

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

MARCH 7, 2014

The Louisiana Purchase Room
Baton Rouge, LA

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- 5.1.4 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, the creation of Bulletin 138, *Jump Start Program: §101. Overview, §201. Jump Start Program Authorization, §301. General Provisions, and §303. Jump Start Instructional Staff*, as presented by the LDE.

Further, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, the creation of §305. Student Participation in Jump Start Programs, as amended and presented.

- 5.1.5 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System: §409. Calculating a 9-12 Assessment Index, and §613. Calculating a Graduation Index*, as presented by the LDE.

- 5.1.6 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel: §501. Introduction; adding a new §505. Career and Technical Certificate Types Issued after September 1, 2014; renumbering and renaming the original §505. to §506. CTTIE-1 and CTTIE-2 Certificate Eligibility Requirements; adding a new §507. CTTIE Areas of Specialization; renumbering and renaming the original §507. to §509. CTTIE-1 Certificates Renewal Guidelines for certificates initially issued prior to September 1, 2014; deleting the original §509. CTTIE-2 Certificates Renewal Guidelines; and §511. Process for Reinstating Lapsed CTTIE Certificates*, as presented by the LDE.

Further, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to §504. Career and Technical Certificate Types Issued after July 1, 2006, as amended and presented.

- 5.1.7 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 118, *Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices: §701. Overview of Assessment Programs in Louisiana, §2209. WorkKeys, and §3501. Approved Home Study Program Students*, as presented by the LDE.

- 5.1.8 On motion of Dr. Miranti, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators: §2317. High Schools and §2318. The College Diploma*, as presented by the LDE.

- 5.2.29 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: Shaw Environmental and Infrastructure
Contract Period: 02/14/2013 - 02/14/2015
Previous Amount: \$49,500.00
Amended Amount: \$14,640.00
Contract Amount: \$64,140.00
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for additional services for corrective action work plan preparation.

- 5.2.30 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following RSD contract:

Contractor: VergesRome Architects, APAC
Contract Period: 03/07/2014 - 03/07/2017
Contract Amount: \$2,696,406.00
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This project consists of the renovation of John McDonogh High School.

- 5.2.31 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor: VergesRome Architects, APAC
Contract Period: 10/16/2013 - 10/16/2016
Previous Amount: \$265,287.00
Amended Amount: \$20,625.00
Contract Amount: \$285,912.00
Fund: IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process: Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for the additional services for a water flow test, a Phase I environmental site assessment, lead and asbestos investigation, and a topographic survey for Live Oak Elementary School refurbishment.



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OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES

Meeting of March 7, 2014

- 5.2.24 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor:	Blitch/Knevel Architects, Inc.
Contract Period:	03/09/2012 - 03/09/2015
Previous Amount:	\$1,473,321.00
Amended Amount:	\$15,433.60
Contract Amount:	\$1,488,754.60
Fund:	IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process:	Competitive

Description of Service: This amendment provides for the additional service for a Phase II environmental subsurface investigation, and a pre-renovation ACM and LBP survey for Drew Elementary School renovation. It adds three (3) days to the design time due to Hurricane Isaac and fourteen (14) days to design time due to historic preservation revisions. This amendment provides for reimbursable expenses for regulatory agency approvals and for the printing of bidding documents.

- 5.2.25 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following RSD contract:

Contractor:	Byron J. Stewart and Associates, APC Architects and Planners
Contract Period:	03/07/2014 - 03/07/2017
Contract Amount:	\$105,034.00
Fund:	IAT - FEMA
Competitive Process:	Competitive

Description of Service: This project provides for the refurbishment of Rosenwald Elementary School.

- 5.2.26 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following RSD contract amendment:

Contractor:	Jacobs Project Management Company/CSRS Consortium
Contract Period:	12/01/2013 - 11/30/2016
Previous Amount:	\$23,590,758.00
Amended Amount:	\$1,069,673.31

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- 5.2.17 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following LDE contract:

Contractor: Department of Health and Hospitals
Contract Period: 04/01/2014 - 08/31/2014
Contract Amount: \$196,252.00
Fund: Federal Funds - USDA
Competitive Process: Non Competitive

Description of Service: This Interagency Agreement will provide that the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health (DHH), Sanitarian Services Section, conduct pre-opening inspections of each food service site or preparation facility participating in the SFSP. The sanitarian services will perform at least one (1) other inspection (besides the pre-opening inspection) at each site/facility during the period of operation and record inspection results on the appropriate inspection form.

- 5.2.18 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following LDE contract amendment:

Contractor: Volunteers of America North LA
Contract Period: 07/01/2013 - 06/30/2014
Previous Amount: \$360,000.00
Amended Amount: \$38,400.00
Contract Amount: \$398,400.00
Fund: Federal - Title IV - 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC)
Competitive Process: Competitive/21st CCLC RFP Process

Description of Service: The contract provides before-, during-, and after-school academic enrichment opportunities for children attending low-performing schools through the establishment and operation of 21st Century Community Learning Centers.

- 5.2.19 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following LDE contract amendment:

Contractor: Urban Support Agency, Inc.
Contract Period: 07/01/2013 - 06/30/2014

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Agenda **Educator Effectiveness Committee** (Schedule 4)
Item 5.3.

5.3.1 On motion of Ms. Boffy, seconded by Mr. Guillot, the Board received the update regarding the study of the state accountability system and value-added model.

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Agenda **School Innovation and Turnaround Committee** (Schedule 5)
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5.4.1 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the request for a material amendment to the charter governing Linwood Public Charter School, operated by Shreveport Charter Schools, Inc., to add kindergarten and first grade in the fall of 2014 and expand an additional grade per year until the school serves grades K-8.

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Agenda Item 3.1., "Consideration of revisions to Bulletin 126, *Charter Schools*, regarding charter school renewal and extension, evaluation of alternative charter schools, and streamlining of policies."

Support: None.

Oppose: None.

Information Only/Other: Mr. Shawn Fleming, Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council.

5.4.2 On motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by Mr. Guillot, the Board approved, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Bulletin 126, *Charter Schools*: §103. Definitions; §105. Purpose of Charter Schools; §505. Eligibility to Apply for a Type 4 Charter School; §1101. Charter School Evaluation; §1103. Alternate Evaluation of Charter Schools; §1303. Extension Review; §1503. Charter Renewal Process and Timeline; §1903. Material

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Dr. Beebe recused herself from voting on this item.

Departmental Support - Other

- 5.2.14 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation: Educator Leader Cadre Substitute Reimbursement
Amount: \$1,893.36
Funding Period: 10/01/2013 - 12/13/2014
Source of Funds: Federal

Purpose: The purpose of the Teacher Leader Advisors is to develop an understanding of the changes required 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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- 5.2.15 **Office of Management and Finance – Competitive**

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Amount: \$676,666.67
Funding Period: 03/08/2014 - 06/30/2014
Source of Funds: State - IAT

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Purpose: The purpose of these funds is to support Early Childhood Community Network Pilots to implement the five strategies outlined in the Early Childhood Care and Education Network - Roadmap to 2015, which are as follows:

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- 5.2.9 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the revised program and budget for the 8(g) statewide program, Early Childhood Literacy Program (LDE) (S069), for FY 2013-2014.

Dr. Beebe recused herself from voting on this item.

- 5.2.10 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the revised program and budget for the 8(g) statewide program, Compass (LDE) (S067), for FY 2013-2014.

Dr. Beebe was recorded as being opposed to the motion.

- 5.2.11 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the revised program and budget for the 8(g) statewide program, Expanding High School Choice (LDE) (S073), for FY 2013-2014.

Dr. Beebe recused herself from voting on this item.

- 5.2.12 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the revised program and budget for the 8(g) statewide program, New Schools Incubation Program (LDE) (S074), for FY 2013-2014.

Dr. Beebe and Ms. Hill were recorded as being opposed to the motion.

School and District Innovations - Other

- 5.2.13 On motion of Mr. Guillot, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board approved the following allocation:

Allocation:	RSD Charter School Transformation
Amount:	\$250,000.00
Funding Period:	07/01/2013 - 06/30/2014
Source of Funds:	IAT - 8(g)

Purpose: The purpose of these funds is to support RSD transformation activities.

Basis of Allocation: The LDE supports the efforts of the RSD to create an environment with the conditions necessary for charter schools to succeed and to support the transformation process for low-performing schools.

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