

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

1. Resolutions and Presentations

There were no resolutions or presentations in July.

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) Approval of Nominees to Recommend to the Governor for Service on the Board of Trustees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas

The board approved four nominees, Rolyne L. Kafka, Yolanda Cuellar, David Corpus, and Jamie De'Sean Grant, to be submitted to the governor for consideration of one appointment to the board of trustees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas for a term expiring on Aug. 31, 2019.

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) Ratification of the Purchases and Sales of the Investment Portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the Months of March, April and May 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 \$1,247,971,983 and \$1,145,888,109, respectively, for the months of March, April and May 2013.

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

(3) Overview of the Real Estate Asset Class (Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)

The board approved an amended Real Estate Investment Policy Statement dated July 2013, which includes delegation of SBOE authority allowing the Permanent School Fund staff to execute real estate co-investments and secondary investments with existing real estate managers, subject to the parameters and guidelines set forth in the Real Estate Investment Policy Statement.

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

The board voted to execute agreements with: DRA Advisors LLC necessary to make an investment commitment of up to \$75 million in DRA Growth & Income Fund VIII, LLC; GTS Partners necessary to make an investment commitment of up to \$50 million in GTIS U.S. Residential Strategies Fund, L.P.; and UBS necessary to make an investment commitment of up to \$100 million in UBS Trumbull Property Fund.

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**(5) Selection of a Firm to Provide Real Estate Counsel Services for the Permanent School Fund and Authorization for Contract Execution by the Commissioner of Education
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board agreed to contract with Courtland Partners to provide real estate investment counsel services for the Permanent School Fund and authorized the commissioner of education to execute the contract.

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**(6) Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 33, Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies, and Guidelines of the Texas Permanent School Fund, §33.25, Permissible and Restricted Investments and General Guidelines for Investment Managers
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 33, Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies, and Guidelines of the Texas Permanent School Fund, §33.25, Permissible and Restricted Investments and General Guidelines for Investment Managers. The amendment modifies language relating to prohibited transactions and restrictions.

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

**(7) Approval of an Extension of the Global Custody and Securities Lending Services Agreement with BNY Mellon and Authorization for Contract Execution by the Commissioner of Education
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board approved extending the global custody and securities lending services agreement with BNY Mellon and authorized the commissioner of education to execute the contract.

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

**(8) Selection of Qualified Respondents to the Request for Proposals for Emerging Market Debt Local Currency Discretionary Investment Managers and Authorization for Contract Execution by the Commissioner of Education
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board agreed to contract with Stone Harbor Investment Partners, Ashmore Investment Management, and Investec Asset Management in equal allocations for emerging market debt local currency discretionary investment managers and provide managers with specific authorization to invest in fixed income securities not rated investment grade. The board authorized the commissioner to execute the contract.

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

(9) Recommendation for Appointments to the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees

The board approved the reappointment of Deborah Seaborn and Col. Randall Anderson and the appointment of Jane Crow to serve two-year terms from July 19, 2013 to July 18, 2015, on the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District board of trustees.

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 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 (Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

The board approved for second reading and final adoption revisions to the graduation requirements beginning with school years 2007-2008 and 2012-2013 as amended.

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

4. **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 (Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

The board postponed action on this item to a future date to be determined by the chair.

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

5. **Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 111, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Mathematics, Subchapter C, High School, ñ111.46, Discrete Mathematics, Adopted 2013 (One-Half to One Credit) (Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

The board postponed action on this item to a future date to be determined by the chair.

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

6. **Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 126, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Technology Applications, Subchapter C, High School (Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

The board approved adding the course Robotics Programming and Design to count as a fourth year mathematics credit for graduation and eliminated the repeal of Discrete Mathematics from the curriculum rules for innovative courses.

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

7. Approval of Question and Answer Document for Proclamation 2015

The board approved the question and answer document for Proclamation 2015. The subjects and grade levels covered by Proclamation 2015 include social studies, grades K-12; mathematics, grades 9-12, and Fine Arts.

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 adding Principles and Elements of Floral Design, a Career and Technical Education (CTE) course for which students may earn fine arts credit, and Robotics Programming and Design, a former Technology Applications course for which students may receive mathematics credit, to the list for new instructional materials advertised under Proclamation 2015. The board also approved moving the deadline for publishers to provide a complete description of all items included in their bids from April 18, 2014 to Jan. 31, 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 Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 89, Adaptations for Special Populations, Subchapter C, Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency (First Reading and Filing Authorization)

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization rule changes that are necessary as the General Educational Development Testing Service (GEDTS) transitions from a paper-and-pencil test to a computer-based test as of Jan. 1, 2014.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of Federal and State Education Policy at (512) 475-1877.

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

10. Per Capita Apportionment Rate for the 2012-2013 School Year (Moved to Consent Agenda)

The board approved an increase in the per capita apportionment rate from \$448.148 to \$469.215. This increase is possible because of the passage of Senate Bill (SB) 559 by the 83rd Texas Legislature, 2013, which repealed legislation of the 82nd Texas Legislature, First Called Session, 2011, that would have required the comptroller to delay the scheduled monthly July and August transfers of certain tax monies into the Available School Fund for the 2012-2013 fiscal year until September of the following fiscal year. This change makes more money available for distribution.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of School Finance at (512) 463-9238.

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES

11. Review of Proposed Repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 231, Assignment of Public School Personnel, and Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments

The board took no action on the review of the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) rule actions that repeal 19 TAC Chapter 231, Assignment of Public School Personnel, and establish new 19 TAC Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments. The rule actions are necessary due to the reorganization of the assignment chart codified in current 19 TAC Chapter 231. The new 19 TAC Chapter 231 updates and clarifies the assignments for public school personnel to enable school districts, teacher organizations, and human resource organizations to better understand the appropriate assignments of public school personnel.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to Educator Leadership and Quality at (512) 463-8400.

12. Update on the Generation 17 Open-Enrollment Charter Application Cycle

The board voted to allow the Lone Star Scholars Foundation until August 19, 2013, to clear the remaining contingencies on their Generation 17 charter which was granted in November 2012. The applicant failed to submit the required responses to the remaining contingencies as required to the Texas Education Agency by the due date of May 16, 2013.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Charter School Administration Unit at (512) 463-9575.