

**State Board of Education
Summary of Action Items
January 31, 2014**

Student Performance

Jacob Savage from Van High School in the Van Independent School District performed a poetry reading and Aubrey Schumacher of Chapel Hill High School in Mount Pleasant's Chapel Hill ISD performed a prose interpretation.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of Communications and State Board of Education Support at (512) 463-9000.

1. Resolutions and Presentations

The board approved a resolution recognizing those educators who were recently named state finalists for the 2013 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Finalists in the mathematics category are Jessica Caviness of Coppell ISD; Amy Ferguson of North East ISD in San Antonio; Penny Smeltzer of Round Rock ISD; Ruth Westbrook from Denton ISD. State finalists in the science category are James Manley from Coppell ISD, Michalle McCallister from Fort Sam Houston ISD; Mark Misage from Eanes ISD in Austin; and Kim Wootton from Coppell ISD.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of Communications and State Board of Education Support at (512) 463-9000.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda

Any agenda item may be placed on the Consent Agenda by any State Board of Education committee.

(1) Review of 19 TAC Chapter 105, Foundation School Program, Subchapter A, Definitions, and Subchapter B, Use of State Funds (Adoption of Review) (Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)

The board approved the adoption of the review of 19 TAC Chapter 105, Foundation School Program, Subchapter A, Definitions, and Subchapter B, Use of State Funds. The rules being reviewed provide for the use of Foundation School Program (FSP) funds. The Texas Government Code, §2001.039, establishes a four-year rule review cycle for all state agency rules, including State Board of Education (SBOE) rules.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to Amanda Brownson in the Division of School Funding at (512) 463-9238.

**(2) Ratification of the Purchases and Sales of the Investment Portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the Months of October and November 2013
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board approved the purchases and sales of securities in the Permanent School Fund portfolio that are valued at \$606,514,190 and \$1,086,675,145, respectively, for the months of October and November 2013.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the Permanent School Fund at (512) 463-9169.

**(3) Recommendation for Appointments to the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees
(Committee on School Initiatives)**

The board approved the reappointment of Mark Strother and Sharon Miner to the board of trustees of the Boys Ranch Independent School District for a two-year term from Jan. 31, 2014 to Jan. 30, 2016.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of School Governance at (512) 463-9623.

**(4) Recommendation for Appointments to the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees
(Committee on School Initiatives)**

The board approved the reappointment of Sharon Holland and the appointments of Dr. Jennifer Stangle and Helen King to two-year terms on the Randolph Field ISD board of trustees from Jan. 1, 2014 to Jan. 30, 2016.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of School Governance at (512) 463-9623.

**ITEMS FOR ACTION BY THE FULL SBOE
(COMMITTEE OF THE FULL BOARD)**

**3. Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter B, Graduation Requirements
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

The board approved new rules that spell out the state's new graduation requirements. A number of amendments were made before the rules for the Foundation High School Program were given final approval. Board members also repealed graduation requirements that were no longer needed. The full rules will be posted at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=2206>.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Curriculum Division at (512) 463-9581.

4. Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum (First Reading and Filing Authorization)

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization amendments to rules that detail the courses that school districts must offer as well as amendments that move and update rules related to the Academic Achievement Record (transcript). The rules are being updated to correspond with the new graduation requirements.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Curriculum Division at (512) 463-9581.

5. Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 114, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Languages Other Than English, Subchapter A, Elementary, Subchapter B, Middle School, Subchapter C, High Schools, and Subchapter D, Other Languages Other Than English Courses (First Reading and Filing Authorization)

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization revisions, as amended, to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Languages Other Than English. One significant change included the creation of a new course called Special Topics in Language and Culture to address requirements of HB 5, 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2013. The new law allows students who have completed one credit in a language other than English but who are determined by school district officials to be unlikely to successfully complete a second create to substitute the new Special Topics in Language and Culture for the second credit.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Curriculum Division at (512) 463-9581.

6. Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 66, State Adoption and Distribution of Instructional Materials, Subchapter B, State Adoption of Instructional Materials (Second Reading and Final Adoption)

The board gave final approval to revisions to Chapter 66, Subchapter B, of the rules that apply to the state adoption and distribution of instructional materials. Some revisions clarified that all portions of instructional material must be reviewed by at least two panel members and noted the review panels could either submit a consensus report or a majority and minority report.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of Instructional Materials and Educational Technology at (512) 463-9601.

7. **Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 66, State Adoption and Distribution of Instructional Materials, Subchapter B, State Adoption of Instructional Materials (First Reading and Filing Authorization)**

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization a number of amendments to Chapter 66 rules that apply to the state adoption and distribution of instructional materials. These amendments dealt with all sections of the rule not covered by agenda item 6. Many of the amendments put in to rule common practices followed during the review and adoption process and clarified some conflict of interest provisions.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of Instructional Materials and Educational Technology at (512) 463-9601.

8. **Amendments to Proclamation 2015 of the State Board of Education Advertising for Bids on Instructional Materials**

The board approved Proclamation 2015, which advertises for bids on instructional materials covering social studies, grades K-12; mathematics, grades 9-12; fine arts; three Career and Technical Education courses for which students may receive mathematics credit; and one Career and Technical Education course for which students may receive a fine arts credit.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of Instructional Materials and Educational Technology at (512) 463-9601.

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

9. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.24, Credit by Examination (Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

The committee approved for second reading and final adoption a proposed amendment to rules that govern credit by examination. The amendment will align the rule with changes made to the requirements for credit by examination in House Bill (HB) 2694 and Senate Bill (SB) 1365, 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2013. Changes to the law increase the number of testing opportunities a school district must provide each school year from two to four. The committee amended the rule to require a district to provide one window to test during each period, rather than specifying the window must be three days each testing opportunity. The amended rule also requires districts to approve, to the extent available, at least four examinations for acceleration or for credit for each academic subject and reduces the minimum score from 90 to 80 percent in order for a student to receive credit. The new legislation states that a student who earns credit for a course with an end-of-course (EOC) assessment as a result of credit by examination is exempt from the EOC requirement for that course. The amended rule includes additional criteria for development of examinations used for credit or for acceleration.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Curriculum Division at (512) 463-9581.

10. Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.38, Requirements for Instruction in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)

The committee approved for first reading and filing authorization proposed new rules for instruction in CPR, as required by House Bill (HB) 897, 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2013. The legislation requires that the SBOE adopt rules requiring districts to provide instruction in CPR for students in Grades 7-12 at least once before graduation. The instruction may be provided as part of any course and is not required to result in certification in CPR. The proposed rule would clarify that the training requirement applies to students who entered the 7th grade in the 2010-11 school year and thereafter.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Curriculum Division at (512) 463-9581.

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

11. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 33, Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies, and Guidelines of the Texas Permanent School Fund, §33.67, Bond Guarantee Program for Charter Schools
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)

The board approved for second reading and final adoption rules and guidelines for the Texas Permanent School Fund's Bond Guarantee Program for Charter School with amendments. The amendments allow the commissioner to review an applicant's status as a high-risk grantee when determining approval for the guarantee and whether that status was relevant. The amendments also state that any intentional material misrepresentations on an application may constitute a material violation of the applicant's charter.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to Amanda Brownson in the State Funding Division at (512) 463-9238.

12. Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing, Subchapter D, Uniform Bank Bid or Request for Proposal and Depository Contract (First Reading and Filing Authorization)

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing, Subchapter D, Uniform Bank Bid or Request for Proposal and Depository Contract, §109.51, Uniform Depository Bank Bid or Proposal Form, and §109.52, Uniform Depository Bank Contract and Surety Bond Forms. The amendments to §109.51 remove the requirement for a school district to file its bid or proposal with the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and adds a requirement for the district to make the selected bid or proposal available to the TEA on request. The amendment to §109.52 requires a school district to file a copy of its depository contract electronically with the TEA and revises the depository contract form adopted as a figure in that section to remove the requirement that TEA staff sign the form to indicate approval. The amendment to §109.52 also adds a provision for the agency to notify a district by e-mail if its depository contract is incomplete and a provision stating that a district that has no depository contract in force and filed with the TEA will receive its warrants from the TEA by US mail.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to David Marx in the Division of Financial Compliance at (512) 463-9095.

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES

All action items for the committee on are the Consent Agenda