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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 December 7, 2016**

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION**

**DECEMBER 7, 2016**

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

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in regular session on December 7, 2016, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 10:25 a.m. by Board President Jim Garvey, and opened with a prayer by Mr. David Barr, Linwood Public Charter School.

Board members present were 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.

Dr. Holly Boffy was absent.

Caroline Roemer, Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comments were received from Mr. Scott Richard, Louisiana School Boards Association, who provided a handout entitled "BESE-07DEC16 – Admin and Finance Committee – MFP Task Force Membership" and Ms. Debbie Meaux, Louisiana Association of Educators.

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

Agenda Item 3. On motion of Dr. Thomason, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the minutes of October 12, 2016.

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

State Superintendent of Education White provided an update on the status of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) development process.

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The new education administration in Washington, DC, will have an effect on the ESSA process; however, it will likely be an anti-regulatory approach, rather than an over-regulatory approach, and will not layer more rules or complexity into the process. It is likely to be a more permissive environment that will allow states more latitude in attempting to define their plans.

Various public forums have taken place to discuss the ESSA plan. The most discussed element of the plan in Louisiana has been the extent to which a calculation of an individual child's academic progress during the year, rather than on just how high performing the child is on state assessments, has been debated. The Accountability Commission presented various methods for consideration. One method for looking at the progress of a child is to determine how that child performed relative to his/her peers. Another way is to determine how far away the student is from proficient and did that student make growth towards that mark of proficiency. Those are very different questions that lead to very different answers, but both are valid for their purposes. The Accountability Commission is wrestling with how to address these different types of questions within the system. State Superintendent of Education White stated that he has no doubt that the system will change; he believes that the system should be improved. How to accomplish that is a matter of great detail and great discussion. The Accountability Commission meets in early January 2017, and Board members were encouraged to attend in person or to watch the live streaming. The State Superintendent of Education anticipates that a new framework document will be issued based on some of the discussions which take place. He also stated that he has had productive discussions with Governor Edwards and his staff on this issue.

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**Board Committee Reports**

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Item 5.1.

**Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee**

(Schedule 2)

5.1.1

On motion of Ms. Holloway, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board approved the request submitted by the Iberia Parish School System to waive policy outlined in Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §903. Exceptional Students, and policy outlined in

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Bulletin 1530, *Louisiana's IEP Handbook for Students with Exceptionalities*: §127. Three-Year Age Span, for three classes that serve students with significant disabilities. The approval is contingent upon the following:

- up-to-date IEPs must be in place for each student, and parents shall be notified of the age span waiver via site determination; and
- the age span for these three classes will not exceed the three-year age span for parts of the school day while the students attend regular education classes, ancillary classes, and activities with age appropriate peers.

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

- a. approved the 2017-2018 Nonpublic School Academic Classifications, as presented by the LDE; and
- b. approved one new school, Lakeside Christian Academy in St. Tammany Parish – Non-Accredited Approved.

5.1.3 On motion of Ms. Holloway, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board granted Brumfield vs. Dodd approval for the following school:

Lakeside Christian Academy in St. Tammany Parish.

5.1.4 On motion of Ms. Holloway, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board received an update report on the Louisiana Science Standards Review Committee.

5.1.5 On motion of Ms. Holloway, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board received the minutes of the Accountability Commission meetings held on October 17, 2016; November 1, 2016; and December 5, 2016.

5.1.6 On motion of Ms. Holloway, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board approved the appointment of Ms. Kimberlee Gazzolo to serve as the nonpublic representative on the Accountability Commission, selected by the BESE President and approved by BESE. Ms. Gazzolo replaces Ms. Anna Larriviere on the Commission.

5.1.7 On motion of Ms. Holloway, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board received the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Panel meetings held on November 3, 2016, and November 16, 2016.

- 5.1.8 On motion of Ms. Holloway, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board received the minutes of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council meeting held on November 16, 2016.
- 5.1.9 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Garvey, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 137, *Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*: §103. Definitions and §1711. Child to Staff Minimum Ratios.
- 5.1.10 On motion of Ms. Holloway, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board approved, as Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 118, *Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices*: §305. Test Security Policy; §307. Change of District Test Coordinator Notification; §309. Erasure Analysis; §311. Addressing Suspected Violations of Test Security and Troubling Content in Written Responses (Constructed Responses, Short Answers, and Essays); and §316. Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices, regarding test security policies and procedures.
- 5.1.11 On motion of Ms. Holloway, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 112, *Louisiana English Language Development Standards*: §101. Introduction; §301. Receptive Modalities; §303. Productive Modalities; and §305. Interactive Modalities, relative to standards for English language learners.
- Further, the Board approved, as Notice of Intent, repeal of the following sections from Bulletin 112, *Louisiana English Language Development Standards*: §101. General Provisions; §103. Listening Benchmarks and Proficiency Levels; §301. General Provisions; §303. Speaking Benchmarks and Proficiency Levels; §501. General Provisions; §503. Reading Benchmarks and Proficiency Levels; §701. General Provisions; and §703. Writing Benchmarks and Proficiency Levels.
- 5.1.12 On motion of Ms. Holloway, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 127, *LEAP Alternate Assessment, Level 1 (LPAA 1) Extended Standards*: §9101. Introduction; §9301. Reading Literature; §9302. Reading Informational Text; §9303. Reading Foundations; §9304. Writing; §9305. Speaking and Listening; §9306. Reading Literature; §9307. Reading Informational Text; §9308. Reading Foundations; §9309. Writing; §9310. Speaking and Listening; §9311. Language; §9312. Reading Literature; §9313.

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Reading Informational Text; §9314. Reading Foundations; §9315. Writing; §9316. Speaking and Listening; §9317. Language; §9318. Reading Literature; §9319. Reading Informational Text; §9320. Reading Foundations; §9321. Writing; §9322. Speaking and Listening; §9323. Language; §9324. Reading Literature; §9325. Reading Informational Text; §9326. Reading Foundations; §9327. Writing; §9328. Speaking and Listening; §9329. Language; §9330. Reading Literature; §9331. Reading Informational Text; §9332. Reading Foundations; §9333. Writing; §9334. Speaking and Listening; §9335. Language; §9336. Reading Literature; §9337. Reading Informational Text; §9338. Writing; §9339. Speaking and Listening; §9340. Language; §9341. Reading Literature; §9342. Reading Informational Text; §9343. Writing; §9344. Speaking and Listening; §9345. Language; §9346. Reading Literature; §9347. Reading Informational Text; §9348. Writing; §9349. Speaking and Listening; §9350. Language; §9351. Reading Literature; §9352. Reading Informational Text; §9353. Writing; §9354. Speaking and Listening; §9355. Language; §9356. Reading Literature; §9357. Reading Informational Text; §9358. Writing; §9359. Speaking and Listening; §9360. Language; §9501. Counting and Cardinality; §9503. Operations and Algebraic Thinking; §9505. Number and Operations in Base Ten; §9507. Measurement and Data; §9509. Geometry; §9511. Counting and Cardinality; §9513. Operations and Algebraic Thinking; §9515. Number and Operations in Base Ten; §9517. Measurement and Data; §9519. Geometry; §9521. Operations and Algebraic Thinking; §9523. Number and Operations in Base Ten; §9525. Measurement and Data; §9527. Geometry; §9529. Operations and Algebraic Thinking; §9531. Number and Operations in Base Ten; §9533. Number and Operations—Fractions; §9535. Measurement and Data; §9537. Geometry; §9539. Operations and Algebraic Thinking; §9541. Number and Operations in Base Ten; §9543. Number and Operations—Fractions; §9545. Measurement and Data; §9547. Geometry; §9549. Operations and Algebraic Thinking; §9551. Number and Operations in Base Ten; §9553. Number and Operations—Fractions; §9555. Measurement and Data; §9557. Geometry; §9559. Ratios and Proportional Relationships; §9561. The Number System; §9563. Expressions and Equations; §9565. Geometry; §9567. Statistics and Probability; §9569. Ratios and Proportional Relationships; §9571. The Number System; §9573. Expressions and Equations; §9575. Geometry; §9577. Statistics and Probability; §9579. The Number System; §9581. Expressions and Equations; §9583. Functions; §9585. Geometry; §9587. Statistics and Probability; §9589.

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Number and Quantity; §9591. Algebra; §9593. Statistics and Probability; §9595. Number and Quantity; §9596. Algebra; §9597. Statistics and Probability; §9598. Geometry; and §9599. Statistics and Probability.

Further, the Board approved, as Notice of Intent, repeal of the following sections from Bulletin 127, *LEAP Alternate Assessment, Level 1 (LPAA 1) Extended Standards*: §101. Introduction; §103. Purposes of the Extended Standards Handbook; §105. Extended Standards Development; §107. Conclusion; §109. Definitions; §301. Introduction; §303. Definitions; §305. Elementary School—Third-Fourth Grades; §307. Middle School—Fifth-Sixth Grades; Seventh-Eighth Grades; §309. High School—Ninth-Twelfth Grades; §317. Complexity Level Codes; §319. Benchmark Codes, GLE Numbering, and Extended Standards; §321. Extended Standards Numbering; §323. Third-Fourth Grade Span; §325. Fifth-Sixth Grade Span; §327. Seventh-Eighth Grade Span; §329. Ninth-Twelfth Grade Span; §501. Overview; §503. Organizational Principles; §505. Definitions; §515. Benchmark Codes, GLE Numbering, and Extended Standards; §517. Extended Standards; §519. Complexity Levels; §521. Third-Fourth Grade Span; §523. Fifth-Sixth Grade Span; §525. Seventh-Eighth Grade Span; and §527. Ninth-Twelfth Grade Span.

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Item 5.2.

**Administration and Finance Committee**

(Schedule 3)

- 5.2.1 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Jones, the Board received the report on approved 8(g) block grant projects for elementary/secondary education for FY 2016-2017.
- 5.2.2 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Jones, the Board received the report on LDE contracts of \$50,000 and under approved by the State Superintendent of Education.
- 5.2.3 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Jones, the Board received the quarterly report of expenditures and budget balances of 8(g) projects for FY 2016-2017.
- 5.2.4 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Jones, the Board received the update report regarding LEAs in non-compliance with the 70 percent Instructional Requirement for FY 2014-2015.

**School and District Innovations - Competitive**

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

Allocation: School Improvement  
Amount: \$8,640,360.00  
Funding Period: 12/06/2016 - 09/30/2022  
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: School improvement grants and Title I grants directly support and empower Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to pursue high-quality initiatives that will transform educational opportunities for students attending Louisiana's lowest-performing schools.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations will be provided to both district and charter school LEAs using funds from federal 1003g and 1003a grant programs. Recipients of funds submitted competitive grant proposals to the LDE and were evaluated using a rubric by a review committee. Funding determinations were based on each applicant's score, status of the LEA's school transformation efforts, and proposed school improvement model.

Ms. Voitier recused herself from voting on this motion.

**Academic Content - Other**

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

Allocation: Standards Review Committee Meetings Substitute Reimbursement  
Amount: \$6,747.16  
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 Elementary and Secondary 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 reimburse the districts for 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.

**Student Opportunities - Other**

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

Allocation:	Mentor Network Grant
Amount:	\$21,000.00
Funding Period:	12/07/2016 - 06/30/2017
Source of Funds:	IAT Federal

Purpose: The purpose of this grant is to help Louisiana high schools use the Nepris system to help students engage with workplace experts in every industry sector they are interested in exploring. A critical component of Jump Start Career and Technical Education (CTE) is to have students engage with employers. This helps students learn about the world of work while making their high school studies more relevant.

Basis of Allocation: Allocations in the amount of \$1,000 are being awarded based on the following criteria: (1) high schools in locations where creating a mentor network is important to provide students with exposure to multiple industry sectors and careers; (2) faculty teams that include academic-subject teachers; and (3) high schools that currently do not have Nepris licenses (i.e., access to industry experts located anywhere in the United States).

**Departmental Support - Other**

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

Allocation: State Personnel Development  
Amount: \$73,400.00  
Funding Period: 07/01/2016 - 01/31/2017  
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The five year federal State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) seeks to improve systems of professional development and service delivery across the state. The grant provides professional development and technical assistance at the district and campus levels. This is a continuation of training around four focus areas that were identified in the grant to increase student performance when implemented by school staff. The four focus areas are data-based decision making, family-school partnerships, inclusive practices, and culturally responsive practices.

Basis of Allocation: The LDE has been approved for a no-cost extension through January 31, 2017, to complete the grant activities. Bossier and St. Bernard Parishes are implementing data-based decision making by conducting school team meetings. These parishes were not part of the original group of SPDG districts, but have joined during this final year as preparations begin for the roll out of the new SPDG beginning February 1, 2017. There is one more large professional development activity regarding the focus area of culturally responsive practices. Caddo Parish has agreed to take the lead in coordinating this 2-day event. These funds will cover all costs for meeting space, presenters, materials, etc.

Ms. Voitier recused herself from voting on this motion.

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

Allocation: State Personnel Development  
Amount: \$200,000.00  
Funding Period: 02/01/2017 - 06/30/2017  
Source of Funds: Federal

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Purpose: The new Louisiana State Personnel Development Grant (LaSPDG), a five year federal grant, intends to improve literacy outcomes for Students With Disabilities (SWD) through the development of a systematic Professional Development (PD) framework using evidence-based practices: (1) Data-Driven Decision Making (DDDM), (2) Literacy Strategies, (3) Coaching, and (4) Family Partnerships. The PD framework will be delivered to districts, schools, teachers, and families. This project builds upon sustaining two current PD practices, DDDM and Family Partnerships, while adding two additional practices, Literacy Strategies and Coaching. Systemic capacity building will be integrated into the system to sustain changes in practices at the state, district, school and teacher level.

Basis of Allocation: Eight LEAs have agreed to be a part of the new federal grant. Based on the number of schools participating, each LEA will receive \$8,000 per school. These funds will be used for district and school teams to meet after hours (stipends) and to attend SPDG training (travel and substitutes.)

Ms. Voitier recused herself from voting on this motion.

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

Contractor:	SchoolWorks
Contract Period:	03/01/2016 - 02/28/2019
Previous Amount:	\$294,950.00
Amended Amount:	\$278,850.00
Contract Amount:	\$573,800.00
Fund:	State - MFP Admin.
Competitive Process:	Competitive

Description of Service: In Fall 2015, the LDE conducted a competitive process to identify an organization to serve as the third-party reviewer for all charter applications submitted to the LDE. Through this competitive process, SchoolWorks was awarded a three year contract. BESE approved a ten month contract in the amount of \$294,950 at the January 2016 Board meeting for reviews that took place between 3/1/2016 - 12/31/2016, with the option to extend the contract for up to a total duration 36 months.

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The original contract was for \$294,950. In 2016, the LDE paid SchoolWorks \$185,371 for the evaluation of 27 charter applications received by the LDE during the 2016 charter application cycle. The contract has a remaining balance of \$109,579.

The LDE recommends the extension of the contract term length to cover the next two charter authorization cycles, bringing the contract to a total term length of 36 months. The LDE also recommends additional funding of \$278,850, bringing the total contract to a maximum of \$573,800. The proposed total contract amount is inclusive of the remaining contract balance and inclusive of the projections that the LDE will receive 28 charter applications during the 2017 cycle, and 28 during the 2018 cycle.

Application Cycle Year	2016	2017	2018	Total
Actual/Anticipated Appl.	27	28	28	83
Actual/Anticipated Cost	\$185,371	\$194,214	\$194,214	\$573,799

Extension of the contract term length and additional funding to this contract will allow the LDE to remain in compliance with state statute requirements for the 2017 and 2018 charter application cycles.

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

Contractor: Louisiana State University (LSU) - Baton Rouge  
Contract Period: 10/01/2016 - 01/31/2017  
Previous Amount: \$284,822.00  
Amended Amount: \$94,789.00  
Contract Amount: \$379,611.00  
Fund: Federal - IDEA-Part D (SPDG)  
Competitive Process: Non-Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment will allow for additional professional development in the areas of inclusive practices, school-family partnerships, and data-based decision making. It also provides for an external evaluator to assist the SPDG staff in creating a report to measure effectiveness over time. This will assist in completion of the final performance report in closing out the current grant. LSU will continue supporting participating districts in completing their action plans around the four focus areas.

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

Contractor: National Center for the Improvement for  
Educational Assessment (NCIEA)  
Contract Period: 08/01/2016 - 06/30/2017  
Contract Amount: \$129,900.00  
Fund: Federal - Title VI  
Competitive Process: Sole Source

Description of Service: The NCIEA will provide technical assistance to the LDE regarding the development and implementation of its assessment and accountability systems.

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

Contractor: InWhatLanguage  
Contract Period: 01/15/2017 - 06/15/2017  
Contract Amount: \$138,373.00  
Fund: Federal/IAT  
Competitive Process: Non-Competitive/personal service

Description of Service: Translation services will fall into one of the following categories:

1. Documents to be translated typically fall into the following format types:
  - a. program and/or service forms;
  - b. informational handbooks or guides;
  - c. assessment guides;
  - d. letters;
  - e. program and/or service worksheet;
  - f. assessment materials;
  - g. Power Points; and
  - h. printed transcript of public address and/or languages requiring translation may include Spanish, French, Creole French, Traditional Chinese, Simplified Chinese, Arabic, Vietnamese, Urdu, and Russian; or
2. Review of previously translated documents to ensure accuracy.

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

Contractor: Louisiana State University (LSU) - Baton Rouge  
Contract Period: 02/01/2017 - 06/30/2018  
Contract Amount: \$1,472,404.00  
Fund: Federal - IDEA-Part D (SPDG)  
Competitive Process: Non-Competitive

Description of Service: The LSU staff will work with the LDE to implement the goals and activities which provide support to the districts identified through the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) for professional development based on meeting the targets on the State Performance Plan Indicator-Assessment. This contract will encompass the first 18 months of the grant.

5.2.15 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Jones, the Board received updates on RSD Capital Projects from September 2016 including RSD and OPSB Monthly Summaries for September 2016; Superintendents' Report for September 2016; and RSD and OPSB Open Contracts as of October 10, 2016.

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

Contractor: Hewitt-Washington & Associates Architects and Planner  
Contract Period: 12/09/2010 - 12/09/2017  
Previous Amount: \$6,136,921.62  
Amended Amount: \$12,730.00  
Contract Amount: \$6,149,651.62  
Fund: IAT - FEMA  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for additional services for an existing brick relief angles field investigation and repair recommendation, slab elevation survey confirmation, additional hazardous materials survey of Auditorium and "Cube," and reimbursable expense for a review by the Board of Zoning Adjustments application fee for the new Booker T. Washington High School.

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

Contractor: Byron J. Stewart & Associates, APC  
Architects and Planners  
Contract Period: 01/15/2014 - 01/15/2017  
Previous Amount: \$344,609.50  
Amended Amount: \$2,146.10  
Contract Amount: \$346,755.60  
Fund: IAT - FEMA  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for additional services for an asbestos survey, report preparation, asbestos sampling, and asbestos work plan at McDonogh #32 Elementary School.

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

Contractor: VergesRome Architects, APAC  
Contract Period: 03/07/2014 - 03/07/2017  
Previous Amount: \$2,967,107.40  
Amended Amount: \$39,160.00  
Contract Amount: \$3,006,267.40  
Fund: IAT - FEMA  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for additional services for geotechnical percolation testing, water flow test, photographic documentation, test pile program, and additional geotechnical services rendered for the alternate pile recommendation for John McDonogh High School renovation.

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

Contractor: SCNZ Architects, LLC  
Contract Period: 12/07/2016 - 12/07/2019  
Contract Amount: \$53,998.00  
Fund: IAT - FEMA  
Competitive Process: Competitive

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Description of Service: This project consists of the replacement of HVAC units at Fischer Elementary School.

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

Contractor: VergesRome Architects, APAC  
Contract Period: 12/05/2012 - 12/05/2017  
Previous Amount: \$657,677.50  
Amended Amount: \$47,334.55  
Contract Amount: \$705,012.05  
Fund: IAT - FEMA  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment adjusts the designer's fee for basic services based on the low bidder's price; adds new project number, and provides for the additional service for preparation of construction documents for Samuel J. Green Charter School refurbishment – Phase 2. It also provides for the additional service for extended punch list inspections and contract administration services for Samuel J. Green Charter School refurbishment.

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

Contractor: Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects Project Design Group, LLC  
Contract Period: 01/18/2012 - 01/18/2017  
Previous Amount: \$1,636,448.05  
Amended Amount: \$273,694.32  
Contract Amount: \$1,910,142.37  
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 three-section elementary school at the Stuart R. Bradley Elementary School site.



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

Contractor: N-Y Associates, Inc. Consulting Engineers  
Architects & Planners  
Contract Period: 12/05/2012 - 12/05/2017  
Previous Amount: \$277,368.01  
Amended Amount: \$8,544.00  
Contract Amount: \$285,912.01  
Fund: IAT - FEMA  
Competitive Process: Competitive

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

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

Contractor: CB&I Government Solutions, Inc.  
Contract Period: 10/16/2013 - 10/16/2018  
Previous Amount: \$471,512.00  
Amended Amount: \$25,000.00  
Contract Amount: \$496,512.00  
Fund: IAT - FEMA  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for additional services for continued environmental consulting for Booker T. Washington High School.

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

Contractor: N-Y Associates, Inc. Consulting Engineers  
Architects & Planners  
Contract Period: 10/17/2012 - 10/17/2017  
Previous Amount: \$343,536.17  
Amended Amount: \$29,687.98  
Contract Amount: \$373,224.15

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Fund: IAT - FEMA  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for additional services for lead based paint monitoring and clearance activities and for the preparation of measured floor plans of the kitchen equipment at Andrew Jackson Middle School refurbishment.

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

Contractor: Blitch/Knevel Architects, Inc.  
Contract Period: 03/09/2012 - 03/09/2017  
Previous Amount: \$1,488,754.60  
Amended Amount: \$26,287.00  
Contract Amount: \$1,515,041.60  
Fund: IAT - FEMA  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment adjusts the designer's fee for basic services based on the final construction price, less errors and omissions, plus credits in change orders for Drew Elementary School renovation.

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

Contractor: Byron J. Stewart & Associates, APC  
Architects and Planners  
Contract Period: 03/07/2014 - 03/07/2017  
Previous Amount: \$206,990.00  
Amended Amount: \$13,679.00  
Contract Amount: \$220,669.00  
Fund: IAT - FEMA  
Competitive Process: Competitive

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

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

Contractor: Mahlum | Scairono Martinez Joint Venture  
Contract Period: 06/19/2013 - 06/19/2018  
Previous Amount: \$1,567,213.00  
Amended Amount: \$71,211.00  
Contract Amount: \$1,638,424.00  
Fund: IAT - FEMA  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for the addition of a new project and adjusts the designer's fee for basic services based on the available funds for construction. It also provides for additional services for an environmental consultant for the new Harriet R. Tubman Elementary School cottage renovation project.

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

Contractor: N-Y Associates, Inc. Consulting Engineers  
Architects & Planners  
Contract Period: 06/10/2013 - 06/10/2017  
Previous Amount: \$149,293.19  
Amended Amount: \$16,073.00  
Contract Amount: \$165,366.19  
Fund: IAT - FEMA  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment adjusts the designer's fee for basic services based on the final construction price for Sylvania F. Williams Elementary School refurbishment.

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

Contractor: Duplantis Design Group, PC  
Contract Period: 12/05/2012 – 12/05/2017  
Previous Amount: \$236,626.99  
Amended Amount: \$27,500.00

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Contract Amount: \$264,126.99  
Fund: IAT - FEMA  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for the addition of a new project – Village de l’Est Elementary School environmental Project No.: 2016-0585-0001; and for additional services to provide drawings, specifications, and limited construction administration assistance related to the architectural and lighting scope of work for Village de l’Est Elementary School environmental.

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

Contractor: SCNZ Architects, LLC  
Contract Period: 01/15/2014 - 01/15/2017  
Previous Amount: \$147,397.90  
Amended Amount: \$1,980.00  
Contract Amount: \$149,377.90  
Fund: IAT - FEMA  
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for additional services for a Boundary/Topography Survey for Phillis Wheatley Elementary School.

- 5.2.31 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Jones, the Board received the 8(g) Annual Report for FY 2015-2016.

- 5.2.32 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Jones, the Board received the report on the BESE Budget.

- 5.2.33 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Jones, the Board amended the membership of the MFP Task Force to include a representative of the Stand for Children organization.

- 5.2.34 On motion of Ms. Voitier, seconded by Dr. Jones, the Board approved the membership of the MFP Task Force, as presented by the BESE Executive Director and the State Superintendent of Education, and as amended to include a representative of the Stand for Children organization; a representative of the Teachers’ Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL), to serve in a non-voting capacity; and a representative of the Louisiana School Employees’ Retirement System (LSERS), to serve in a non-voting capacity.

- Agenda Item 5.3.      **Committee of the Whole**  
**Administration and Finance Committee**      (Schedule 4)
- 5.3.1      On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board received an update on RSD Capital Projects for August 2016 to include:
- RSD and OPSB Monthly Summaries for August;  
Superintendents' Report for August 2016; and  
RSD and OPSB Open Contracts as of September 9, 2016.
- Agenda Item 5.4.      **Committee of the Whole**  
**School Innovation and Turnaround Committee**      (Schedule 5)
- 5.4.1      On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Jones, the Board received the update report regarding the Youth Opportunity Center and the New Orleans Therapeutic Day Program.
- 5.4.2      On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Jones, the Board received the update report regarding the unification of public schools in New Orleans.
- Agenda Item 5.5.      **Educator Effectiveness Committee**      (Schedule 6)
- 5.5.1      On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board received the report on the Teacher Exit Interview System, and directed the Louisiana Department of Education staff to submit the report to the Senate Committee on Education and the House Committee on Education no later than January 15, 2017.
- 5.5.2      On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board received the report entitled "Retiree Return-to-Work Critical Shortage Area Certification Report (LA R.S. 11.710 & 11:1007)," regarding the certification of teacher shortages in critical shortage areas submitted by Local Education Agencies.
- 5.5.3      On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board deleted from the agenda "Consideration of the revocation of the Louisiana Level 1 teaching certificate, #562571, issued to Ms. Mary Cooper Bellard."

- 5.5.4 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board revoked the Louisiana Level 2 teaching certificate, #512266, issued to Mr. Kelly Taylor Messenger.
- 5.5.5 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board revoked the Louisiana Type B teaching certificate, #423717, issued to Ms. Shantel Markham Casten Flash.
- 5.5.6 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board granted the issuance of a Louisiana teaching certificate appropriate to the credentials of Ms. Brianna Arrington Calhoun.
- 5.5.7 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board granted the issuance of a Louisiana teaching certificate appropriate to the credentials of Mr. Jordan Anthony Sanchez.

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

- 5.6.1 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board renewed the charter for Cohen College Prep, a Type 5 charter school operated by New Orleans College Preparatory Academies, for a term of six years, as recommended by the LDE.
- 5.6.2 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board renewed the charter for G.W. Carver Collegiate Academy, a Type 5 charter school operated by Collegiate Academies, for a term of three years, as recommended by the LDE.
- 5.6.3 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board renewed the charter for James M. Singleton Charter School, a Type 5 charter school operated by Dryades Young Men's Christian Association, for a term of five years, as recommended by the LDE.
- 5.6.4 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board renewed the charter for Joseph A. Craig Charter School, a Type 5 charter school operated by Friends of King, for a term of three years, as recommended by the LDE.
- 5.6.5 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board renewed the charter for Langston Hughes Academy Charter School, a Type 5 charter school operated by Firstline Schools, Inc., for a term of three years, as recommended by the LDE.

- 5.6.6 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board renewed the charter for J.S. Clark Leadership Academy, a Type 2 charter school operated by Outreach Community Development Corporation, for a term of three years, as recommended by the LDE.
- 5.6.7 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board renewed the charter for Madison Preparatory Academy, a Type 2 charter school operated by Community School for Apprenticeship Learning, Inc., for a term of four years, as recommended by the LDE.
- 5.6.8 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board renewed the charter for New Vision Learning Academy, a Type 2 charter school operated by New Vision Learning Academy, for a term of four years, as recommended by the LDE.
- 5.6.9 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board renewed the charter for Southwest Louisiana Charter Academy, a Type 2 charter school operated by Southwest Louisiana Charter Academy Foundation, Inc., for a term of five years, as recommended by the LDE.
- 5.6.10 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board did not renew the charter for McDonogh #42 Elementary Charter School, a Type 5 charter school operated by Choice Foundation, as recommended by the LDE.
- 5.6.11 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board did not renew the charter for Milestone Academy, a Type 2 charter school operated by Innovators in Milestones, Inc., as recommended by the LDE.
- 5.6.12 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board deferred until January 2017 consideration of the renewal of the charter for Linwood Public Charter School, a Type 5 charter school operated by Shreveport Charter Schools, Inc., as recommended by the LDE.
- 5.6.13 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board granted an extension to Crocker College Prep, a Type 5 charter school operated by New Orleans College Preparatory Academies, for the remainder of the term of the charter contract, as recommended by the LDE.

- 5.6.14 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board granted an extension to Mildred Osborne Charter School, a Type 5 charter school operated by ARISE Academies, for the remainder of the term of the charter contract, as recommended by the LDE.
- 5.6.15 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board granted an extension to Paul Habans Elementary School, a Type 5 charter school operated by Crescent City Schools, for the remainder of the term of the charter contract, as recommended by the LDE.
- 5.6.16 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board granted an extension to ReNEW Schaumburg Elementary School, a Type 5 charter school operated by ReNEW-Reinventing Education, for the remainder of the term of the charter contract, as recommended by the LDE.
- 5.6.17 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board granted an extension to Delta Charter School, a Type 2 charter school operated by Delta Charter School, Inc., for the remainder of the term of the charter contract, as recommended by the LDE.
- 5.6.18 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board granted an extension to Tallulah Charter School, a Type 2 charter school operated by Madison-Tallulah Education Center, for the remainder of the term of the charter contract, as recommended by the LDE.
- 5.6.19 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board deferred until January 2017 the decision to grant a probationary extension to Louisiana Key Academy, a Type 2 charter school operated by Louisiana Key Academy, and further instructed the LDE to review the accountability framework.
- NOTE:** Dr. Jones indicated that he abstained from voting on this motion in the School Innovation and Turnaround Committee meeting.
- 5.6.20 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board did not grant an extension to Baton Rouge Charter Academy, a Type 2 charter school operated by South Louisiana Charter Foundation, Inc., as recommended by the LDE.

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Ms. Lewis and Ms. Edmonston were recorded as being opposed to the motion.

**NOTE:** Dr. Jones indicated that he abstained from voting on this motion in the School Innovation and Turnaround Committee meeting.

- 5.6.21 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board deferred until January 2017 consideration of the extension of Northshore Charter School, a Type 2 charter school operated by Northshore Charter School, Inc., as recommended by the LDE.
- 5.6.22 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board received the report regarding the automatic renewal of the charter contract for the following charter school for the term listed below:
- Belle Chasse Academy, a Type 2 charter school operated by Belle Chasse Academy, Inc., for a term of nine years, as recommended by the LDE.
- 5.6.23 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board deferred until January 2017 the request for a material amendment to the charter contract governing Louisiana Key Academy, a Type 2 charter school operated by Louisiana Key Academy, to add sixth grade to the current grade configuration to allow current fifth grade students to remain enrolled at the school through the 2017-2018 school year.
- 5.6.24 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board deferred until January 2017 the request for a material amendment to the charter contract governing Louisiana Key Academy, a Type 2 charter school operated by Louisiana Key Academy, to allow for the use of an alternate framework for purposes of charter renewal decisions.
- 5.6.25 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the request for a material amendment to the charter contract governing Tangi Academy, operated by Tangipahoa Charter School Association, Inc., to allow the school to move to another building in order to better accommodate and serve its students, as recommended by the LDE.
- 5.6.26 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board received the report regarding the surrender of the charter for Gentilly Terrace Charter School, a type 5 charter operated by New Beginnings Schools Foundation, effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

- 5.6.27 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved the 2017 Common Charter Application and the 2017 Request for Application Timeline for all charter school authorizers, including BESE, which may be amended by the LDE as needed.
- 5.6.28 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board received the report regarding the status of Type 2 and Type 5 Charter Applications in response to the 2016 Request for Charter School Applications, as recommended by the State Superintendent of Education.
- 5.6.29 On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Voitier, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 126, *Charter Schools: §519. Local School Board Consideration of Charter Application, Awarding of Charters; §1903. Material Amendments for BESE-Authorized Charter Schools; §2301. State Funding; and §2303. Federal Funding.*

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Item 6.

**Board Advisory Council Reports**

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Item 6.1.

**Nonpublic School Council**

(Schedule 8)

On motion of Ms. Edmonston, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board received the minutes of the Nonpublic School Council meeting held November 7, 2016, and approved the tentative agenda for the January 24, 2017, meeting.

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Item 6.2.

**Superintendents' Advisory Council**

(Schedule 9)

On motion of Ms. Holloway, seconded by Ms. Edmonston, the Board received the minutes of the Superintendents' Advisory Council meeting held November 2, 2016, and approved the tentative agenda for the February 16, 2017, meeting.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.