

LOUISIANA STUDENT STANDARDS REVIEW COMMITTEE
Wednesday, August 19, 2015
9:00 a.m.

Minutes

The Louisiana Student Standards Review Committee met on August 19, 2015, in the Riverview Ballroom A, located in the Hilton Capitol Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Dr. Regina Sanford, Chair. Members present were Ms. Jawan Alexander, Ms. Dedra Bailey, Ms. Charlotte Boothe, Dr. Jeanne Burns, Ms. Zanovia Curtis, Ms. Penny Gennuso, Ms. Tammy Hall, Dr. RaeNell Houston, Mr. Sheldon Jones, Ms. Michelle Joubert, Ms. Angelle Lailhengue, Dr. Keith Leger, Ms. Aeneid Mason, Ms. Arielle McConduit, Mr. Hollis Milton, Mr. Steve Monaghan, Dr. Frank Neubrandner, Mr. Scott Richard, Ms. Debbie Rickards, Ms. Suzette Riddle, Dr. Kathy Riedlinger, Ms. Lisa Rougeou, Ms. Kim Shackelford, and Ms. Anne Smith.

Mr. Chad Aucoin was absent.

Also in attendance were Senator Conrad Appel, Representative Steve Carter, Representative Brett Geymann, Representative Bob Hensgens, Representative J. Rogers Pope, and Representative Gene Reynolds.

Members of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) in attendance were Dr. Holly Boffy, Ms. Connie Bradford, Mr. Jim Garvey, Ms. Mary Harris, and Ms. Jane Smith.

Also present was State Superintendent of Education John White.

Representing the BESE staff were Ms. Shan Davis, Ms. Nikki Landry, Ms. Shannon Rawson, and Ms. Nina Ford, who recorded the minutes.

Dr. Sanford provided an overview of the standards review purpose and process as set forth by law and by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), and offered a description of the current Louisiana standards in English language arts and mathematics. **Agenda Item II**

Dr. Sanford provided Committee members with copies of a letter dated August 17, 2015, from Senator Francis C. Thompson regarding the longstanding work of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) in Louisiana. She provided comments regarding the SREB and introduced Dr. Gene Bottoms, Senior Vice-President of SREB, who offered remarks. **Agenda Item III**

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Dr. Bottoms introduced Ms. Erin Conley, who reviewed the summary of public feedback from the online review portal and provided a handout entitled “Summary of Public Comments on Current Louisiana Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics – July 8 - August 5, 2015.”

Dr. Sanford stated that she would forward copies of all future information received from Ms. Conley to each member.

Public comments were received from Mr. John Warner Smith, Education’s Next Horizon; Mr. Keith Courville, Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana (APEL); Ms. Debbie Meaux, Louisiana Association of Educators (LAE); Mr. James Garvey and Dr. Holly Boffy, Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; Senator Conrad Appel, Louisiana Senate; and the following concerned citizens: Ms. Kathryn Goppelt, who provided the following documents: “Massachusetts English Language Arts Curriculum Framework – June 2001” and “Mathematics Framework for California Public Schools; Mr. Michael Deshotels; Ms. Sara Wood; Ms. Terri Timmcke, who provided the following documents: “Why Students Need Strong Standards [and not Common Core]” and “How Common Core’s ELA Standards Place College Readiness at Risk”; Ms. Lee Barrios, who provided the following documents: “Key Milestones in Math Curriculum” and “California Common Core State Standards – Mathematics”; and Mr. Anthony Nichols.

**Agenda
Item IV**

Mr. Richard read a proposed Resolution regarding the expansion of the membership of the Louisiana Student Standards Review Committee or its Subcommittees.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Public comments were received from Mr. Keith Courville, APEL; Ms. Debbie Meaux, LAE; and Representative Gene Reynolds, Mr. Dennis Burke, and Ms. Lee Barrios, concerned citizens.

Mr. Richard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Monaghan, that the Louisiana Student Standards Review Committee adopt the Resolution, as presented by Mr. Richard, and create a separate subcommittee to serve as content advisors to the subcommittees, tasking the advisors with reviewing draft recommendations

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and providing commentary prior to said recommendations being presented to the Standards Committee members for final approval of standards in Louisiana.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Yeas: Mr. Sheldon Jones, Mr. Hollis Milton, Mr. Steve Monaghan, Mr. Scott Richard, and Ms. Suzette Riddle.

Nays: Ms. Jawan Alexander, Ms. Dedra Bailey, Ms. Charlotte Boothe, Dr. Jeanne Burns, Ms. Zanovia Curtis, Ms. Penny Gennuso, Ms. Tammy Hall, Dr. RaeNell Houston, Ms. Michelle Joubert, Ms. Angelle Lailhengue, Dr. Keith Leger, Ms. Aeneid Mason, Ms. Arielle McConduit, Dr. Frank Neubrandner, Ms. Debbie Rickards, Dr. Kathy Riedlinger, Ms. Lisa Rougeou, Dr. Regina Sanford, Ms. Kim Shackelford, and Ms. Anne Smith.

Absences: Mr. Chad Aucoin.

The motion failed.

Discussion followed.

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Dr. Burns committed to seek input from universities pertaining to recommended changes to the content standards and to bring back that input to both the Committee and Subcommittees.

Dr. Sanford stated that the Committee is to make data driven decisions and, to aide in that process, requested that the Louisiana Department of Education provide members of the Committee and Subcommittees the raw cut scores, comparison data to previous tests, and the results of spring testing.

Dr. Sanford also requested that a definitive closure date be established for the Public Comment Portal.

Dr. Sanford reviewed next steps to be taken by the Committee and Subcommittees.

With no further business to come before the Louisiana Student Standards Review Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:29 p.m.