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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 February 9, 2024

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

February 9, 2024

The Thomas Jefferson Room Baton Rouge, LA

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in special session on February 9, 2024, in the Thomas Jefferson Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 9:28 a.m. by Board President Mr. Ronnie Morris.

Board members present were Mr. Conrad Appel, Dr. Judy Armstrong, Mr. Kevin Berken, Mr. Preston Castille, Ms. Simone Champagne, Dr. Sharon Clark, Mr. Lance Harris, Ms. Sandy Holloway, and Ms. Stacey Melerine.

Mr. Paul Hollis was not in attendance.

Representing the Board staff were BESE Executive Director Shan Davis and Ms. Erin LeBlanc, who recorded the minutes.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) was State Superintendent of Education Dr. Cade Brumley and Dr. Jenna Chiasson.

Public comments were received from Ms. Mattilyn Karst Batson, Louisiana Policy Institute for Children; Mr. Barry Erwin, Council for a Better Louisiana; Ms. Leslie Hill, Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools; Ms. Mary Beth Hughes, Louisiana Association of Business and Industry; Mr. Adam Knapp, Committee of 100; Mr. Justin McCorkle, Youth Force NOLA; Ms. Susie Schowen, Louisiana Workforce Commission; Mr. Monty Sullivan, Louisiana Community and Technical College System; Ms. Amanda Vincent, Studytville; and Ms. Laura Vinsant, Teach for America (Ignite).

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| Agenda Item 2. | <u>Approval of the Agenda</u> | (Schedule 1) |
| 2.1 | On motion of Ms. Melerine, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board approved the agenda. | |
| Agenda Item 3. | <u>Approval of the Minutes</u> | (Schedule 2) |
| 3.1 | On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Mr. Berken, the Board approved the minutes of January 17, 2024. | |
| Agenda Item 4. | <u>Items for Consideration</u> | (Schedule 3) |
| | On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Mr. Appel, the Board agreed to take Agenda Item 4.1., "Consideration of an innovative approach to student learning, presented by Dr. Calvin Mackie and Pepper," out of order. | |

At this point in the meeting, the Board returned to the regular agenda order.

4.2 On motion of Ms. Champagne, seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approved the update report regarding the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) Task Force membership.

4.3 On motion of Dr. Armstrong, seconded by Ms. Melerine, the Board received the update report regarding Louisiana Literacy and Mathematics.

Mr. Berken directed the LDOE to provide, at the March 2024 Board meeting, an update regarding a Resolution indicating that Local Education Agencies (LEAs) should devote appropriate time within the school day to literacy and mathematics in K-3 to supplement foundational skills, in conjunction with high dosage tutoring.

4.4 On motion of Ms. Melerine, seconded by Ms. Holloway, the Board received the BESE guiding principles regarding legislation filed for the Louisiana 2024 Regular Legislative Session.

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The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 12:43 p.m. A quorum was present.

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The Board revisited Agenda Item 4.4., "Consideration of BESE guiding principles regarding legislation filed for the Louisiana 2024 Regular Legislation Session".

4.4 On motion of Mr. Appel, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board requested to discuss the Legislative process at the March 2024 Board Administration and Education Finance meeting in lieu of an April 2024 Special Called meeting.

4.1 On motion of Mr. Castille, seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Board received the presentation of an innovative approach to student learning presented by Dr. Calvin Mackie and Pepper.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.