

**State Board of Education
Summary of Action Items
April 19, 2013**

Student Performance

The Keller High School Chamber Singers from the Keller Independent School District, under the direction of Chi-Chi King, performed songs in three different languages.

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 honoring winners of 2012 National History Day contest. Those winners are: Jonathan Holle, Christian Isenhour, Steven Mathew, Luke Victor, Cyrus Yasrebi, Smritha Mahadevan, Maanasa Nathan, Priya Rama-moorthy, Kavya Ramamoorthy, Jake Manlove, Niti Malwade, Hamsini Nathan, Devika Patel, Khira Patel, Srija Reddy, Henry Roseman, Sidarth Subramanian, and Aric Barnes.

The board, on a 10-5 vote, approved a resolution that calls on the Texas Legislature to “reject all vouchers, taxpayer savings grants, tax credits, or any other mechanism that have the effect of reducing funding to public schools or limiting accountability or transparency for public tax dollars.”

The board, with two members abstaining, approved another resolution that “encourages CSCOPE, and any other provider of instructional materials, to participate in the SBOE review process to ensure quality materials are in our classrooms.”

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

2. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- (1) **Adoption of the Review of 19 TAC Chapter 101, Assessment, Subchapter A, General Provisions, Subchapter B, Implementation of Assessments, and Subchapter C, Local Option
(Adoption of Review)
(Committee of Instruction)**

The board adopted the four-year rule review of Chapter 101, which deals with rules governing the student assessment program.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Student Assessment Division at (512) 463-9536.

**(2) Ratification of the Purchases and Sales of the Investment Portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the Months of December 2012, January and February 2013
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board approved the purchases and sales of securities executed in the portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the months of December 2012, January and February 2013 in the amount of \$2,062,508,886 and \$2,116,379,835, respectively.

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

**(3) Adoption of an Annual Report on the Status of the Bond Guarantee Program
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board adopted the annual report on the status of the Bond Guarantee Program.

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

**(5) Decision on Real Estate Investments
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board voted to execute agreements with Madison Realty Capital necessary to make an investment commitment of up to \$50 million in Madison Realty Capital's Sullivan Debt Fund L.P., subject to continued due diligence and negotiation of fund terms.

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**(6) Authorization to Issue a Request for Proposals for Real Estate Consultant Services for the Permanent School Fund
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board approved issuing a Request for Proposal for Real Estate Investment Counsel Services for the PSF. The PSF's current contract with Courtland Partners expires on Aug. 31, 2013.

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

**(7) Decision on the Private Equity Structure of the Permanent School Fund
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board unanimously approved agreements to implement the Hybrid Private Equity Program with NB Alternative Advisors LLC as the single provider for \$900 million over three years.

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

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

The board approved the appointment of Kenneth L. Teel to serve a two-year term from April 19, 2013 to April 18, 2015, on the Boys Ranch Independent School District board of trustees.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of Enforcement Coordination and Governance at (512) 475-3697.

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

3. Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 117, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Fine Arts, Subchapter D, Elementary, Subchapter E, Middle School, and Subchapter F, High School (Second Reading and Final Adoption)

The State Board of Education gave final approval to revised Fine Arts Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. The board did so after amending the standards to include specific references to Middle School 2 and 3 Jazz Ensemble. The new standards are to be implemented beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.

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

4. Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter F, Graduation Requirements, Beginning with School Year 2007-2008, and Subchapter G, Graduation Requirements, Beginning with School Year 2012-2013 (First Reading and Filing Authorization)

The board approved on first reading and filing authorization additional course offerings that would allow students to satisfy the fourth mathematics and the fourth science credit requirements under the Recommended High School Program and the Distinguished Achievement Program. Several following agenda items provide additional details about this change.

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

5. **Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 130, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career and Technical Education, Subchapter A, Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources, Subchapter H, Health Science, and Subchapter O, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics**
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)

The board approved on first reading and filing authorization revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 130, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career and Technical Education. The board amended

Subchapter A, Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources, §130.6, Veterinary Medical Applications (One Credit), and §130.12, Advanced Environmental Technology (One Credit), so that the courses can be added as options to satisfy the fourth science graduation requirement. The proposal adds new §130.210, Human Body Systems (One Credit), to Subchapter H, Health Science, as an additional option to satisfy the fourth science graduation requirement. It adds new §130.375, Principles of Engineering (One Credit), and new §130.376, Digital Electronics (One Credit), to Subchapter O, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, as additional options to satisfy the fourth mathematics graduation requirement.

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

6. **Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 111, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Mathematics, Subchapter C, High School, §111.46, Discrete Mathematics, Adopted 2013 (One-Half to One Credit)**
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)

Board members approved for first reading and filing authorization a proposal that would add Discrete Mathematics, which is currently an innovative course, to the list of course options that satisfy the fourth math graduation requirement.

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

7. **Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 126, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Technology Applications, Subchapter C, High School**
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)

The board approved minor modifications to a course called Robotics Programming and Design so that the course can be added as an option to satisfy the fourth mathematics graduation requirement. This item also included technical changes that move the course Discrete Mathematics from the innovative course category to the mathematics course section of the rules.

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

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

The board approved Proclamation 2015, which advertises for bids on new instructional materials to be used by school districts and open-enrollment charter schools beginning in school year 2015-2016. The proclamation contains Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) in each subject for which bids are being invited, specifications for providing computerized files to produce Braille versions of adopted instructional materials, and a schedule for the adoption. The subjects and grade levels covered by Proclamation 2015 include social studies, grades K-12; mathematics, grades 9-12, and fine arts, including Middle School Jazz Ensemble 2 and 3 due to changes made earlier at this meeting. Instructional materials submitted under Proclamation 2015 are scheduled for adoption by the SBOE in November 2014.

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 Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 115, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Health Education, Subchapter A, Elementary, §§115.2-115.7, and Subchapter B, Middle School, §115.22 and §115.23
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

The board approved for second reading and final adoption proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 115, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Health Education, Subchapter A, Elementary, §§115.2-115.7, and Subchapter B, Middle School, §115.22 and §115.23, which add student expectations to address bullying prevention to the Health TEKS.

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

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

All committee action items are on the consent agenda.

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES

All committee action items are on the consent agenda.