

JOINT MEETING
BOARD OF REGENTS
AND
BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Roy O. Martin III, Chair, Board of Regents, Presiding

Thursday, December 10, 2015
Thomas Jefferson Room 1-136, Sections A&B
Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of BoR/BESE Minutes of June 17, 2015
- IV. Kevin P. Reilly, Sr. Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund 2015 Annual Report Presented by State Treasurer John Kennedy and Assistant State Treasurer John Broussard
- V. Cooperative Efforts between K-12 and Higher Education by Commissioner of Higher Education Joseph C. Rallo
- VI. Update Regarding the Louisiana Standards Review Committee and Subcommittees by
Dr. Regina Sanford, Chair, Louisiana Student Standards Review Committee
Ms. Anne Smith, Chair, Louisiana Student Standards Review: K-2 Content Subcommittee
Ms. Laurie Carlton, Chair, Louisiana Student Standards Review: 3-12 ELA Content Subcommittee
Ms. Charlotte Booth, Chair, Louisiana Student Standards Review: 3-12 Mathematics Content Subcommittee
- VII. Report Regarding Postsecondary Planning for Graduating High School Seniors by State Superintendent of Education John White
- VIII. Concluding Remarks by State Superintendent of Education John White and Commissioner of Higher Education Joseph C. Rallo
- IX. Other Business
- X. Adjournment

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MINUTES

In accordance with the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VIII, Section 5(D), a joint meeting of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and the Board of Regents (BoR) was called to order at 9:12 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2015, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Chas Roemer, President of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

The rolls were called and quorums were established for the Board of Regents and the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Board of Regents

Present

Mr. Roy Martin, III, Chair
Mr. Joseph Farr, Vice-Chair
Mr. Mark Abraham
Mr. Raymond Brandt
Mr. Marty Chabert
Mr. Joel Dupré
Mr. William Fenstermaker
Mr. Patrick Harrington
Mr. Robert Levy
Mr. Joseph Wiley

Absent

Mr. Richard Lipsey, Secretary
Ms. Claudia Adley
Mr. Chris Gorman
Mr. Edward Markle
Mr. Gray Stream
Mr. Collis Temple, III

Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

Present:

Mr. Chas Roemer, President
Mr. Jim Garvey, Vice-President
Dr. Holly Boffy, Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. Lottie Beebe
Ms. Connie Bradford
Mr. Jay Guillot
Ms. Mary Harris
Dr. Judith Miranti
Ms. Kira Orange Jones
Ms. Jane Smith

Absent:

Ms. Carolyn Hill

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2014

On motion of BESE Member Boffy, seconded by Regent Farr, the Boards approved the minutes of the joint meeting of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Board of Regents held on June 18, 2014.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2014

On motion of BESE Member Bradford, seconded by BESE Member Guillot, the Boards approved the minutes of the joint meeting of the Board of Regents and the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education held on December 11, 2014.

Mr. Roy Martin, III, Chair of the Board of Regents, welcomed those in attendance. He stated that it is incumbent upon the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Board of Regents, the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, and four-year universities to assure that every child has a pathway to a great job. BESE and BoR must ensure that pathways exist.

Dr. Joseph C. Rallo, Commissioner of Higher Education, stated that BoR's pledge is to strive to make education seamless between K-12, the community and technical colleges, and universities in order to prepare students to compete in a global market.

CONSIDERATION OF UPDATES TO THE WEIGHTED TAYLOR OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS (TOPS) GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) APPROVED LIST OF COURSES

State Superintendent of Education John White commended the Boards for the support of courses that are particularly challenging college preparatory courses which students may take in high school, including Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses. Students earn weighted credit towards TOPS scholarships upon passage of these courses.

On motion of BESE Member Boffy, seconded by BESE Member Garvey, the Boards received the report and approved revisions to the *TOPS Core, 2018: Dual Enrollment/Matrix Options for TOPS Core*, including classes administered by the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts (LSMSA) and New Orleans Center for Creative Arts (NOCCA), as presented by the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE).

CONSIDERATION OF AN UPDATE REGARDING THE 2015 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

State Superintendent of Education White provided members of the Boards with an update regarding the 2014 Legislative Session, highlighting the following:

- The Legislature committed to additional funding for K-12 education.
- Specific funds were earmarked for Dual Enrollment coursework, which grew by \$2.5 million, and translates into an increase from 27,000 to 35,000 Dual Enrollment course enrollments funded by the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP).
- Jump Start provides students with an opportunity to obtain industry credentials and college credit needed to be employable and to have a pathway to the middle class through Louisiana's technical workforce in the energy and transportation industries, healthcare and hospitals, engineering and construction trades, and others.
 - House Bill 462 aligns the Jump Start diploma with TOPS Tech, meaning students who take the Jump Start diploma pathway earn TOPS Tech, if the appropriate GPA and an ACT score of 17 is achieved.
 - House Bill 546 allows Associate of Science (AS) programs, which were not historically considered TOPS Tech eligible, to now be TOPS Tech eligible.

On motion of BESE Member Boffy, seconded by Regent Farr, the Boards received the update report regarding the 2015 Regular Legislative Session.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Boards, the joint meeting of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Board of Regents adjourned at 9:35 a.m.