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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 4, 2013

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

DECEMBER 4, 2013

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

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in regular session on December 4, 2013, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Board President Chas Roemer and opened with a prayer by Ms. Sametta Brown, New Beginnings Schools Foundation.

Board members present were Dr. Lottie Beebe, Ms. Holly Boffy, Ms. Connie Bradford, Mr. Jay Guillot, Ms. Carolyn Hill, Mr. Walter Lee, Dr. Judith Miranti, Ms. Kira Orange Jones, Mr. Chas Roemer, and Ms. Jane Smith.

Mr. Jim Garvey was absent.

Ms. Bonnie Buckelew, Jackson Parish School System, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 2. On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board approved the agenda, as printed and disseminated, amending Agenda Item 8.2., as follows:

Receive the Resolutions from the Iberia Parish School Board, the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board, the St. Helena Parish School Board, the St. Martin Parish School Board, the St. Tammany Parish School Board, and the Washington Parish School Board requesting removal of these school districts and other school districts in Louisiana from the implementation of Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) testing. (Schedule 1)

Agenda Item 3. On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the minutes of October 16, 2013, amending Motion 5.1.1, as follows:

On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board:

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- 1) received the report regarding the implementation of the Common Core State Standards and accompanying PARCC assessments in Louisiana, including the technology requirements of school systems and the implications of halting the transition to Common Core State Standards;
- 2) approved, as a Declaration of Emergency, effective from ~~10/16/13~~ 2/12/14 for a period of 120 days from adoption, or until finally adopted as a Rule, revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §701. Maintenance and Use of System Records and Reports; §2301. Content Standards; and §2303. Planning and Instruction; and
- 3) approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §701. Maintenance and Use of System Records and Reports; §2301. Content Standards; and §2303. Planning and Instruction.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Yeas: Ms. Boffy, Ms. Bradford, Mr. Garvey, Mr. Guillot, Mr. Lee, Dr. Miranti, Ms. Orange Jones, and Mr. Roemer.

Nays: Dr. Beebe.

Abstentions: Ms. Hill.

Absences: None.

The motion passed.

Agenda
Item 4.

Election of Board Officers

Agenda
Item 4.1.

On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the following slate of officers for 2014:

Mr. Charles E. "Chas" Roemer, IV – President;
Mr. Jim Garvey - Vice-President; and
Ms. Holly Boffy - Secretary-Treasurer.

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At this point in the meeting, the Board welcomed Ms. Jane H. Smith, newly appointed Member-at-Large.

Agenda Item 5.

Report by the State Superintendent of Education

State Superintendent of Education John White outlined “next steps” and updated the Board on future LDE proposals, including diploma structure, particularly focusing on the career diploma; funding of such programs; accountability and rewards for such programs; high school assessment; and high school accountability.

Agenda Item 6.

Board Committee Reports

Agenda Item 6.1.

Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee

(Schedule 2)

6.1.1

On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the report regarding requests from local education agencies for waivers of policy contained in Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §2313. Elementary Programs of Study, which concerns Foreign Language waiver requests from LEAs for the 2013-2014 school year, submitted by the State Superintendent of Education.

6.1.2

On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board:

1. approved the 2014-2015 Nonpublic School Academic Classifications;
2. approved one new school, Southern Magnolia Montessori School - St. Tammany Parish - Louisiana Montessori Provisionally Accredited Approved; and
3. amended the Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee standing item, "Consideration of the Nonpublic School Annual Report," with a reporting date of June annually, to read, "Consideration of the Annual Nonpublic Academic Classification Report," with a reporting date of December annually, to allow for Board academic classification approval prior to the scholarship timeline.

6.1.3 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the request from the Bossier Parish School System for waiver of policy contained in Bulletin 1706, *Regulations for Implementation of the Children with Exceptionalities Act*. §2001. Pupil/Teacher, and Pupil Appraisal Ratios for Public Education, granted for the 2013-2014 school year. This would allow an increase in the pupil-teacher ratio from 55 up to 63 students for three gifted teachers at the Stockwell Place gifted resource center. This waiver will allow for more effective use of resources, including certified/qualified teachers, while maintaining the quality of services for the students.

- Bossier Parish must monitor programming impacted by this request to assure that policies and procedures are consistently followed. For future waivers to be approved, the student academic performance levels should be maintained and continue to increase.

6.1.4 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the request from the Terrebonne Parish School System for waiver of policy contained in Bulletin 1706, *Regulations for Implementation of the Children with Exceptionalities Act*. §2001. Pupil/Teacher, and Pupil Appraisal Ratios for Public Education, granted for the 2013-2014 school year. This would allow an increase in the pupil-teacher ratio from 30 up to 43 for ten gifted teachers and from 30 to 42 for three talented teachers. This waiver will allow for more effective use of resources, including certified/qualified teachers, while maintaining the quality of services for the students.

- Terrebonne Parish must monitor programming impacted by this request to assure that policies and procedures are consistently followed. For future waivers to be approved, the student academic performance levels should be maintained and continue to increase and the talented performance growth must not be negatively impacted.

6.1.5 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the request from the Monroe City School System for a waiver of policy contained in Bulletin 1706, *Regulations for Implementation of the Children with Exceptionalities Act*. §2001. Pupil/Teacher, and Pupil Appraisal Ratios for Public Education, granted for the 2013-2014 school year, to continue the waiver for the use of blended classes in three resource settings at Carroll Junior High and to increase the number of students in one resource setting from 12 to 14.

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- Monroe City School System must monitor programming impacted by this request to assure that policies and procedures are consistently followed. For future waivers to be approved, an increase in gifted referrals and subsequent evaluations must result.

6.1.6 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the request from the St. Tammany Parish School System for a waiver of policy contained in Bulletin 741, *The Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §913. Class Size and Ratios, to allow teachers at the secondary level to instruct more than 750 student hours per week.

6.1.7 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the request for a waiver of the career Area of Concentration (AOC) requirement for the Basic Core Diploma contained in Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §2318. The College and Career Diploma, for extenuating circumstance requests, and granted the State Superintendent of Education the authority to approve these waiver requests. Requests must adhere to the following conditions:

Conditions for Granting Waiver Requests:

1. Out-of-State Transfer - Students transferred during the junior or senior year (not enough time to schedule 6 classes needed for the AOC);
2. In-State Transfer - Students transferred to a school that does not offer the AOC pathway that the student has been working towards;
3. Scheduling Conflicts (e.g. IEP mandates, limited course offerings due to instructor credentialing, etc.); and
4. Administrative Error - Errors in scheduling occurred.

Waivers are subject to the following requirements:

Requirements of the Waiver:

1. The LEA must provide a letter of justification from the local superintendent; and
2. A copy of the student's transcript and Substitute Course offerings must be Career, Art (Max 1 credit), Foreign Language, or Core Academic.

6.1.8 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board received the Fall 2013 Reading Report, which includes results of reading assessments administered in all public schools with Kindergarten-Third Grade enrollment, and directed the LDE to submit the report to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education, as mandated by Louisiana Revised Statute 17:182.

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Public comments were received on the following Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee agenda item:

Agenda Item 5.1., “Consideration of policy recommendations relative to transitions in elementary and middle school assessment, promotion, educator evaluation, and school accountability:”

Support: Mr. Steve Monaghan, Louisiana Federation of Teachers.

Oppose: None.

Information Only/Other: Ms. Debra Schum, Louisiana Association of Principals.

6.1.9 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Ms. Boffy, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*: §303. Transition from Fall 2012 to Fall 2013, §1101. Letter Grades, §1102. Academically Unacceptable Schools (AUS), §4301. Inclusion of All Districts, and §4311. District Letter Grades, as presented by the LDE, to implement policies related to Louisiana’s transition to new assessments, amending §303.C. to read:

By the fall of 2015, BESE shall determine, in consultation with the Accountability Commission, the timeline and benchmarks needed to gradually raise the standard for student proficiency such that a school or district with a letter grade of "A" has a majority of students achieving “Mastery” (Level 4) on state assessments no later than the 2024-2025 school year.

Further, the Board directed the LDE to amend §303.B. to include policy language assuring that, during the two year transition, any school or district that maintained or improved its annual performance score would not experience a decrease in its current letter grade.

- 6.1.10 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 118, *Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices*: §113. Transition to Standards-Based Assessments in English Language Arts and Mathematics, as presented by the LDE, to implement policies related to the Louisiana's transition to new assessments.
- 6.1.11 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Orange Jones, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 130, *Regulations for the Evaluation and Assessment of School Personnel*: §303. Measures of Growth in Student Learning—Value-Added Model, and §325. Extenuating Circumstances, as presented by the LDE, to implement policies related to Louisiana's transition to new assessments.
- Dr. Beebe was recorded as being opposed to the motion.
- 6.1.12 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 1566, *Pupil Progression Policies and Procedures*: §503. Regular Placement, §701. Promotion Standard, and §703. Retention, as presented by the LDE, to implement policies related to Louisiana's transition to new assessments.
- 6.1.13 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators*: §701. Maintenance and Use of System Records and Reports, §2301. Content Standards, and §2303. Planning and Instruction, as presented by the LDE.
- 6.1.14 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Nonpublic Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators*: §121. Emergency Planning and Procedures, as presented by the LDE.
- 6.1.15 On motion of Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 135, *Health and Safety*: §501. Injury Management Program, §503. Injury Management Program Protocol for Educational Training on Serious Sports Injuries, §505. Injury Management Program Protocol for Serious Sports Injuries, and §701. Definitions, as presented by the LDE, to provide for injury management rules for serious sports injuries.

Agenda Administration and Finance Committee (Schedule 3)
Item 6.2.

6.2.1 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board received the report on the approved 8(g) block grant projects for elementary/secondary education for FY 2013-2014.

6.2.2 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board received the report on LDE contracts of \$50,000 and under approved by the State Superintendent of Education.

6.2.3 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board received the quarterly report of expenditures and budget balances of 8(g) projects for FY 2013-2014.

6.2.4 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board received the audit report of the Bureau of Internal Audit (BIA): Significant Audit Findings - Single Audits of School Boards and Charter Schools for the year ended June 30, 2012.

6.2.5 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board received the report on the evaluation results for those LEAs/districts failing to meet the 70% Instructional Requirement based on FY 2011-2012 Annual Financial Report (AFR) data.

Departmental Support – Other

6.2.6 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Educator Leader Cadre Substitute Reimbursement
Amount: \$2,878.21
Funding Period: 10/01/2013 - 10/31/2014
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of the Educator Leader Cadre is to develop an understanding of the changes required because of Common Core and Compass, including reviewing and creating materials for implementation; serving as a Common Core expert; assisting in building a growing network of teacher leaders throughout the state; and attending face-to-face meetings to provide recommendations and feedback on resources and tools.

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Basis of Allocation: Allocations to school districts are to reimburse the districts for the substitutes paid to work while the Teacher Leader Advisors met in Baton Rouge on October 15-16, 2013, to begin their work for the program.

Management and Finance - Other

6.2.7 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation:	Early Childhood Teacher Leaders Substitute Reimbursement
Amount:	\$516.00
Funding Period:	10/01/2013 - 0/31/2013
Source of Funds:	State General Funds

Purpose: The 2012 Act 3 legislation is the driving mechanism for improving the quality of early childhood programs. Building quality and improving child outcomes will hinge on providing support for teachers; therefore, local Early Childhood Teacher Leaders will create a series of integrated unit lesson plans and sample weekly lesson plans aligned with the *Louisiana Birth to Five Early Learning and Development Standards* to assist teachers throughout the state. These Teacher Leaders will also provide feedback on LDE birth to five resources and develop a webinar and/or training on units for teachers/caregivers in contractor's community (across settings including public/nonpublic schools, Head Start, and child care). The Teacher Leaders must attend two one-day training sessions and require substitute teachers to serve in their place in their absence.

Basis of Allocation: Each of the three Early Childhood Teacher Leaders must attend two one-day training sessions in Baton Rouge. During their absence, a substitute teacher is required to serve in their place. The cost of substitute teachers is as follows: St. John the Baptist Parish - \$100/day; St. Landry Parish - \$70/day; and Jefferson Parish - \$88/day.

6.2.8 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation:	Northeast Louisiana Middle Grades and High Schools Southern Regional Educational Board Project
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Amount: \$ -0-
 Funding Period: 07/01/2013 - 06/30/2014
 Source of Funds: State General Funds

Purpose: The purpose of this funding is to prepare teachers to use tools and strategies to improve both literacy and content achievement in grades 6-12. Participants include school systems from the Louisiana Delta region who have asked to have their educators participate.

Basis of Allocation: This is a reallocation. Initial allocations were based on the number of participating schools in each district (\$25,000.00/school). The allocations were adjusted due to the recent withdrawal of two schools from the project: Richland Parish recently withdrew its only participating school, Monroe City Schools also had one school withdraw, and Ouachita Parish (one school) was added to the project. Funds were redistributed accordingly.

6.2.9 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the following LDE contract amendment:

Contractor: Data Recognition Corporation
 Contract Period: 9/1/2003 - 6/30/2015
 Amended Amount: \$877,226 increase for FY 2014
 Contract Amount: \$6,769,419
 Fund: State, Federal - SGF, IAT, IDEA
 Competitive Process: Sole Source

Description of Service: Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) provides support services related to Louisiana's assessment programs, which include development of test forms; printing, distributing, and collecting materials; scoring and reporting; and all psychometric services for the Integrated LEAP (iLEAP).

6.2.10 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the following LDE contract amendment:

Contractor: Data Recognition Corporation
 Contract Period: 7/1/2011 - 6/30/2015
 Amended Amount: \$733,846 increase for FY 2014
 Contract Amount: \$12,321,207
 Fund: State, Federal - SGF, IAT, IDEA
 Competitive Process: Sole Source
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Description of Service: Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) provides support services related to Louisiana's assessment programs, which include development of test forms; printing, distributing, and collecting materials; scoring and reporting; and all psychometric services for the LEAP.

- 6.2.11 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the following LDE contract amendment:

Contractor: Postlethwaite & Netterville
Contract Period: 09/01/2013 - 6/30/2016
Previous Amount: \$49,000
Amended Amount: \$959,000
Contract Amount: \$1,008,000
Fund: State
Competitive Process: N/A

Description of Service: Contract will provide an agreed-upon procedures engagement of the Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program for non-public schools identified by the LDE.

- 6.2.12 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the following LDE contract amendment:

Contractor: Provost, Salter, Harper & Alford, LLC
Contract Period: 09/01/2013 - 6/30/2016
Previous Amount: \$49,000
Amended Amount: \$660,110
Contract Amount: \$709,110
Fund: State
Competitive Process: N/A

Description of Service: Contract will provide an agreed-upon procedures engagement of the Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program for non-public schools identified by the LDE.

- 6.2.13 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the following LDE contract amendment:

Contractor: SchoolWorks
Contract Period: 3/15/2013 - 12/31/2014

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Amended Amount: \$298,200 increase
Contract Amount: \$596,400.00
Fund: IAT - MFP Admin.
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: Contractor will formally evaluate charter applications submitted to the LDE during the application period and make recommendations to the State Superintendent of Education.

6.2.14 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the following LDE contract:

Contractor: The New Teacher Project
Contract Period: 12/9/2013 - 9/30/2014
Contract Amount: \$550,000
Fund: State, Federal - 8(g), RTTT
Competitive Process: Sole Source

Description of Service: TNTP creates tools and resources for educators and shares expertise with the Louisiana Department of Education to sustain the LDE's focus on creating a highly effective workforce. This includes continuing to build the video library of effective teaching practices, data reporting, and analytics on Compass implementation and tools and resources to support educators through the launch of the *Believe and Prepare* pilot.

6.2.15 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board received the report on dialogues with applicable LEAs identified in the Fiscal Risk Assessment Process.

6.2.16 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the following RSD contract :

Contractor: Communities in Schools of Greater New Orleans
Contract Period: 12/04/2013 - 6/30/2014
Contract Amount: \$52,500.00
Fund: State - MFP
Competitive Process: Non-Competitive - Social Service Provider

Description of Service: Contractor will assign an LMSW or LCSW licensed social worker to staff the RSD Truancy Center, who will work collaboratively with the RSD Truancy Center Director and RSD Executive Director of Special Services.

6.2.17 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Hewitt-Washington & Associates Architects and Planners
Contract Period: 12/09/2010 - 12/09/2013
Previous Amount: \$86,181.60
Amended Amount: \$13,314.70
Contract Amount: \$99,496.30
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for an increase to the designer's fee for basic services based on the final construction contract amount plus credits in change orders. (Increase \$13,314.70)

6.2.18 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects Project Design Group, LLC
Contract Period: 01/18/2012 - 01/18/2015
Previous Amount: \$1,628,934.50
Amended Amount: \$7,513.55
Contract Amount: \$1,636,448.05
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for reimbursable expenses for State Fire Marshall Preliminary Code/Life Safety Plan Review Fee, reimbursable expenses for a re-subdivision application fee, reimbursable expenses for a fan coil closet appeal fee, reimbursable expenses for a conditional use permit recordation and filing fee, and reimbursable expenses for the sets of construction documents ordered during the bidding phase of the project.

6.2.19 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board received an update on RSD Capital Projects from October 2013 including: RSD-OPSB Phase 1 Monthly Summary for October 2013; RSD-OPSB Phase 2 Monthly Summary for October 2013; Superintendents' Report for October 2013; BESE/RSD Open Contracts as of November 7, 2013; OPSB Open Contracts as of November 7, 2013; and the 2013 3rd Quarter Report.

6.2.20 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the following nominees previously approved by the Orleans Parish School Board for appointment to the Master Plan Oversight Committee: Jean-Guy Celestin, nominated by the Urban League of Greater New Orleans, and Angela M. Latino-Geier, nominated by the Associated Builders and Contractors of New Orleans.

6.2.21 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board deferred until January 2014: “Consideration of the 8(g) funding cycle activities – Building the 8(g) Budget for FY 2014-2015.”

Ms. Orange Jones recused herself from voting on this item.

6.2.22 On motion of Dr. Beebe, seconded by Mr. Guillot, the Board deferred until January 2014: “Consideration of an Executive Session relative to the Victor S. Hodgkins, et al. vs. the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, et al. Consent Judgment.”

6.2.23 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board received the report on the BESE Budget.

6.2.24 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the following FY 2013-2014 BESE 8(g) evaluator contracts:

BLOCK EVALUATORS									
Evaluator	projects	evaluation services	travel	phase I total		evaluation services	travel	phase II total	contract max.
Dr. Bob Cage	12	\$6,000	\$2,100	\$8,100		\$2,400	\$600	\$3,000	\$11,100
Josephine Clement	12	\$6,000	\$2,100	\$8,100		\$2,400	\$600	\$3,000	\$11,100
M. Sherry Fontana	12	\$6,000	\$2,100	\$8,100		\$2,400	\$600	\$3,000	\$11,100
Virginia Gough	12	\$6,000	\$2,100	\$8,100		\$2,400	\$600	\$3,000	\$11,100
Julia Hildebrand	12	\$6,000	\$2,100	\$8,100		\$2,400	\$600	\$3,000	\$11,100
Anna Bernard	5	\$2,500	\$875	\$3,375		\$1,000	\$250	\$1,250	\$4,625
Dr. William Miller	6	\$3,000	\$1,050	\$4,050		\$1,200	\$300	\$1,500	\$5,550

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STATEWIDE EVALUATORS									
Anna Bernard	6	\$8,100	\$900	\$9,000	\$1,500	\$450	\$1,950	\$10,950	
Dr. William Miller	5	\$6,750	\$750	\$7,500	\$1,250	\$375	\$1,625	\$9,125	
Totals	82	\$50,350	\$14,075	\$64,425	\$16,950	\$4,375	\$21,325	\$85,750	

- 6.2.25 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the report in response to House Concurrent Resolution 30 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature relative to the feasibility and advisability of pursuing a residential charter school funding model and directed the LDE to submit said report to the appropriate legislative committee(s), with an amendment to delete from the resolution the wording "through the Minimum Foundation Program" from the end of the paragraphs titled "Findings" and "Conclusion."
- 6.2.26 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the report in response to House Concurrent Resolution 128 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature relative to the issues related to allowing students to carry a Global Positioning System tracking device at school and directed the LDE to submit said report to the appropriate legislative committee(s).
- 6.2.27 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the report in response to House Concurrent Resolution 161 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature relative to the feasibility of implementing a 100-point scale for performance score ranges used to assign school and district letter grades and directed the LDE to submit said report to the appropriate legislative committee(s).
- 6.2.28 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the report in response to House Resolution 178 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature relative to the exemption of foreign exchange students from the ACT requirement and directed the LDE to submit said report to the appropriate legislative committee(s).
- 6.2.29 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board received the update report regarding the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) Task Force.

Agenda **Committee of the Whole**
 Item 6.3. **Administration and Finance Committee** (Schedule 4)

6.3.1 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Byron J. Stewart & Associates, APC Architects & Planners
 Previous Amount: \$93,574.00
 Amended Amount: \$17,610.45
 Contract Amount: \$111,184.45
 Contract Period: 10/17/2012 - 10/17/2015
 Fund: IAT - FEMA
 Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for the additional service for a video inspection of sanitary sewer and drainage systems for the refurbishment of Sarah T. Reed School.

6.3.2 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Farnsworth Group, Inc.
 Previous Amount: \$1,643,734.90
 Amended Amount: \$8,376.00
 Contract Amount: \$1,652,110.90
 Contract Period: 04/30/2010 - 04/30/2015
 Fund: IAT - FEMA
 Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for additional service for Little Woods School due to additional labor and expenses related to functional testing in occupied conditions and related requirements.

6.3.3 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Farnsworth Group, Inc.
 Previous Amount: \$1,216,841.10
 Amended Amount: \$8,376.00

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Contract Amount: \$1,225,217.10
Contract Period: 12/01/2007 - 11/30/2015
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for additional service for William Frantz School due to additional labor and expenses related to functional testing in occupied conditions and related requirements.

- 6.3.4 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Group Novak, LLC
Previous Amount: \$1,669,593.84
Amended Amount: \$225,294.57
Contract Amount: \$1,894,888.41
Contract Period: 04/15/2010 - 04/15/2014
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for an interim payment (the "Interim Payment") to the designer for prolonged contract administration and observation of construction ("Extended CA") as a result of the contractor exceeding the contract time (December 7, 2012, which was the contractual substantial completion date) due to no fault of the designer for Little Woods School.

- 6.3.5 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Montgomery Roth Architecture and Interior Design
Previous Amount: \$88,355.00
Amended Amount: \$4,744.74
Contract Amount: \$93,099.74
Contract Period: 12/09/2010 - 12/09/2014
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for interim payment for prolonged contract administration through June 13, 2012. It also extends the contract end date from December 9, 2013, to December 9, 2014.

- 6.3.6 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Rozas-Ward/a.i.a. Architects, Inc.
Previous Amount: \$1,560,855.11
Amended Amount: \$225,630.02
Contract Amount: \$1,786,485.13
Contract Period: 06/20/2012 - 06/20/2015
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 from bids received for New Orleans East High School at the Abramson site. It provides for the additional service for the preparation of supplementary drawings for site, civil, and landscaping to submit to the city for permitting and their design review process in accordance with the requirements of the East New Orleans Renaissance Corridor District for New Orleans East High School at the Abramson site. It also provides for the excavation of pile PP-A to verify that the SHSL test anomaly is not of concern on the Abramson site for New Orleans East High School at the Abramson site.

- 6.3.7 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: SCNZ Architects, LLC
Previous Amount: \$189,982.00
Amended Amount: \$79,600.20
Contract Amount: \$269,582.20
Contract Period: 10/17/2012 - 10/17/2015
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for the additional service fee to compensate the designer for completed original scope of work - refurbishment of the existing historic wood windows. The owner has decided to revise the scope of work from refurbishment of the existing historic wood windows to new replacement windows for the refurbishment of McDonogh #28 School.

- 6.3.8 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: VergesRome Architects + Fanning Howey, A
Joint Venture
Previous Amount: \$1,908,122.00
Amended Amount: \$1,126.443
Contract Amount: \$1,909,248.44
Contract Period: 01/18/2012 - 01/18/2015
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for the reimbursable expense for State Fire Marshall review, application fee, and filing/recording fee to the City of New Orleans related to the resubdivision for a new three-section elementary school at Fisk-Howard School. It also provides for the reimbursable expense for reproduction costs for bid documents for a new three-section Elementary School at Fisk-Howard School.

- 6.3.9 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: VergesRome Architects, APAC
Previous Amount: \$835,350.20
Amended Amount: \$109,063.00
Contract Amount: \$944,413.20
Contract Period: 09/16/2010 - 09/16/2015
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment adjusts the designer's fee for basic services for mothballing of closed schools - safe and secure at Andrew J. Bell Junior High School based on the actual low bidder's price.

- 6.3.10 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Waggonner & Ball Architects, APC
Previous Amount: \$2,121,550.50

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Amended Amount: \$252,232.20
 Contract Amount: \$2,373,782.70
 Contract Period: 03/09/2012 - 03/09/2015
 Fund: IAT - FEMA
 Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for the project name to be changed from Sophie Wright Middle School renovation to Sophie B. Wright High School renovation. It also adjusts the basic services fee from \$1,994,262.00 to \$2,244,184.00, which is based on additional scope of work being added - new gym construction, test pile program and exploratory demolition with new project number of 2012-0905-0002, and selective demolition and test pile program 2012-0905-0003. It also provides for additional service for an assessment of the trees on the site and around the perimeter within the right of way at Sophie B. Wright High School.

- 6.3.11 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board received an update on RSD Capital Projects from September 2013 including: RSD-OPSB Phase 1 Monthly Summary for September 2013; RSD-OPSB Phase 2 Monthly Summary for September 2013; Superintendent's Report for September 2013; BESE/RSD Open Contracts as of October 8, 2013; OPSB Open Contracts as of October 7, 2013; and the Bid Tabulation Sheet for September 2013.

Agenda Item 6.4. **Committee of the Whole**
School Innovation and Turnaround Committee (Schedule 5)

- 6.4.1 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board received the RSD Early Head Start Program's Fourth Quarterly Report for 2013.

- 6.4.2 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board received the status report pertaining to the status of and recommendation for schools transferred to the RSD.

Agenda Item 6.5. **Educator Effectiveness Committee** (Schedule 6)

- 6.5.1 On motion of Dr. Beebe, seconded by Ms. Bradford, the Board deferred until January 2014: "Consideration of a proposal for studying the Compass Value-Added Model."

6.5.2 On motion of Ms. Orange Jones, seconded by Dr. Miranti, the Board approved the membership of the Teacher Certification Appeals Council.

Agenda Item 6.6. **School Innovation and Turnaround Committee** (Schedule 7)

6.6.1 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Orange Jones, the Board approved the LDE recommendation to grant an extension for the following schools for the remainder of each charter school's term:

- International High School of New Orleans, operated by Voices for International Business and Education;
- Esperanza Charter School, operated by Choice Foundation;
- Gentilly Terrace Elementary School, operated by New Beginnings Schools Foundation;
- KIPP New Orleans Leadership Academy, operated by KIPP New Orleans, Inc.;
- KIPP Renaissance High School, operated by KIPP New Orleans, Inc.;
- Lagniappe Academies of New Orleans, operated by Lagniappe Academies of New Orleans, Inc.;
- Morris Jeff Community School, operated by Morris Jeff Community School;
- ReNEW Cultural Arts Academy, operated by ReNEW - Reinventing Education; and
- ReNEW SciTech Academy, operated by ReNEW - Reinventing Education.

6.6.2 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Orange Jones, the Board approved the LDE recommendation to grant a probationary extension for the following schools for the remainder of each charter school's term:

- Edgar P. Harney Spirit of Excellence Academy, operated by Spirit of Excellence Academy, Inc.; and
- John Dibert Community School, operated by FirstLine Schools, Inc.

6.6.3 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Orange Jones, the Board approved the LDE recommendation to renew the following schools for the terms listed below:

- Milestone SABIS Academy of New Orleans, operated by Innovators in Milestones, Inc., for a term of three years;
- Kenilworth Science and Technology Charter School, operated by Pelican Educational Foundation, Inc., for a term of five years;
- Lafayette Academy, operated by Choice Foundation, for a term of five years;
- Lake Area New Tech Early College High School, operated by New Beginnings Schools Foundation, for a term of five years;
- Samuel J. Green Charter School, operated by FirstLine Schools, Inc., for a term of five years; and
- William J. Fischer Accelerated Academy, operated by Algiers Charter School Association, Inc., for a term of five years.

6.6.4 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Orange Jones, the Board received the report regarding the automatic renewal of the charter contracts for the following schools for the terms listed below:

- D'Arbonne Woods Charter School, operated by D'Arbonne Woods Charter School, Inc., for a term of ten years;
- Madison Preparatory Academy, operated by Community School for Apprenticeship Learning, Inc., for a term of three years;
- V.B. Glencoe Charter School, operated by Glencoe Education Foundation, Inc., for a term of ten years;
- ARISE Academy, operated by ARISE Academy, for a term of five years;
- James M. Singleton Charter School, operated by Dryades Young Men's Christian Association, for a term of three years;
- L.B. Landry - O.P. Walker College and Career Preparatory Academy, operated by Algiers Charter School Association, Inc., for a term of ten years;
- Linwood Public Charter School, operated by Shreveport Charter Schools, Inc., for a term of three years;
- McDonogh #28 City Park Academy, operated by New Orleans Charter Schools Foundation, for a term of five years;

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- McDonogh #32 Elementary School, operated by Algiers Charter School Association, Inc., for a term of five years;
- Medard H. Nelson Elementary School, operated by New Beginnings Schools Foundation, Inc., for a term of five years; and
- Success Preparatory Academy, operated by Success Preparatory Academy, for a term of five years.

6.6.5 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Orange Jones, the Board directed the State Superintendent of Education to provide a report to the Board regarding the maximum charter renewal term.

6.6.6 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Orange Jones, the Board approved the 2014 Common Charter Application for all charter school types; the 2014 Charter Application Timeline for Types 2, 4, and 5 charter schools; the 2014 Local District Charter Application timeline, which may be amended by the LDE as needed; and granted the State Superintendent of Education authority to establish an alternative charter application timeline for the 2014 Local District Charter Application cycle for any district for which the proposed timeline would create a financial hardship.

6.6.7 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Orange Jones, the Board received the report regarding the J.K. Haynes charter school application.

6.6.8 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Orange Jones, the Board approved the continuation of the kindergarten through college continuum pilot program for the 2014-2015 school year.

6.6.9 On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Orange Jones, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 126, *Charter Schools: §512. Application Process for Locally Authorized Charter Schools*, to streamline the charter application and evaluation process for local school boards.

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Board Advisory Council Reports

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Nonpublic School Council

(Schedule 8)

On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Orange Jones, the Board received the minutes of the Nonpublic School Council meeting held November 12, 2013, and approved the tentative agenda for February 4, 2014.

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Mr. Roemer directed BESE staff to acknowledge receipt of Resolutions to the submitting LEA, agency, or organization.

Agenda **Received and/or Referred**
Item 8.

Agenda Item 8.1. On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Orange Jones, the Board received the Resolutions from the St. Tammany Parish School Board and the Tangipahoa Parish School Board requesting amendment of the accountability bonus point calculations for non-proficient super subgroup. (Schedule 9)

Agenda Item 8.2. On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Ms. Orange Jones, the Board received the Resolutions from the Iberia Parish School Board, the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board, the St. Helena Parish School Board, the St. Martin Parish School Board, the St. Tammany Parish School Board, and the Washington Parish School Board requesting removal of these school districts and other school districts in Louisiana from the implementation of Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) testing. (Schedule 10)

Agenda Item 8.3. On motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Orange Jones, the Board received the Resolution from the Louisiana Association of Educators regarding implementation of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). (Schedule 11)

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At this point in the meeting, Dr. Beebe requested that State Superintendent of Education White inform the Board of any concerns raised by the United States Department of Education related to policy changes. State Superintendent of Education White agreed to do so in the January 2014 "Report by the State Superintendent of Education."

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.