

## **House Committee on Education**

Minutes of Meeting  
2019 Regular Session  
April 16, 2019

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Nancy Landry, chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 1:54 p.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Nancy Landry, chairman  
Representative Beryl A. Amedée  
Representative Joseph Bouie, Jr.  
Representative Kendricks "Ken" Brass  
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr., vice chairman  
Representative Stephen F. Carter  
Representative Rick Edmonds  
Representative Julie Emerson  
Representative Reid Falconer  
Representative Stephanie Hilferty  
Representative Walt Leger, III  
Representative Scott M. Simon  
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith  
Representative Polly Thomas

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Elizabeth L. Borne, legislative analyst  
Nancy Y. Jolly, legislative analyst  
Jacqueline Snowden, secretary

#### **ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

None

### III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

#### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 1 by Representative Nancy Landry**

Representative Nancy Landry presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 1, which provides for legislative approval of the MFP formula for the 2019-2020 school year.

John White, state superintendent of education, Louisiana Department of Education, Claiborne Building, 1201 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (877) 453-2721, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

Dr. Gary Jones, president, State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), 3899 Highway 457, Alexandria, LA 71302, (318) 308-2306, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

Janet Pope, executive director, Louisiana School Boards Association, 7912 Summa Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 769-3191, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

Kelli Joseph, superintendent St. Helena Parish Schools and executive director, Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

Debra Schum, Louisiana Association of Principals, and Louisiana Public Schools Coalition, 2329 Country Club Drive, LaPlace, LA 70068, (504) 909-4650, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

Larry J. Carter, Jr., Louisiana Federation of Teachers, and Louisiana Public School Coalition, 9623 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (228) 923-1037, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

Deborah Meaux, Louisiana Association of Educators, and Louisiana Public School Coalition, 8322 One Calais Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (337) 849-3514, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

Caroline Roemer, Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, 320 Metairie Hammond Highway, Metairie, LA 70005, (504) 291-8476, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

Belinda Davis, 4540 Hyacinth Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 202-2698, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion that the MFP for fiscal year 2019-2020 be returned to BESE to consider three recommendations and for consideration of an amended formula that:

- 1) Retains the addition of the \$1,000 pay raise for classroom teachers and other certificated educators and a \$500 pay raise for support personnel plus associated retirement costs in Level 3, estimated to increase the formula allocation by approximately \$101 million;
- 2) Removes the increase to the Base-per-Pupil Amount of 1.375%, from \$3,961 to \$4,015 in Level 1, projected to increase the formula allocation by approximately \$39 million, and instead retain the Base-per-Pupil Amount of \$3,961; and
- 3) Retains all other components of the formula adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Representative Brass objected to the motion. The secretary called the roll, and the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedée, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hilferty, Simon, and Thomas voted yea. Representatives Bouie, Brass, Gary Carter, Leger, and Smith voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 21 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Nancy Landry  
House Committee on Education

Date adopted: