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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 November 10, 2022**

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

**November 10, 2022**

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

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in special session on November 10, 2022, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 9:43 a.m. by Board President James Garvey.

Board members present were Dr. Holly Boffy, Mr. Preston Castille, Dr. Belinda Davis, Ms. Ashley Ellis, Ms. Sandy Holloway, Mr. Michael Melerine, Mr. Ronnie Morris, Ms. Kira Orange Jones, Mr. Tommy Roque, and Ms. Doris Voitier.

Public comments were received from Superintendent David Alexander, Ms. Carli Francois, Ms. Lynn Hathaway, Ms. Ronda Matthews, and Ms. Edith Walker, Ascension Parish School System; Ms. Stacey Alexius, Superintendent Frank Jabbia, Ms. Jeanne McCurley, Ms. Melisa Strata-Burger, and Ms. Cheryl Yeates, St. Tammany Parish School System; Mr. Brett Babineaux, Louisiana Music Education Association; Ms. LaTia Brown, Ms. Patricia Clark, Mr. Fagan Davis, Mr. Justin Davis, Ms. Rushetta Felder, Mr. Edward Galmon, Ms. Donna Jackson, Mr. Joshua John-Paul, Superintendent Kelli Joseph, Mr. Bernard McPherson, Ms. Kristie Nettles, Ms. Angela Strickland, Ms. Leah Valdez, and Ms. Tracy Womack, St. Helena Parish School System; Superintendent Tommy Byler, Vermilion Parish School System; Mr. Larry J. Carter, Jr. and Ms. Cynthia Posey, Louisiana Federation of Teachers; Superintendent David Claxton, Jackson Parish School System; Mr. Paul Conover, Lafayette Parish School System; Superintendent Clay Corley, DeSoto Parish School System; Mr. Daniel Erspamer, Pelican Institute for Public Policy; Mr. Barry Erwin, Council for a Better Louisiana; Mr. Michael Faulk and Superintendent Patrick Jenkins, Louisiana Association of School Superintendents; Mr. Gordan Ford, Lincoln Prep; Mr. Brace Trey Godfrey, Baton Rouge Area Chamber; Mr. Ray Gregson, Superintendent Ken Oertling, Mr. John Robichaux, Mr. Ronnie Seal, and Ms. Amy Walker, St. Charles Parish School System; Superintendent William Kennedy, Claiborne Parish School System; Mr. Terrence Lockett, Democrats for Education Reform; Dr. Derek Morgan, Wilkinson County School System; Superintendent Joey Murphy, Livingston Parish School System; Ms. Dishay Oaks and Mr. Marcus Thomas, Louisiana Association of Educators; Mr. Phillip Oliver, Calcasieu Parish School System; Dr. Janet Pope, Louisiana School Board's Association; Superintendent Jeff Powell, Rapides Parish School System; Ms. Julie Reed, Lafayette Parish Association of Educators; Mr. Scott Richard, Acadia Parish School System; Ms. Caroline Roemer, Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools; Superintendent Denis Rousselle, Plaquemines Parish School System; Mr. David Shepard, Youth Force NOLA; Superintendent Al Simmons, Winn Parish School System; Superintendent Irma Trosclair, Lafayette Parish School System; Mr. Stephen Waguespack, Louisiana Association of Business and Industry; and Mr. Chris Alexander, Ms. Katie Alexander, Ms. Corhonda Corley, Ms. Leslie Jacobs, Ms. Debbie Schum, and Ms. Miranda Watson, Concerned citizens.

Agenda  
Item 2.

**Approval of the Agenda**

(Schedule 1)

On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board approved the agenda.

Agenda  
Item 3.

**Items for Consideration**

(Schedule 2)

Mr. Morris offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Orange Jones, that the Board approve, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*, §301. School Performance Score Goal; §305. Transition from 2017-2018 to 2024-2025 SPS Release; §405. Calculating a K-8 Assessment Index; §409. Calculating a 9-12 Assessment Index; §411. ACT/WorkKeys Index; §413. Dropout/Credit Accumulation Index Calculations; §501. Calculating an Elementary/Middle School Progress Index; §503. Calculating a High School Progress Index; §707. Calculating a Cohort Graduation Index; §709. Calculating a Strength of Diploma Index; 801. Interests and Opportunities Index Components; §3503. Alternative Schools Including Alternative Charter Schools; and §3905. Inclusion of Alternate Assessment Results; and repealing §803. Calculating a Survey Completion Score and §805. Calculating a Course Enrollment Score.

Lengthy discussion followed.

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The Board recessed at 11:48 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 12:00 p.m.

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The Board recessed for lunch at 1:25 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:49 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Mr. Castille, Ms. Ellis, Mr. Garvey, Mr. Morris, and Ms. Orange Jones.

Nays: Dr. Boffy, Dr. Davis, Ms. Holloway, Mr. Melerine, Mr. Roque, and

Ms. Voitier.

Abstentions: None.

Absences: None.

The motion failed.

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Mr. Melerine offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Orange Jones, that the Board approve, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*, §301. School Performance Score Goal; §305. Transition from 2017-2018 to 2024-2025 SPS Release; §405. Calculating a K-8 Assessment Index; §409. Calculating a 9-12 Assessment Index; §411. ACT/WorkKeys Index; §413. Dropout/Credit Accumulation Index Calculations; §501. Calculating an Elementary/Middle School Progress Index; §503. Calculating a High School Progress Index; §707. Calculating a Cohort Graduation Index; §709. Calculating a Strength of Diploma Index; 801. Interests and Opportunities Index Components; §3503. Alternative Schools Including Alternative Charter Schools; and §3905. Inclusion of Alternate Assessment Results; and repealing §803. Calculating a Survey Completion Score and §805. Calculating a Course Enrollment Score, as presented with the following amendment:

§501 N. Should no improved methodology be approved by the board for use beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, the weight of growth (progress) shall remain at 25 percent and no progress index extra focus measure shall be implemented. No progress points earned by student who has not moved up a level by previous three years unless they are already at mastery or advanced”.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Mr. Garvey and Mr. Melerine.

Nays: Dr. Boffy, Mr. Castille, Dr. Davis, Ms. Ellis, Ms. Holloway, Mr. Morris, Ms. Orange Jones, Mr. Roque, and Ms. Voitier.

Abstentions: None.

Absences: None.

The motion failed.

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Mr. Morris offered a motion seconded by Ms. Orange Jones, recommended that the Board approve, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*, §301. School Performance Score Goal; §305. Transition from 2017-2018 to 2024-2025 SPS Release; §405. Calculating a K-8 Assessment Index; §409. Calculating a 9-12 Assessment Index; §411. ACT/WorkKeys Index; §413. Dropout/Credit Accumulation Index Calculations; §501. Calculating an Elementary/Middle School Progress Index; §503. Calculating a High School Progress Index; §707. Calculating a Cohort Graduation Index; §709. Calculating a Strength of Diploma Index; 801. Interests and Opportunities Index Components; §3503. Alternative Schools Including Alternative Charter Schools; and §3905. Inclusion of Alternate Assessment Results; and repealing §803. Calculating a Survey Completion Score and §805. Calculating a Course Enrollment Score., as presented with the following amendment:

~~§501 N. Should no improved methodology be approved by the board for use beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, the weight of growth (progress) shall remain at 25 percent and no progress index extra focus measure shall be implemented.~~

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Ms. Ellis, Mr. Garvey, and Ms. Orange Jones.

Nays: Dr. Boffy, Mr. Castille, Dr. Davis, Ms. Holloway, Mr. Melerine, Mr. Morris, Mr. Roque, and Ms. Voitier.

Abstentions: None.

Absences: None.

The motion failed.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Ms. Orange Jones, the Board requested that next steps be determined regarding accountability, as it relates to the following:

- Developing of a specific plan;
- Conducting a self-reflective evaluation of assessments;
- Discussing, in depth, LSU's study of Louisiana standards and the ACT;
- Determining a process of the accountability work group;
- Establishing expectations for high school; and
- Evaluating a shift beginning with Jump Start 2.0.

The Board took no further action on this item

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.