

**State Board of Education  
Summary of Action Items  
Nov. 21, 2013**

- 1. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 130, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career and Technical Education, Subchapter A, Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources, §130.6, Veterinary Medical Applications (One Credit)  
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

The board gave final approval to amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 130, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career and Technical Education, Subchapter A, Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources, §130.6, Veterinary Medical Applications (One Credit).

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

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**Student Performance**

A show choir from Village Tech Schools, a charter school in Cedar Hill, performed for the board.

**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 honored the 2012 National History Day award winners. Those students are Matthew Broussard of Impact Early College High School in Baytown's Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District; Niti Malwade, Hamsini Nathan, Devika Patel, Khira Patel and Srija Reddy of Noel Grisham Middle School in the Round Rock Independent School District; Anna Demotte, David Klingler, Charis Nelson, Benjamin Offereins and Rikey Priddy of One Day Academy; Kevin Connally, Thalia Duran, Bradley Ofoegbu, Angelica Reyes and Tyler Toon of Nimitz High School in Aldine ISD.

The board passed a resolution honoring Keith Brown from Bay City Independent School District as the 2013 Superintendent of the Year.

The board also approved a resolution honoring the Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees as the 2013 School Board of the Year.

**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 Costs of Administering the 2013-2014 State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) and the Exit-Level Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) to Private School Students  
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The Board approved the per-student cost to private schools for administering the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) and the exit-level Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) for the 2013-14 school year. The costs for the STAAR general assessments range from a low of \$3.25 for the Grade 5 English or Spanish Science to a high of \$18.25 for the English I or English II End of Course exams. The cost may not exceed the cost of administering the same assessment to a student enrolled in a public school district.

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

**(2) Ratification of the Purchases and Sales of the Investment Portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the Months of August and September 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 \$1,162,479,031 and \$1,111,582,786, respectively, for the months of August and September 2013.

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

**(3) Review of the Consent Form Related to the Sale of Credit Suisse Private Equity Customized Fund Investment Group (CFIG)  
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board gave its consent to the change of control of the general partner and the investment manager from Credit Suisse controlled entities to Grosvenor controlled entities and the transfer of the financial obligation from Credit Suisse (US) to Grosvenor Capital Management L.P.

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

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

The board approved an agreement with Blackstone Real Estate Advisors L.P. to make an investment commitment of up to \$75 million in Blackstone Real Estate Partners Europe IV, L.P. The board also approved an agreement with Tristan Capital Partners, L.L.P. to invest €60 million in European Property Investors Special Opportunities 3, L.P. and the relationship between Tristan and Lazard Freres & Co., LLC, and a waiver of the PSF Real Estate Investment Policy Statement requirement for Tristan to be a registered investment advisor with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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

**(5) Presentation on the Commodities Discretionary Investment Management Services Provided to the Permanent School Fund  
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board took no action on the presentations and review of the commodities discretionary investment management services provided to the Permanent School Fund.

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

**(6) Presentation on the Global Risk Control Strategies Management Services Provided to the Permanent School Fund  
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board took no action on the presentations and review of the global risk control strategies management services provided to the Permanent School Fund.

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

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

**3. Proposed Amendment to 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)**

The board approved for second reading and final adoption amendments that would change the title of the technology applications discrete mathematics course to Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science in order to distinguish between two discrete mathematics courses.

**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  
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

The board approved for second reading and final adoption 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. The amendments added course options for students to satisfy the fourth mathematics and the fourth science credit requirements under the Recommended High School Program and the Distinguished Achievement Program. The board did reverse an earlier decision and eliminated the Veterinary Medical Applications course as a course that could satisfy the fourth science credit requirement.

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

**5. Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter B, Graduation Requirements  
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)**

After extensive debate, the board approved 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter B, Graduation Requirements, as amended for first reading and filing authorization. These rules detail the requirements and options available under the state's new foundation high school graduation program, as

required by House Bill (HB) 5, 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2013. The rule, as approved in November, is expected to be filed with the Texas Register in December. Final approval of the rules is expected on Jan. 31.

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

**6. Report and Recommendations from the Commissioner of Education Regarding Instructional Materials Offered for Adoption under Proclamation 2014**

The board approved more than 400 new instructional material products for science, grades K-12; mathematics, grades K-8; and Technology Applications. One biology textbook in which alleged errors are in dispute will go through a mediation process to determine whether there are in fact mistakes. If mistakes are identified and the publisher updates the material, the book will be approved. If mistakes are identified and the publisher is unwilling to change them in this textbook, then the publisher may either withdraw the book or the State Board will take action to reject it at the January board meeting. The new material approved under Proclamation 2014 will be available for use in Texas public schools beginning in the 2014-2015 school year.

**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 amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 66, State Adoption and Distribution of Instructional Materials, Subchapter B, State Adoption of Instructional Materials. The amendments would update and clarify specific processes for the review and adoption of instructional materials.

**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**

Proclamation 2015 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 subjects and grade levels included in Proclamation 2015 are social studies, grades K-12; mathematics, grades 9-12; fine arts; three Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses for which students may receive mathematics credit; one Technology Applications course for which students may receive mathematics credit; and one CTE course for which students may receive fine arts credit. The board approved amendments, such as clarifying the accessibility standards that must be followed when producing electronic instructional materials.

**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 (First Reading and Filing Authorization)**

The board approved on first reading and filing authorization amendments to rules that govern the use of credit by examination.

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

**10. Adoption of Review of 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements (Adoption of Review)**

The board adopted the review of rules related to curriculum requirements for school districts, graduation requirements, and other provisions that relate to curriculum programs.

**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, §33.65, Bond Guarantee Program (Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

The board approved the amendment to the Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies, and Guidelines of the Texas Permanent School Fund, 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 provides 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. The board added another amendment that requires the commissioner to revoke approval for the guarantee if the commissioner determines an applicant deliberately misrepresented information to secure the guarantee. An additional amendment permits the commissioner to extend the specified 180-day approval period based on extraordinary circumstances on receiving a written report from the district before the expiration of the 180-day period while waiting for approval from the attorney general's office.

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

**12. Proposed New 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 (First Reading and Filing Authorization)**

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization new rules, as amended, for the Bond Guarantee Program for Charter Schools. The new rule implements provisions of the Texas Education Code (TEC), Chapter 12, Subchapter D, and Chapter 45, Subchapter C, that were added by Senate Bill (SB) 1, Article 59, 82nd Texas Legislature, First Called Session, 2011, and amended by House Bill (HB) 885, 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2013. These provisions expand the Permanent School Fund Bond Guarantee Program to allow for guarantee of bonds issued for the benefit of open-enrollment charter schools.

**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

**13. Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 249, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases, Subchapter A, General Provisions, and Subchapter B, Enforcement Actions and Guidelines**

The board took no action on amendments to the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) rules dealing with enforcement actions and guidelines on decision-making guidelines. The amendments incorporate parts of the SBEC disciplinary policy guidelines into rule. The SBOE may only veto or take no action on an SBEC item. Taking no action is tantamount to approving the rule.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of Educator Certification at (512) 936-8400.

**14. Review of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates, §233.14, Career and Technical Education (Certificates requiring experience and preparation in a skill area)**

The board took no action on the SBEC rule amending the Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates for Career and Technical Education (Certificates requiring experience and preparation in a skill area). The amendment is necessary as a result of House Bill (HB) 3573, 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, which limits the requirements that can be imposed by the SBEC for obtaining a certificate to teach a health science technology education course. The amendment states the board cannot require anything higher than an associates degrees to obtain the certificate and aligns the requirements to conform with the limits set by HB 3573. The SBOE may only veto or take no action on an SBEC item. Taking no action is tantamount to approving the rule.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of Educator Certification at (512) 936-8400.

**15. Review of Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter B, General Certification Requirements, §230.15, Certification of Military Service Members, Military Spouses, and Military Veterans, and Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 232, General Certification Provisions, Subchapter A, Certificate Renewal and Continuing Professional Education Requirements, §232.27, Renewal and Continuing Education Requirements for Military Service Members**

The board took no action on the amendments to the SBEC rules expediting the certification process for out-of-state applicants for teacher certification who are military service members, military spouses, and military veterans.

The new sections are necessary as a result of Senate Bill (SB) 162, 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, which requires all state licensing agencies to adopt rules that implement the requirements of the Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 55, regarding the licensing of military service members, military spouses, and military veterans. The amendment establishes the requirements to conform with SB 162. The SBOE may only veto or take no action on an SBEC item. Taking no action is tantamount to approving the rule.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of Educator Certification at (512) 936-8400.

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

The board reviewed and took no action on two of four Generation 18 open-enrollment charter applicants selected by the Commissioner of Education to receive a charter and begin operation in the 2014-15 school year. Both the El Paso Leadership Academy and the Magnolia Montessori for All and the Red Montessori for All applications were considered and because no action was taken, the two applicants will be awarded charters once all final contingencies are passed.

A motion to veto the commissioner's selection of Carpe Diem Schools - San Antonio failed on a 6-8 vote and the school will be awarded a charter once all contingencies are passed.

A motion to veto the Great Hearts Academies Dallas passed on a 9-6 vote and the school was rejected from receiving a charter contract.

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