

Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
NONPUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

10:00 a.m.

Minutes

The Nonpublic School Council was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Sr. Carol Shively, Vice-Chair. Members present were Ms. Marian Fertitta, Ms. Kimberlee Gazzolo, Dr. Jan Lancaster, Mr. Joseph Peychaud, and Dr. Melanie Verges.

Dr. Laurita Guillory, Mr. Ed Hearron, Ms. Anna Larriviere, Dr. Tom Middleton, and Mr. Bobby Welch were recorded as excused.

BESE member Dr. Judith Miranti was present.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE) were Ms. Nancy Beben, Mr. Ken Bradford, and Ms. Bridget Devlin.

The Board staff was represented by Ms. Shan Davis and Ms. Linda Collier, who recorded the minutes.

1 On motion of Dr. Verges, seconded by Ms. Gazzolo, the Nonpublic School Council deferred "Election of Chair and Vice Chair."

2 On motion of Dr. Verges, seconded by Ms. Fertitta, the Nonpublic School Council approved the minutes of the meeting held February 4, 2014, with the following amendment:

The NPSC requested more follow-up regarding the Jump Start Initiative, and also requested that the Council be part of further discussion and planning.

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The Council agreed to consider Agenda Item 5.1., "Consideration of revisions to (Nonpublic) Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators*, regarding graduation requirements," and Agenda Item 5.2., "Consideration of revisions to (Nonpublic) Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators*, regarding laws enacted in the 2014 Regular Legislative Session" simultaneously.

Ms. Beben and Mr. Bradford reviewed the PowerPoint Presentation entitled, "Louisiana Believes, Nonpublic School Council, July 29, 2014," with members of the Council and responded to questions.

- 3 On motion of Mr. Peychaud, seconded by Dr. Lancaster, the Nonpublic School Council recommends that the Board approve, as a Notice of Intent, revisions to Nonpublic Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators*: §2109. High School Graduation Requirements, §2305. Art, §2309. Dance, §2313. English, §2317. Foreign Languages, §2323. Mathematics, §2325. Music, §2329. Science, §2331. Social Studies, and §2337. Theater Arts, regarding graduation requirements and laws enacted in the 2014 Regular Legislative Session.

NOTE: Nonpublic School Council members expressed that a funding mechanism is necessary to ensure equitable access for the nonpublic students participating in the Jump Start program and requested that this item be added to the MFP Task Force meeting agenda.

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Sr. Carol requested that, within reason, Nonpublic School Council meetings be conducted as scheduled.

With no further business to come before the Nonpublic School Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.