



**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 May 12, 2021

3. continuing the \$500 pay increase for non-certificated personnel provided in FY 2019-2020 plus the current year annual retirement contribution rate as established for the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System in the actuarial valuation approved by the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee;
 4. providing an across-the-board pay raise of \$800 for classroom teachers and other certificated personnel for FY 2021-2022 plus the current year annual retirement contribution rate as established for the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana in the actuarial valuation approved by the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee;
 5. providing an across-the-board pay raise of \$400 for non-certificated personnel for FY 2021- 2022 plus the current year annual retirement contribution rate as established for the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System in the actuarial valuation approved by the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee; and
 6. eliminating the Certificated Mentor Teacher Stipend Allocation provided in Level 4 of the proposed formula as presented in the March 2021 formula submission.
- b. authorized the LDE to make technical changed to the MFP formula as needed; and
 - c. authorized the LDE to submit the MFP formula to the Legislature as soon as possible.

Further, due to time constraints as the legislative session progresses, and in the event additional funds are realized, BESE requests that the Legislature consider appropriating funds to support an additional pay raise for teachers, other certificated personnel, and support personnel, as an appropriation outside of the formula as an acceptable method for implementing pay raises. The Board would then take action to ensure the inclusion of these additional funds for pay raises into the formula next year as a permanent pay raise.

Finally, should funds be available, BESE requests the Legislature consider appropriating funding, outside of the MFP formula for FY2021-2022, for a \$2,000 stipend for a projected number of approximately 2,078 teachers mentor teachers.

- 3.2.1 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board approved, as a Declaration of Emergency, revisions to Bulletin 741, *The Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §401. Purpose and Background; and §403. Minimum Requirements for Reopening and Operating School Facilities; Bulletin 741 (Nonpublic), *Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators*: §1105. Purpose and Background; and §1107. Minimum Requirements for Reopening and Operating School Facilities; and Bulletin 126, *Charter Schools*: §4101. Purpose and Background; and §4103. Minimum Requirements for Reopening and Operating School Facilities, effective May 12, 2021 for a period of 120 days or until adopted as a Final Rule.
- 3.2.2 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Mr. Roque, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 741, *The Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §401. Purpose and Background; and §403. Minimum Requirements for Reopening and Operating School Facilities; Bulletin 741 (Nonpublic), *Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators*: §1105. Purpose and Background; and §1107. Minimum Requirements for Reopening and Operating School Facilities; and Bulletin 126, *Charter Schools*: §4101. Purpose and Background; and §4103. Minimum Requirements for Reopening and Operating School Facilities.
- 3.2.3 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Mr. Melerine, the Board directed the State Superintendent of Education to meet with the Governor to discuss the lifting of the face covering mandate for K-12 students in summer school. In the event that the face covering mandate cannot be removed, the Board directed further conversation regarding easing face covering restrictions for students (e.g., on the playground).
- 3.3.1 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Ms. Ellis, the Board denied the request, submitted by Calcasieu Parish School System, to waive policy contained in Bulletin 118, *Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices*: §6821, High School Test Cohorts, regarding school performance scores.
- 3.3.2 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Ms. Ellis, the Board approved the request, submitted by Calcasieu Parish School System, to waive policy contained in Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §2318. The TOPS University Diploma, and §2319. The Career Diploma, regarding End of Course exams and LEAP 2025 testing.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.