



**BOARD  
of  
ELEMENTARY  
and  
SECONDARY  
EDUCATION**

*The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall provide leadership and create policies for education that expand opportunities for children, empower families and communities, and advance Louisiana in an increasingly competitive global market.*

**SPECIAL CALLED  
BOARD MINUTES**

**Meeting of July 14, 2020**

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

**July 14, 2020**

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

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in special session on July 14, 2020, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 1:39 p.m. by Board President Sandy Holloway.

Board members present were Mr. Preston Castille, Dr. Belinda Davis, Mr. Tony Davis, Ms. Ashley Ellis, Mr. Jim Garvey, Ms. Sandy Holloway, Mr. Ronnie Morris, Ms. Kira Orange Jones, Mr. Tommy Roque, and Ms. Doris Voitier.

Public comments were received from Dr. Leron Finger, Children’s Hopspital; Dr. Joseph Kanter, Louisiana Department of Health; Dr. Billy Lennarz, Ochsner Health System; Mr. Eddie Bonine, Louisiana High School Athletic Association; Ms. Anne Marie Blank and Ms. Jasmine Pogue, Progressive Social Network of Baton Rouge; Ms. ShaRhonda Joseph and Mr. Jamal Anthony Taylor, St. Landry Association of Educators; Ms. Yvonne Johnson and Ms. D’Shay Oaks, Louisiana Association of Educators; Ms. Maria Harmon and Ms. Corhonda Corley, Step Up Louisiana; Ms. Jamie Pope and Ms. Kimberly Powers, Central Community School System; Mr. Kirk Green, Ms. Cynthia Posey, and Mr. Larry J. Carter, Jr., Louisiana Federation of Teachers; Dadrius Lanus, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board; Mr. John Gullatt, Franklin Parish School District; Mr. Brett K. Duncan, Tangipahoa Parish School Board; Mr. Wes Watts, Louisiana Association of School Superintendents; Ms. Caroline Roemer, Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools; Mr. Dannie Garrett, Louisiana School Boards Association; Mr. Barry Erwin, Council for a Better Louisiana; Dr. Nicholas Mitchell, Jesuit Research Institute; Mr. Terrence Lockett, Democrats for Education Reform; Ms. Rakeal Williamson, Louisiana Association of Educators; and Mr. Jeffrey Barrois, Ms. Melissa Berry, Mr. Jarred Breaux, Ms. Jema Cedillo, Ms. Kelly Gordon, Ms. Karen Harris, Ms. Courtney Paolillo, Ms. Sanora Sterling, Ms. Wanda R. Triggs, and Dr. Ashonta Wyatt; concerned citizens.

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

Agenda **Approval of the Minutes** (Schedule 2)  
Item 3.  
On motion of Mr. Roque, seconded by Dr. Davis, the Board approved the minutes of June 16, 2020.

- Agenda Item 4.                    **Items for Consideration**                    (Schedule 3)
- Agenda Item 4.1            On motion of Ms. Voitier, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board ratified emergency policy waivers approved by the BESE president under interim authority.
- Agenda Item 4.2            Superintendent Brumley provided the Board with a presentation regarding the reopening of schools for the 2020-2021 school year, as informed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in response to COVID-19.
- 4.2.1                    On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board approved, as a Declaration of Emergency, revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §3703. Definitions, as well as the establishment of §401. Purpose and Background; §403. Minimum Requirements for Reopening and Operating School Facilities; and §405. Local Education Agency (LEA) Reopening Policies and Plans, effective July 14, 2020, for a period of 120 days or until adopted as a final Rule.
- 4.2.2                    On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board approved, as a Declaration of Emergency, revisions to Bulletin 741 (Nonpublic), *Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators*: §3303. Definitions, as well as the establishment of §1105. Purpose and Background; §1107. Minimum Requirements for Reopening and Operating School Facilities; and §1109. Nonpublic School Board or Governing Authority Reopening Policies and Plans, effective July 14, 2020, for a period of 120 days or until adopted as a final Rule.
- 4.2.3                    On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board approved, as a Declaration of Emergency, revisions to Bulletin 126, *Charter Schools*: §103. Definitions, as well as the establishment of §4101. Purpose and Background; §4103. Minimum Requirements for Reopening and Operating School Facilities; and §4105. Local Education Agency (LEA) Reopening Policies and Plans, effective July 14, 2020, for a period of 120 days or until adopted as a final Rule.
- 4.2.4                    On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §3703. Definitions, as well as the establishment of §401. Purpose and Background; §403. Minimum Requirements for Reopening and Operating School Facilities; and §405. Local Education Agency (LEA) Reopening Policies and Plans.

- 4.2.5 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 741 (Nonpublic), *Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators*: §3303. Definitions, as well as the establishment of §1105. Purpose and Background; §1107. Minimum Requirements for Reopening and Operating School Facilities; and §1109. Nonpublic School Board or Governing Authority Reopening Policies and Plans.
- 4.2.6 On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Castille, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 126, *Charter Schools*: §103. Definitions, as well as the establishment of §4101. Purpose and Background; §4103. Minimum Requirements for Reopening and Operating School Facilities; and §4105. Local Education Agency (LEA) Reopening Policies and Plans.
- 4.2.7 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board directed the LDE to provide BESE at the August 2020 Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement committee meeting, an update report regarding the status of Local Education Agencies (LEAs) concerning the reopening of schools. The report should include, to the greatest extent possible, the following information:
- Scheduled date for schools to begin for the 2020-20201 school year, highlighting any delays;
  - the number of students;
  - the number of students enrolled in distance learning-only programs, to include information addressing all of the following:
    - Is distance learning live or recorded?
    - Does the distance learning program include an interactive instructional delivery method?
    - What is the frequency of distance learning delivery, daily or otherwise?
    - How is feedback provided to students, including the frequency of feedback, i.e. (daily, weekly, or otherwise)?
  - the number of students in hybrid learning programs;
  - the number of planned instructional minutes in the distance learning and/or hybrid learning programs;
  - the number of distance learning devices provided to students by the LEA;
  - the overall percentage of broadband connectivity districtwide;
  - the number of students with confirmed broadband connectivity;
  - method of tracking staff and student attendance rates; and
  - the diagnostic assessments administered in literacy and mathematics to students in grades 3-12.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.