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**OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES**

**Meeting of November 12, 2008**

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

**NOVEMBER 12, 2008**

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

The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met in special session on November 12, 2008, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m. by Board President Linda M. Johnson.

Board members present were: Mr. Dale Bayard, Mr. John Bennett, Ms. Glenny Lee Buquet, Ms. Penny Dastugue, Ms. Louella Givens, Mr. Keith Guice, Ms. Linda Johnson, Mr. Walter Lee, Ms. Tammie McDaniel, and Mr. Chas Roemer.

Mr. Jim Garvey was absent.

Agenda Item 3            The Oath of Office for Mr. Keith Guice, President Elect; Mr. Walter Lee, Vice-President Elect; and Ms. Louella Givens, Secretary-Treasurer Elect was administered by Attorney-at-Law John Guice, son of Mr. Keith Guice.

Agenda Item 4            On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board approved the agenda as printed and disseminated. (Schedule 1)

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Comments regarding Agenda Item 5, "Consideration of approval of the New Orleans Schools Master Plan," were received from Mr. Paul Pastorek, State Superintendent of Education; Mr. Darryl Kilbert, Superintendent of the Orleans Parish School System; Mr. Paul Vallas, Superintendent of the Recovery School District; Reverend Torin Sanders, President of the Orleans Parish School Board; Ms. Lourdes Moran, Member of the Orleans Parish School Board; and Ms. Cynthia Cade, Member of the Orleans Parish School Board.

Discussion followed.

Agenda Item 5 (Schedule 2)

Motion 5-A            On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Dastugue, the Board approved and adopted the School Facilities Master Plan for Orleans Parish and its related documents, Master Plan Program Area Requirements, and the Building Standards, as adopted by the Orleans Parish School Board.

Motion 5-B On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Ms. Buquet, the Board directed the State Superintendent of Education to:

- work jointly with the Orleans Parish School Board to establish a Committee for the Oversight of the School Facilities Master Plan for Orleans Parish, including its composition, selection of Committee members, and the charge of the Committee;
- submit the information regarding the proposed Oversight Committee to the Orleans Parish School Board for approval at its next meeting; and
- once approved by the Orleans Parish School Board, submit the information regarding proposed Oversight Committee to BESE for approval at its December 2008 meeting before moving forward.

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Comments regarding Agenda Item 6, "Consideration of an update report on the St. Helena Parish School System," were received from Dr. Daisy Slan, Interim Superintendent of the St. Helena Parish School System. Dr. Slan was accompanied by Reverend Elijah Harvey, Jr., President of the St. Helena Parish School Board.

Discussion followed.

Agenda Item 6 On motion of Ms. McDaniel, seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board received the report on the St. Helena Parish School System.

Agenda Item 7 **Received and/or Referred**

Agenda Item 7-A On motion of Ms. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board received and referred to the Legislative Committee: "Consideration of a report concerning the effect of the constitutional amendment regarding term limits."

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Agenda Item 8 On motion of Ms. Givens, seconded by Mr. Bayard, the Board went into Executive Session at 2:55 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Yeas: Mr. Bayard, Mr. Bennett, Ms. Buquet, Ms. Dastugue, Ms. Givens, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Lee, Ms. McDaniel, and Mr. Guice.

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Nays: Mr. Roemer.

Abstains: None.

Absent: Mr. Garvey.

The Roll Call Vote on the motion to go into Executive Session passed. It was noted that no votes would be taken while the Board was in Executive Session; all votes would be made in public.

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On motion of Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board reconvened into Regular Session at 4:25 p.m. A quorum was present.

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The Board took no further action on Agenda Item 8, "Consideration of Executive Session to discuss personnel matters."

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.