

**State Board of Education
Summary of Action Items
Sept. 20, 2013**

Student Performance

The Mission High School Parliamentary Procedures team demonstrated the use of correct parliamentary procedures. This FFA group from the Mission Consolidated Independent School District will be competing in a national contest soon.

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

Seventeen Texans were presented the Heroes for Children award by the State Board of Education, which also passed a resolution in their honor. The recipients were: Kathy Carskadden of Hondo ISD; Susan Jacobs of El Paso ISD; Eloisa Mireles of Brownsville ISD; Kimberly Aldrich of Judson ISD; Eulla Krueger of Southwest ISD; Maria del Carmen Rivas of Galena Park ISD; Melanie Smith of Richland Springs ISD; Brette Machiorlette of Houston ISD; Demetrius Moffett of West Orange-Cove CISD; Ann Prochaska of Conroe ISD; Roger Waldrep of Texarkana ISD; Doug James of Leander ISD; Thomas P. Address, Jr. of Arlington ISD; Ron Green of Richardson ISD; Sharon Johnston of Irving ISD; Ray Guttenfelder of Joshua ISD; and Uwe Zeizinger of Wichita Falls ISD.

Although posted for action, the board did not consider a resolution regarding the finality of charter decisions. It was not necessary as the commissioner delayed releasing his recommendations about which applicants should be awarded state charters until Sept. 27. This means the board will only be able to consider possible vetoes of some recommendations at its November meeting and that action will be final. Had the commissioner's recommendations been released prior to the SBOE's September meeting, it was theoretically possible that the board's September actions could have been reconsidered at the November meeting.

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) Ratification of the Purchases and Sales of the Investment Portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the Months of June and July 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 \$616,992,766 and \$592,957,868, respectively, for the months of June and July 2013.

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

**(2) Determination as to Whether Transfers May be Made from the Permanent School Fund to the Available School Fund
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board determined that a distribution of \$838.7 million for fiscal year 2014 can be made from the Permanent School Fund to the Available School Fund under the Texas Constitution Article VII, Subsection 5(a)(2). The total amount distributed over 10 years cannot exceed the total return on all investment assets of the PSF over the same ten-year period.

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

(3) Decision on Real Estate Investments

The board voted to execute agreements with Morgan Stanley Real Estate Adviser Inc. and to make an investment commitment of up to \$100 million in Prime Property Fund, LLC, subject to continued due diligence and negotiation of fund terms.

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

(4) Recommendation for Appointments to the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees

The board approved the reappointment of George Owen and Suzanne Wright to serve two-year terms from Sept. 20, 2013 to Sept. 19, 2015, on the Boys Ranch 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.

(5) Recommendation for Appointments to the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees

The board approved the reappointment of Jimmy D. Cornelius to serve a two-year term from Sept. 20, 2013 to Sept. 19, 2015, on the Randolph Field 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.

(6) Recommendation for Appointments to the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees

The board approved the reappointment of Brian S. Miller to serve a two-year term from Sept. 20, 2013 to Sept. 19, 2015, on the Lackland 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 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 approved for second reading and final adoption proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 130, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career and Technical Education. The rule would amend Subchapter A, Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources, and §130.12, Advanced Environmental Technology (One Credit), so that the course can be added as an option to satisfy the fourth science graduation requirement. The rule adds new §130.375, Principles of Engineering (One Credit), to allow the course to satisfy a fourth science graduation requirement. New §130.376, Digital Electronics (One Credit), added to Subchapter O, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, will allow this course to satisfy the fourth mathematics graduation requirement. The board postponed final action on proposed amendments to §130.6, Veterinary Medical Applications (One Credit) until its November meeting.

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

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

The board approved for second reading and final adoption 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), as amended. The new rule changes the name of the course to Discrete Mathematics for Problem Solving and allows the class to be counted as a new mathematics course that can satisfy the fourth mathematics graduation requirement.

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

5. **Proposed Repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 126, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Technology Applications, Subchapter C, High School, §126.37, Discrete Mathematics (One-Half to One Credit), Beginning with School Year 2012-2013**
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)

Rather than repealing the Discrete Mathematics course as initially proposed, the board voted to rename the course Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science. Due to this change, this item will be filed with the Texas Register for official public comment and will be considered at the board's November meeting for second reading and final adoption.

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

6. **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 for first reading and filing authorization 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. This item allowed the board to add additional CTE technology applications, and mathematics courses as options to satisfy mathematics and science graduation requirements.

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

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

7. **Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 89, Adaptations for Special Populations, Subchapter C, Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency (Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

The board gave final approval to 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. The rules also expand the types of entities that may serve as testing centers.

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

8. **Per Capita Apportionment Rate for the 2013-2014 School Year (Moved to the Consent Agenda)**

The board adopted a preliminary per capita apportionment rate of \$256.125 for the 2013-14 school year for the Available School Fund.

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

9. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 33, Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies, and Guidelines of the Texas Permanent School Fund, §33.65, Bond Guarantee Program (First Reading and Filing Authorization)**

The board approved an amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 33, Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies, and Guidelines of the Texas Permanent School Fund, §33.65, Bond Guarantee Program, that updates the rule to refer to the recently implemented online application for the guarantee administered through the website of the Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) of Texas. The amendment also provides for a lower application fee of \$1,500 that was better aligned with the current cost of administering the Fund's Bond Guarantee Program. In addition, the amendment recognizes the rule for clarity and adds language explaining how the commissioner determines and applies the limitation on approval for the guarantee related to districts' annual debt service per student in average daily attendance. The amendment also modifies the rule's financial exigency provisions to align with those in 19 TAC §109.2001, Financial Exigency.

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

10. 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 (Second Reading and Final Adoption)

The board approved for second reading and final adoption amendments modifying the language related to prohibited transactions and restrictions of the Permanent School Fund and the general guidelines for investment managers. The revisions to the guidelines align them with the Barclay's Aggregate Bond Index as it relates to credit ratings determination.

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

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES

11. Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 249, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases

The board took no action on the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) rule actions amending 19 TAC Chapter 249, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases, Subchapter A, General Provisions, §249.3, Definitions, and Subchapter B, Enforcement Actions and Guidelines, §249.15, Disciplinary Action by State Board for Educator Certification. The amendments include replacing the definition for "serious state assessment testing violation" with "state assessment testing violation" and adds §249.15(g) to incorporate in SBEC rule provisions relating to educator sanctions for violations of state assessment procedures. This item also presents for review proposed amendments to 19 TAC §249.13, Cancellation of an Erroneously Issued Certificate; §249.14, Complaint, Required Reporting, and Investigation; Investigative Notice; Filing of Petition; §249.26, Petition; and §249.30, Notice of Hearing, that would update cross references as needed.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of Legal Services at (512) 463-9720.

12. Review of the Commissioner of Education's Generation 18 Charter Proposals

The commissioner postponed announcing his recommendations regarding which Generation 18 charter applicants should be awarded charters.

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