$7,000,000
Funding Period: 10/01/2014 - 09/30/2015
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of the Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy grant funds is to increase literacy achievement for all students, birth - grade 12. Funds will be used to create sustainable systems that support implementation of CCSS and focus on:

1. School Leader and Teacher Learning Targets,
2. Assessment and Curriculum,
3. School and Teacher Collaboration,
4. Compass Observation and Feedback,
5. Pathway to College and Career, and
6. Align Resources.

Basis of Allocation: This is the first of two allocations, contingent upon funding by USDE. The second allocation will be presented in October 2014.

District Support - Competitive

5.2.10 On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Jobs For America's Graduates - LA
Amount: \$46,615
Funding Period: 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2015
Source of Funds: Federal

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Purpose: The Jobs for America's Graduates - Louisiana (JAG - LA) program is a dropout prevention/recovery and workforce preparation program for at-risk youth. It keeps at-risk students in school through graduation to obtain a high school diploma or a high school equivalency diploma, and during that time improves their rate of success in acquiring employability and occupational competencies.

Basis of Allocation: Grant allocations for continuation request was conducted to determine the grant awards for FY 2014-2015. Applications were read and scored according to the established selection criteria and the ability to meet the requirements of the FY 2013-2014 JAG-LA Grant.

This allocation is a supplement for one additional JAG-LA Program in Jefferson Parish.

School and District Support - Other

5.2.11 On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Recovery School District (RSD) High Schools Initiative
Amount: \$200,000
Funding Period: 08/13/2014 - 06/30/2015
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: This program will help support the successful transition of students with disabilities at RSD direct-run high schools, closing on 06/30/2014, to higher performing schools for the 2014-2015 school year. The funding will ensure that students are able to complete high school with their peers. This is a one-time allocation.

Basis of Allocation: This allocation will provide funding for approved projects for the RSD High Schools.

5.2.12 On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Special Education Career Diploma Pilot
Amount: \$49,000

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Funding Period: 08/13/2014 - 06/30/2015
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: This program will support the development, design, and implementation of vocation-focused programming to provide pathways for students with disabilities to graduate with standard career diplomas.

Basis of Allocation: This allocation will provide funding for an approved pilot program for St. John Parish School System.

Student Centered Goals - Other

5.2.13 On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Louisiana Renaissance Immersion Program 8(g)
Amount: \$130,000
Funding Period: 08/13/2014 - 06/30/2015
Source of Funds: IAT - 8(g)

Purpose: The Renaissance Language Immersion Program proposes assistance for schools to improve literacy and to prepare students for higher education and the global marketplace through a world language immersion program. Because of the cultural and economic impact of romance languages in Louisiana, priority assistance is offered to support the creation and enhancement of French immersion programs, though other language programs are eligible for support.

Basis of Allocation: For SY 2014-2015, award winners continue to receive allocations that were computed based on a score above 78 out of a 100-point rubric established by the LDE.

Management and Finance - Other

5.2.14 On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Math Design Collaborative
Amount: \$9,000
Funding Period: 08/13/2014 - 06/30/2015
Source of Funds: Federal

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Purpose: The LDE will conduct Math Design Collaborative (MDC) training, which provides a framework for preparing students for college and career by engaging middle and high school math students in formative assessment lessons and math challenges during the 2014-2015 school year.

Basis of Allocation: Funds are allotted as follows: Teacher leaders from Bossier Parish School System (two) and Lafayette Parish School System (four) will serve as trainers for the MDC sessions in their district. These two LEAs will receive \$500 per trainer per session to conduct three teacher training sessions in each of these districts to cover expenses such as materials, planning, and substitutes (if needed).

5.2.15 On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved the following LDE contract:

Contractor: THRIVE Baton Rouge
Contract Period: 07/1/2014 - 06/30/2015
Contract Amount: \$1,000,000
Fund: TANF
Competitive Process: Line Item Appropriation

Description of Service: Provided that funding is provided for Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG), \$1,000,000 shall be allocated to THRIVE Baton Rouge for educational programs for TANF-eligible at-risk students.

5.2.16 On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved the following LDE contract:

Contractor: Acadiana Symphony Association
Contract Period: 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2015
Contract Amount: \$250,000
Fund: State
Competitive Process: Line Item Appropriation

Description of Service: The contractor will provide a program to continue a pilot arts-integrated curriculum using fine arts and performing arts as an approach to education.

- 5.2.17 On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved the following LDE contract:

Contractor: University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Contract Period: 08/01/2014 - 06/30/2015
Contract Amount: \$504,000
Fund: 8(g), SPED 619 (Leadership), IAT from DCFS (CCDF)
Competitive Process: Non-Competitive

Description of Service: The contractor will provide third party Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) reliable observers to conduct CLASS observations and submit CLASS data to LDE on LDE Summary Report forms.

- 5.2.18 On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved the 2014-2015 budget for the Recovery School District.

Dr. Beebe and Ms. Hill were recorded as being opposed to the motion.

- 5.2.19 On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: VergesRome Architects, APAC
Contract Period: 03/09/2012 - 03/09/2015
Previous Amount: \$1,780,612.98
Amended Amount: \$37,754.00
Contract Amount: \$1,742,858.98
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment adjusts the designer's fee for basic services due to the additional scope of work being added to the project for Frederick A. Douglass High School science classroom renovation. It provides for the addition of a new project, a new project number, additional scope of work, and a new design schedule.

- 5.2.20 On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board received an update on RSD Capital Projects from June 2014, including: RSD-OPSB Phase 1 Monthly Summary for June 2014; RSD-OPSB Phase 2 Monthly Summary for June 2014; Superintendents' Report for June 2014; BESE/RSD Open Contracts as of July 8, 2014; OPSB Open Contracts as of July 7, 2014; and Bid Tabulations for June 2014.

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Public comments were received on the following agenda item:

Agenda Item 6.4., "Consideration of the process for selecting a future governing authority for John McDonogh High School, to include Orleans Parish School Board (added to the agenda by Ms. Hill):"

Support: None.

Oppose: Ms. Deborah Meaux, Louisiana Association of Educators.

Information Only/Other: Ms. Karran Harper Royal, Mr. Walter Goodwin, Ms. Shawon Bernard, Ms. Angelina Elder, Ms. Elizabeth Jeffers, and Mr. Derek Roguski, concerned citizens; and Ms. Anne Marie Coviello, Mr. Willie M. Zanders, and Ms. Brenda B. Squire, John McDonogh Steering Committee.

5.2.21 On motion of Dr. Beebe, seconded by Ms. Hill, the Board authorized the request of an Attorney General's Opinion and appropriate jurisprudence on the subject of the return of schools from the Recovery School District to the school district of record and directed that a report be presented in October 2014.

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Ms. Orange Jones offered a motion, seconded by Dr. Miranti, that the Board direct that the RSD Superintendent:

- a. meet with the Orleans Parish School Board Superintendent to analyze revenue, cost, student demographic projections, and facility and capacity needs of existing school programs in Orleans Parish to inform the RSD's decision related to the use and control of the John McDonogh High School facility;
- b. pursue a process led by Orleans Parish School Board officials to engage with Orleans Parish community members and the John McDonogh High School Steering Committee regarding the future use and control of the John McDonogh High School facility; and
- c. provide an update to the Board on this matter at the October 2014 Administration and Finance Committee meeting.

Discussion followed.

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Ms. Hill offered a motion, seconded by Dr. Beebe, that the Board return John McDonogh High School to the Orleans Parish School Board and encourage stakeholder involvement, including that of the Recovery School District.

Discussion followed.

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Mr. Roemer stated that the Board would vote on Ms. Hill's motion.

Ms. Hill offered a motion, seconded by Dr. Beebe, that the Board return John McDonogh High School to the Orleans Parish School Board and encourage stakeholder involvement, including that of the Recovery School District.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Yeas: Dr. Beebe, Ms. Hill, Mr. Lee, and Ms. Smith.

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

Abstentions: None.

Absences: Mr. Guillot.

The motion failed.

5.2.21A On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board directed that the RSD Superintendent:

- a. meet with the Orleans Parish School Board Superintendent to analyze revenue, cost, student demographic projections, and facility and capacity needs of existing school programs in Orleans Parish to inform the RSD's decision related to the use and control of the John McDonogh High School facility;

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- b. pursue a process led by Orleans Parish School Board officials to engage with Orleans Parish community members and the John McDonogh High School Steering Committee regarding the future use and control of the John McDonogh High School facility; and
- c. provide an update to the Board on this matter at the October 2014 Administration and Finance Committee meeting.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Yeas: Ms. Boffy, Ms. Bradford, Mr. Garvey, Mr. Lee, Dr. Miranti, Ms. Orange Jones, and Mr. Roemer.

Nays: Dr. Beebe, Ms. Hill, and Ms. Smith.

Abstentions: None.

Absences: Mr. Guillot.

The motion passed.

- 5.2.22 On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board received the report on the BESE budget.
- 5.2.23 On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board received the update report on the 2014 Regular Legislative Session.
- 5.2.24 On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved the Minimum Foundation Program Task Force membership nominees, amending the designated appointments to include the Louisiana Association of School Business Officials and Early Childhood Advisory Council.
- 5.2.25 On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board received the Minimum Foundation Program Task Force meeting process, tentative schedule, and topics.

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Public comments were received on the following agenda item:

Agenda Item 8.3., "8(g) Public Hearing:"

Support: None.

Oppose: None.

Information Only/Other: Ms. Deborah Meaux, Louisiana Association of Educators; and Mr. Scott Richard, Louisiana School Boards Association.

Agenda Item 5.3.

8(g) Public Hearing

(Schedule 4)

On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board received the minutes of the 8(g) Public Hearing held August 12, 2014.

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Public comments were received on the following agenda item:

Agenda Item 5.4., "Committee of the Whole (RSD matters only) – Administration and Finance Committee:"

Support: None.

Oppose: None.

Information Only/Other: Ms. Karran Harper Royal, Mr. Walter Goodwin, Ms. Shawon Bernard, and Ms. Elizabeth Jeffers, concerned citizens; and Ms. Lois Adams, UTNO Retirees.

Agenda **Committee of the Whole**
 Item 5.4. **Administration and Finance Committee** (Schedule 5)

5.4.1 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Duplantis Design Group, PC
 Previous Amount: \$254,926.00
 Amended Amount: \$31,686.00
 Contract Amount: \$286,612.00
 Contract Period: 10/17/2012 - 10/17/2015
 Fund: IAT - FEMA
 Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for additional services for selective demolition, video inspection of existing plumbing, roof coring/testing, lead paint XRF analysis, and supplemental lead paint XRF and asbestos analysis for the refurbishment of Agnes L. Bauduit School.

5.4.2 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Rozas-Ward/a.i.a. Architects, Inc.
 Previous Amount: \$1,733,122.06
 Amended Amount: \$1,936.00
 Contract Amount: \$1,735,058.06
 Contract Period: 01/18/2012 - 01/18/2015
 Fund: IAT - FEMA
 Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for additional engineering services to re-design the access control system for the new high school at Edward Livingston School.

5.4.3 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Shaw Environmental and Infrastructure
 Previous Amount: \$64,140.00

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Amended Amount: \$36,392.00
Contract Amount: \$100,532.00
Contract Period: 02/14/2013 - 02/14/2015
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for additional services for further RECAP evaluation and documentation and environmental services associated with an additional site investigation at the Booker T. Washington High School site.

5.4.4 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board received an update on RSD Capital Projects from May 2014, including:

RSD-OPSB Phase 1 Monthly Summary for May 2014; RSD-OPSB Phase 2 Monthly Summary for May 2014; Superintendents' Report for May 2014; BESE/RSD Open Contracts as of June 6, 2014; OPSB Open Contracts as of June 6, 2014; and the Bid Tabulation Sheets for May 2014.

5.4.5 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board approved the change orders for the construction contract with Brice Building Company, LLC, for the new Fannie C. Williams School, project number 19D-682-06-EDU, in the amount of \$142,774.91, in order to provide for the following specific services:

- 1) furnish and install perimeter edge angle metal deck supports at various roof locations;
- 2) modify the ductwork for AHU-4 and increase the width of the south wall of dining room A166;
- 3) furnish alternate size/type downspout boots, all in accordance with the architect's request for 54" downspout boots in lieu of the specified downspout boots;
- 4) construct the concrete entrance ramps at select north exterior storefront openings;
- 5) procure and install added steel plates to support masonry parapet walls;
- 6) remove existing concrete cast stone brick ledges at the entry and bus canopies;
- 7) construct the revised concrete cast stone ledges at the bus canopy;
- 8) perform re-commissioning readiness preparation to support the re-commissioning date of 12/15/2012;

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- 9) investigate and install both temporary and permanent vent stack extension and collector pipes on the roof of area A;
- 10) modify and install additional flue piping in room A155;
- 11) modify HVAC components directly affected by ceiling height conflicts in room C214;
- 12) modify sound attenuator number 7;
- 13) procure and install AHU/RTU duct drop transitions;
- 14) install additional piping for the temperature activated water mixing valve device (TMV-1);
- 15) reroute the sanitary drain piping and install additional piping and fittings for the FD-2 floor drain in room A203; and
- 16) modify existing fire sprinkler piping to allow for reconfigured HVAC ducts.

Further, the Board directed the RSD to submit the approved change order for consideration and approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

5.4.6 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board received the update report regarding the completion of the 2011 School Facilities Recovery Plan and remaining projects.

5.4.7 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board received the Orleans Parish School Board Resolution No. 18-14.

Agenda Item 5.5. **Educator Effectiveness Committee** (Schedule 6)

5.5.1 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board received the minutes of the Teacher Certification Appeals Council meeting held July 24, 2014.

5.5.2 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved, for certification purposes, the following teacher education program, as recommended by the LDE:

Louisiana State University and A&M College: Certification-Only Alternate Program in Health and Physical Education Grades K-12.

5.5.3 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board recognized Ms. La'Keisha McKinney for her service as the Teacher of the Year on the BESE Educator Effectiveness Committee for the 2013-2014 school year and received the report regarding Ms. Carla Jackson, who will serve as the 2014-2015 Teacher of the Year on the BESE Educator Effectiveness Committee.

5.5.4 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 1 teaching certificate, #513076, issued to Mr. Robert Porter.

5.5.5 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board granted the issuance of a Louisiana teaching certificate appropriate to the credentials of Mr. Troy Jackson.

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

5.6.1 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the LDE recommendation to authorize Tangipahoa Charter School Association, Inc., to commence operation of a Type 2 charter school in Tangipahoa Parish, no earlier than fall 2015, subject to all of the following conditions:

- Completion of a pre-opening checklist;
- Addressing any special considerations set forth in the recommendation; and
- Execution of the charter contract prior to the beginning of the opening school year.

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

5.6.2 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board deferred consideration of the Type 2 charter school application submitted by Grambling High Foundation in Lincoln Parish.

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

5.6.3 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board deferred consideration of the Type 2 charter school application submitted by Greater Grace Charter Academy in St. James Parish.

5.6.4 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the LDE recommendation to authorize Algiers Charter School Association to commence operation of up to four Type 5 charter schools within the Recovery School District no earlier than fall 2015, and up to two Type 5 charter schools within the Recovery School District in subsequent years pursuant to the LDE's operator selection process, subject to all of the following conditions:

- Completion of a pre-opening checklist;
- Assignment of a RSD-operated school by the Superintendent of the RSD. If an assignment is not made, the authority to open the school may be deferred or may be rescinded, based on a recommendation by the Superintendent of the RSD;
- Addressing any special considerations set forth in the recommendation; and
- Execution of the charter contract prior to the beginning of the opening school year.

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

5.6.5 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the LDE recommendation to authorize Baton Rouge Bridge Academy to commence operation of a Type 5 charter school within the Recovery School District no earlier than fall 2015, subject to all of the following conditions:

- Completion of a pre-opening checklist;
- Assignment of a RSD-operated school by the Superintendent of the RSD. If an assignment is not made, the authority to open the school may be deferred or may be rescinded, based on a recommendation by the Superintendent of the RSD;
- Addressing any special considerations set forth in the recommendation; and
- Execution of the charter contract prior to the beginning of the opening school year.

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

5.6.6 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the LDE recommendation to authorize Baton Rouge College Prep to commence operation of a Type 5 charter school within the Recovery School District no earlier than fall 2015, subject to all of the following conditions:

- Completion of a pre-opening checklist;
- Assignment of a RSD-operated school by the Superintendent of the RSD. If an assignment is not made, the authority to open the school may be deferred or may be rescinded, based on a recommendation by the Superintendent of the RSD;
- Addressing any special considerations set forth in the recommendation; and
- Execution of the charter contract prior to the beginning of the opening school year.

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

5.6.7 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the LDE recommendation to authorize Community Leaders Advocating Student Success to commence operation of a Type 5 charter school within the Recovery School District no earlier than fall 2015, subject to all of the following conditions:

- Completion of a pre-opening checklist;
- Assignment of a RSD-operated school by the Superintendent of the RSD. If an assignment is not made, the authority to open the school may be deferred or may be rescinded, based on a recommendation by the Superintendent of the RSD;
- Addressing any special considerations set forth in the recommendation; and
- Execution of the charter contract prior to the beginning of the opening school year.

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

5.6.8 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the LDE recommendation to authorize Crescent City Schools to commence operation of a Type 5 charter school within the Recovery School District no earlier than fall 2015, subject to all of the following conditions:

- Completion of a pre-opening checklist;
- Assignment of a RSD-operated school by the Superintendent of the RSD. If an assignment is not made, the authority to open the school may be deferred or may be rescinded, based on a recommendation by the Superintendent of the RSD;
- Addressing any special considerations set forth in the recommendation; and
- Execution of the charter contract prior to the beginning of the opening school year.

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

5.6.9 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the LDE recommendation to authorize Foundation Preparatory Charter School to commence operation of a Type 5 charter school within the Recovery School District no earlier than fall 2015, subject to all of the following conditions:

- Completion of a pre-opening checklist;
- Assignment of a RSD-operated school by the Superintendent of the RSD. If an assignment is not made, the authority to open the school may be deferred or may be rescinded, based on a recommendation by the Superintendent of the RSD;
- Addressing any special considerations set forth in the recommendation; and
- Execution of the charter contract prior to the beginning of the opening school year.

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

5.6.10 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the LDE recommendation to authorize New Orleans College Preparatory Academies to commence operation of one Type 5 charter school within the Recovery School District no earlier than fall 2015, and one Type 5 charter school within the Recovery School District in subsequent years pursuant to the LDE's operator selection process, subject to all of the following conditions:

- Completion of a pre-opening checklist;
- Assignment of a RSD-operated school by the Superintendent of the RSD. If an assignment is not made, the authority to open the school may be deferred or may be rescinded, based on a recommendation by the Superintendent of the RSD;
- Addressing any special considerations set forth in the recommendation; and
- Execution of the charter contract prior to the beginning of the opening school year.

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

5.6.11 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the request for a material amendment to the charter governing Milestone Academy, operated by Innovators in Milestones, to operate the school without an educational service provider, as recommended by the LDE.

5.6.12 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the request for a material amendment to the charter governing Milestone Academy, operated by Innovators in Milestones, to remove grades 9-12 from the school's enrollment table, as recommended by the LDE.

5.6.13 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board deferred consideration of the Memorandum of Understanding with Innovators in Milestones for the 2014-2015 school year.

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

5.6.14 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 126, *Charter Schools*: §309. Charter Authorizer Reporting Requirements.

- 5.6.15 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 133, *Scholarship Programs*: §301. School Registration Process; §501. Finance; and §1101. Reporting, and amending §101. Definitions, as follows:

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Eligible Nonpublic School—a non-public school that meets the following criteria:

1. is approved, ~~provisionally approved, or probationally approved~~ by the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education as either an accredited approved school, a non-accredited approved school, a Louisiana Montessori accredited approved school, or a Louisiana Montessori provisionally accredited approved school, pursuant to R.S. 17:11; and
2. is approved according to *Brumfield, et al. v. Dodd, et al.* 425 F. Supp. 528.

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- 5.6.16 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 134, *Tuition Donation Rebate Program*: §103. Definitions; §303. Awarding of Scholarships; and §1303. Annual Report on Program Implementation, and amending §901 General Audits and Financial Reviews, as follows:

A. The LDE ~~may~~ shall annually conduct an ~~general or specific audit or a financial review or audit~~ of a school tuition organization ~~as deemed necessary by the LDE~~. The LDE ~~may~~ shall bar a school tuition organization from participating in the rebate authorized under this Section if the school tuition organization intentionally or substantially fails to comply with the requirements of this Rule.

Agenda
Item 6.

Board Advisory Council Reports

Agenda
Item 6.1.

Nonpublic School Council

(Schedule 8)

On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Orange Jones, the Board received the minutes of the Nonpublic School Council meeting held July 29, 2014, and approved the tentative agenda for October 21, 2014.

Agenda
Item 6.2.

Superintendents Advisory Council

(Schedule 9)

On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Orange Jones, the Board received the minutes of the Superintendents' Advisory Council meeting held July 24, 2014, and approved the tentative agenda for September 18, 2014.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.