LETA FULL BOARD MEETING

♦August 13, 2020,♦ 12:00 PM ♦

LPB Board Room♦ 7733 Perkins Road ♦Baton Rouge, LA

ZOOM Conference (COVID – 19)

**Members Present:** Dr. Tina Holland, Chris Wegmann, Eartha Cross, Sonny Cranch, David Tatman, Julie Cherry, Bob Emmert, Conrad Comeaux, Tracie Woods, Nancy Harrelson, Dan Hare, Kathy Kliebert, Valencia Burton, Julie Cherry, and Laura Lindsay

**Members Absent:** Nikki Godfrey, Dr. Belinda Davis, Richard Hartley

**Employees Present:**  Beth Courtney, Kim Ducote, Christina Melton, Nancy Tooraen, John Tooraen, and Carol Manship

**Call to Order:** Valencia Burton called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

**Approval of minutes:** Valencia Burton asked for minutes of 6-11-20 to be approved. Motion was made by Conrad Comeaux and seconded by Julie Cherry. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Chris Wegmann gave the Financial Report (see attached). Conrad Comeaux made a motion to approve the financial report. Julie Cherry seconded. Motion carried.

**Friends Report:** Bob Emmert gave the Friends Report (see attached). Motion was made by Julie Cherry to approve the Friends Report. Dr. Tina Holland seconded. Motion carried.

**President’s Report:** Beth Courtney asked the Board to approve a resolution asking the Foundation to transfer $1.4 million dollars to the Louisiana Educational Television Authority for FY 20-21. She then asked for an amendment asking to transfer $500,000 immediately from the $1.4 million amount in order to pay some pressing bills. Conrad Comeaux made a motion to approve the amended resolution. Sonny Cranch seconded. Motion carried.

Nancy Tooraen gave an update on our education programs like the upcoming LPB’s Ruff Ruffman Virtual Family & Community Learning Event. She encouraged all board members to drop in for just a few minutes to observe.

C.C. Copeland told the Board that repack is finally done. He then talked about the tower in Shreveport. It hasn’t been painted in 15 years and Federal law requires it be painted every 7 years. Also, several of the required lights are out and need to be replaced. C.C. pointed out that the state owns that tower.

Christina Melton talked about the Mortar Board Award that Beth Courtney received. It was for Alumni of the Year and was presented by Governor John Bel Edwards and First Lady Donna Edwards.

Christina then spoke about the “Step Up” program and about the Rural Initiative grant with Arkansas and Mississippi.

**Other:** Valencia Burton wants to recommend Christina Melton for LPB’s appointment to the Early Education Commission. Laura Lindsay made a motion to approve. Chris Wegmann seconded. Motion carried.

Nancy Harrelson stated that she is anticipating multiple school shutdowns and is encouraging LPB to stay involved.

**Adjournment:** Valencia Burton asked for a motion to adjourn. Conrad Comeaux moved. Nancy Harrelson seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.