

Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education  
NONPUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL  
Tuesday, September 11, 2012  
10:00 a.m.

Minutes

The Nonpublic School Council was called to order at 10:09 a.m. by Ms. Anna Larriviere, Chair. Members present were Ms. Marian Fertitta, Ms. Kimberlee Gazzolo, Mr. Ed Hearron, Dr. Tom Middleton, Mr. Joseph Peychaud, Sr. Carol Shively, and Dr. Melanie Verges.

Dr. Laurita Guillory and Mr. Bobby Welch were recorded as excused.

Dr. Carol Rowe served as proxy for Dr. Guillory.

BESE members present were Ms. Lottie Beebe, Mr. John Bennett, and Ms. Carolyn Hill.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education were Superintendent of Education John White, Ms. Bridget Devlin, and Ms. Jenna Conway.

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

1 On motion of Sr. Carol, seconded by Mr. Peychaud, the Nonpublic School Council approved the minutes of the meeting held May 1, 2012.

2 On motion of Mr. Peychaud, seconded by Mr. Hearron, the Nonpublic School Council received the BESE response to the minutes of May 1, 2012.

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The Council agreed to take Agenda Item 5.2., "Consideration of an update on Act 3 implementation," out of order.

Ms. Devlin introduced Ms. Conway, Director of Early Childhood Programs for the Louisiana Department of Education. Ms. Conway provided the Council with a handout entitled, "Louisiana Early Childhood Education Act (2012)," and reviewed the information with the Council.

3 On motion of Ms. Fertitta, seconded by Ms. Gazzolo, the Nonpublic School Council received the update report regarding Act 3 implementation.

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The Council returned to the regular agenda order.

Superintendent of Education John White provided the Council with a handout regarding the conceptual design of an enhanced nonpublic school approval process. He reviewed the adjustments to the nonpublic school approval process, the school segmentation process, and the online self-disclosure questionnaire concepts with the Council.

Discussion followed.

On motion of Ms. Verges, seconded by Sr. Carol, the Nonpublic School Council amended the agenda to include Agenda Item 5.3., "Consideration of a report regarding the Scholarship Program Audit Requirement." There was no opposition to the motion.

Superintendent of Education White provided the Council with a handout entitled, "Scholarship Program Audit Requirement," and reviewed that information with the Council.

4 On motion of Ms. Verges, seconded by Mr. Hearron, the Nonpublic School Council received the report regarding adjustments to the nonpublic school approval process.

5 On motion of Ms. Gazzolo, seconded by Sr. Carol, the Nonpublic School Council received the report regarding the scholarship program audit requirement.

With no further business to come before the Nonpublic School Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.