

Minutes  
State Board of Education  
April 19, 2013

The State Board of Education met at 9:05 a.m. on Friday, April 19, 2013, in the State Board of Education Room, #1-104, of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. The following members of the board were present:

Presiding: Barbara Cargill, Chair; Lawrence A. Allen, Jr.; Donna Bahorich; David Bradley; Ruben Cortez, Jr.; Martha M. Dominguez; Pat Hardy; Mavis B. Knight, Secretary; Tom Maynard; Sue Melton; Ken Mercer; Geraldine “Tincy” Miller; Marisa B. Perez; Thomas Ratliff, Vice-Chair; Marty Rowley

**Student Performance**

The student performance was provided by Keller High School Chamber Singers, Keller Independent School District.

**Invocation**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Comments from Legislators**

The Honorable Kirk Watson, Texas State Senator, addressed the State Board of Education and answered questions from board members.

**Approval of Minutes**

State Board of Education, January 30, 2013

State Board of Education, February 1, 2013

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *The State Board of Education unanimously approved the Minutes of the January 30 and February 1, 2013, meetings of the State Board of Education, as printed.*

**Public Testimony** - Individual testimony will be taken to address items other than those on the board agenda. The procedures for registering and taking public testimony at State Board of Education committee meetings and general board meetings are provided at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=25769804094> or in the information section (yellow pages) of the printed agenda.

The State Board of Education received one presentation of public testimony, as follows:

NAME:	Diane Wood
AFFILIATION:	Texas Coalition to Protect Student Privacy
TOPIC:	Administration of the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) in Texas Public Schools

1. **Resolutions and Presentations**

**Resolution - 2012 National History Day**

*The State Board of Education, by unanimous consent, adopted a resolution honoring the 2012 National History Day winners from the Round Rock Independent School District, Aransas County Independent School District, Greenhill School, and Aldine Independent School District.*

(ATTACHMENT 1, page 13)

**Resolution - Opposing Efforts to Reduce Funding to Public Schools**

The State Board of Education received one presentation of public testimony, as follows:

NAME: Sarah Winkler  
AFFILIATION: Texas Association of School Boards  
TOPIC: Opposing Efforts to Reduce Funding to Public Schools Resolution

Mrs. Knight read the resolution.

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Mrs. Knight that the State Board of Education adopt a resolution that calls on the Texas Legislature to reject all vouchers, taxpayer savings grants, tax credits, or any other mechanisms that have the effect of reducing funding to public schools or limiting accountability or transparency for public tax dollars.*

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Mr. Maynard and seconded by Mrs. Knight to postpone this resolution indefinitely.*

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Maynard, seconded by Ms. Hardy, and carried by a two-thirds vote to close debate on the postponement of this resolution.*

**VOTE:** *A vote was taken on the motion to postpone this resolution indefinitely. The motion failed, with 6 members voting Aye and 9 members voting No, as follows:*

<i><u>Aye:</u></i>	<i>Mrs. Bahorich</i>	<i>Mr. Maynard</i>
	<i>Mr. Bradley</i>	<i>Mr. Mercer</i>
	<i>Mrs. Cargill</i>	<i>Mrs. Miller</i>

<i><u>No:</u></i>	<i>Mr. Allen</i>	<i>Ms. Melton</i>
	<i>Mr. Cortez</i>	<i>Ms. Perez</i>
	<i>Dr. Dominguez</i>	<i>Mr. Ratliff</i>
	<i>Ms. Hardy</i>	<i>Mr. Rowley</i>
	<i>Mrs. Knight</i>	

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Mr. Bradley and seconded by Mr. Rowley to amend the resolution by inserting another WHEREAS, as follows:*

*WHEREAS public funding of private or religious institutions would require state accountability, that requirement would corrupt the integrity and the value of those private education opportunities.*

Mr. Bradley stated his intent to strike the word “corrupt” and substitute the word “impact”. There being no objection from the board, Mrs. Cargill stated that the word “impact” would be substituted.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Rowley, seconded by Mr. Bradley, and carried to amend the motion, as follows:*

*WHEREAS public funding of private or religious institutions would require state accountability, that requirement may [~~would~~] impact the mission [~~integrity and the value~~] of those private education providers [~~opportunities~~].*

**VOTE:** *A vote was taken on Mr. Bradley’s motion, as amended. The motion carried.*

**VOTE:** *A vote was taken on the motion to adopt a resolution that calls on the Texas Legislature to reject all vouchers, taxpayer savings grants, tax credits, or any other mechanisms that have the effect of reducing funding to public schools or limiting accountability or transparency for public tax dollars, as amended. The motion carried, with 10 members voting Aye and 5 members voting No, as follows:*

<u>Aye:</u>	Mr. Allen	Mr. Maynard
	Mr. Cortez	Ms. Melton
	Dr. Dominguez	Ms. Perez
	Ms. Hardy	Mr. Ratliff
	Mrs. Knight	Mr. Rowley
<u>No:</u>	Mrs. Bahorich	Mr. Mercer
	Mr. Bradley	Mrs. Miller
	Mrs. Cargill	

(ATTACHMENT 2, page 15)

### **Resolution - CSCOPE Review**

Mr. Cortez reported that because of a potential conflict of interest, since he is on the board of directors of the Region 1 Education Service Center, he was recusing himself from any discussion on this resolution.

Mrs. Knight read the resolution.

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Mrs. Knight that the State Board of Education adopt the CSCOPE review resolution.*

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Dr. Dominguez, seconded by Ms. Perez, and carried to amend the first RESOLVED of the resolution, as follows:*

*RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education supports the right of local school boards to make informed decisions as to what instructional materials they purchase, with the State Board of Education's transparent review process providing valuable assistance in making that decision; and be it further*

*(Mr. Cortez was absent for the vote.)*

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mrs. Knight, seconded by Mrs. Miller, and carried to amend the resolution by adding a fourth RESOLVED, as follows:*

*RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education encourages the Texas Legislature to appropriate funds sufficient to cover the costs related to any voluntary review.*

*(Mr. Cortez was absent for the vote.)*

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Mr. Ratliff and seconded by Mrs. Bahorich to amend the second RESOLVED of the resolution, as follows:*

*RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education stands ready to respond to any directive passed by [from] the Texas Legislature to address any concerns with CSCOPE or any other provider of instructional materials in an effort to preserve local control, increase parental access, afford greater transparency and improve the quality of instructional materials; and be it further*

Mr. Ratliff stated that instead of the word "passed" he would like to substitute the word "enacted". There was no objection to the substitute.

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Mr. Mercer and seconded by Dr. Dominguez to amend the second RESOLVED in the resolution, as follows:*

*RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education stands ready to respond to any directive enacted by [from] the Texas Legislature to address any concerns with providers of instructional materials [CSCOPE] in an effort to preserve local control, increase parental access, afford greater transparency and improve the quality of instructional materials; and be it further*

Mr. Mercer withdrew his motion, without objection by the board.

Mr. Ratliff stated his desire to change the wording “or any other provider of instructional materials” to “or any other instructional materials”. There being no objection by the board, Mrs. Cargill stated that the change would be made.

**VOTE:** *A vote was taken on the motion to amend the second RESOLVED of the resolution, as follows:*

*RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education stands ready to respond to any directive enacted by ~~from~~ the Texas Legislature to address any concerns with CSCOPE or any other instructional materials in an effort to preserve local control, increase parental access, afford greater transparency and improve the quality of instructional materials; and be it further*

*The motion carried. (Mr. Cortez was absent for the vote.)*

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Mrs. Bahorich and seconded by Ms. Hardy to amend the third WHEREAS of the resolution, as follows:*

*WHEREAS in response to concerns from parents, teachers, legislators and citizens of Texas, the Chair of the State Board of Education has appointed an ad hoc committee to oversee a review process of the content of Social Studies lessons offered by CSCOPE; and*

Mrs. Bahorich withdrew her motion, without objection from the board.

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Mr. Mercer to amend the resolution by striking the fourth WHEREAS, as follows:*

*[~~WHEREAS the officials at CSCOPE have volunteered to participate in the Social Studies review in order to address these concerns; and~~]*

The motion died for lack of a second.

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Ms. Melton and seconded by Mr. Ratliff to amend the second RESOLVED of the resolution, as follows:*

*RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education stands ready to respond to any directive enacted by and funded by the Texas Legislature to address any concerns with CSCOPE or any other instructional materials in an effort to preserve local control, increase parental access, afford greater transparency and improve the quality of instructional materials; and be it further*

Ms. Melton withdrew her motion, without objection by the board.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Mercer and seconded by Dr. Dominguez to amend the fourth WHEREAS of the resolution, as follows:*

*WHEREAS the officials at CSCOPE are participating [~~have volunteered to participate~~] in the Social Studies review in order to address these concerns; and*

*The motion failed. (Mr. Cortez was absent for the vote.)*

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Mrs. Bahorich and seconded by Ms. Hardy to amend the third WHEREAS of the resolution, as follows:*

*WHEREAS in response to a legislative request as a result of concerns from parents, teachers and citizens of Texas, the Chair of the State Board of Education has appointed an ad hoc committee to oversee a review process of the content of Social Studies lessons offered by CSCOPE; and*

Mrs. Bahorich withdrew her motion, without objection from the board.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mrs. Bahorich, seconded by Ms. Hardy, and carried to amend the third WHEREAS of the resolution, as follows:*

*WHEREAS in response to a request from several legislators as a result of concerns from parents, teachers and citizens of Texas, the Chair of the State Board of Education has appointed an ad hoc committee to oversee a review process of the content of Social Studies lessons offered by CSCOPE; and*

*(Mr. Cortez was absent for the vote.)*

Mr. Ratliff requested that this resolution, which contained a signature line for the chair and the secretary, also include a signature line for each board member approving it, since it was being sent to the Legislature.

**VOTE:** *A vote was taken on the motion that the State Board of Education adopt the CSCOPE review resolution, as amended. The motion carried, with Mr. Mercer abstaining. (Mr. Cortez was absent for the vote.)*

Mrs. Cargill directed staff to send this resolution to the Texas Legislature.

(ATTACHMENT 3, page 17)

## **2. Approval of Consent Agenda**

Any agenda item may be placed on the consent agenda by any State Board of Education committee. The State Board of Education may elect to take separate action on any item on the consent agenda.

*By unanimous consent, the State Board of Education approved the following items on the consent agenda. (Mr. Bradley was absent for the vote.)*

**(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)

(Board agenda page II-27)

(COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION)

The State Board of Education adopted the review of 19 TAC Chapter 101, Assessment, Subchapter A, General Provisions, Subchapter B, Implementation of Assessments, and Subchapter C, Local Option, as recommended by the Committee on Instruction.

**(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**

(Board agenda page III-1)

(COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND)

The State Board of Education ratified the purchases and sales for the months of December 2012, January and February 2013 in the amount of \$2,062,508,886 and \$2,116,379,835, respectively, as recommended by the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund.

**(3) Adoption of an Annual Report on the Status of the Bond Guarantee Program**

(Board agenda page III-3)

(COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND)

The State Board of Education adopted an annual report on the status of the Bond Guarantee Program as of August 31, 2012, as recommended by the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund.

(ATTACHMENT 4, page 19)

**(4) Authorization to Issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Investment Management Services for Real Estate**

(Board agenda page III-5)

(COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND)

The State Board of Education approved to table the issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Investment Management Services for Real Estate, as recommended by the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund.

**(5) Decision on Real Estate Investments**

(Board agenda page III-7)

(COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND)

The State Board of Education approved the execution of 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, as recommended by the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund.

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

(Board agenda page III-9)

(COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND)

The State Board of Education approved the issuance of a Request for Proposals for Real Estate Investment Counsel Services for the Permanent School Fund, as recommended by the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund.

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

(Board agenda page III-11)

(COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND)

The State Board of Education approved executing agreements necessary to implement the Hybrid Private Equity Program with Neuberger Berman Alternative Advisers LLC as the single provider to \$900 million over three years, as recommended by the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund.

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

(Board agenda page IV-1)

(COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES)

The State Board of Education approved the appointment of Mr. Kenneth L. Teel to serve a two-year term of office, from April 19, 2013, through April 18, 2015, on the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees, as recommended by the Committee on School Initiatives.

(ATTACHMENT 5, page 29)



**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)  
(Board agenda page I-1)

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was recommended by the Committee of the Full Board that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption 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, with an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register. The motion carried by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the board. (Mr. Bradley was absent for the vote.)*

(ATTACHMENT 6, page 31)

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)  
(Board agenda page I-109)

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Ratliff and carried to approve 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, as recommended by the Committee of the Full Board. (Mr. Bradley was absent for the vote.)*

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)  
(Board agenda page I-145)

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Ratliff and carried to approve for first reading and filing authorization 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, as recommended by the Committee of the Full Board. (Mr. Bradley was absent for the vote.)*

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 agenda page I-151)

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Ratliff and carried to approve for first reading and filing authorization 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 recommended by the Committee of the Full Board. (Mr. Bradley was absent for the vote.)*

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)  
(Board agenda page I-161)

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Ratliff and carried to approve for first reading and filing authorization proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 126, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Technology Applications, Subchapter C, High School, as recommended by the Committee of the Full Board. (Mr. Bradley was absent for the vote.)*

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

(Board agenda page I-173)

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Ratliff and carried to approve revising Proclamation 2015 to include Jazz Ensemble 2 and Jazz Ensemble 3 for Middle School, and approve Proclamation 2015 of the State Board of Education Advertising for Bids on Instructional Materials, as recommended by the Committee of the Full Board. (Mr. Bradley was absent for the vote.)*

(ATTACHMENT 7, page 135)

**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)  
(Board agenda page II-1)

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Maynard and carried unanimously to approve 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, with an effective date of August 26, 2013, as recommended by the Committee on Instruction. (Mr. Bradley was absent for the vote.)*

(ATTACHMENT 8, page 183)

**COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND**

There were no action items for the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund.

**COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES**

There were no action items for the Committee on School Initiatives.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ON COMMITTEE AGENDAS**

Committee on Instruction

Mr. Maynard did not report on Committee on Instruction discussion items.

Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund

Ms. Hardy did not report on Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund discussion items.

Committee on School Initiatives

Mrs. Bahorich did not report on Committee on School Initiatives discussion items.

**REPORTS OF OTHER STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND CONCERNS IN INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS**

Mrs. Cargill gave board members an opportunity to provide information regarding agenda items or other relevant information about public education.

The meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

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Mavis B. Knight, Secretary

# R E S O L U T I O N

**WHEREAS** the State Board of Education considers high academic standards as the foundation of public education in Texas; and

**WHEREAS** the National History Day program fosters academic achievement and intellectual growth, requires student participants to conduct extensive primary and secondary source research on a topic of historical significance, and promotes pride in each student participant's heritage and in our nation's history and place in the world; and

**WHEREAS** the annual National History Day contest with the theme of *Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History* was held in College Park, Maryland, on June 10-14, 2012; and

**WHEREAS** Jonathan Holle, Christian Isenhour, Steven Mathew, Luke Victor, and Cyrus Yasrebi of Noel Grisham Middle School in Austin, Texas, won First Place in the Junior Division Group Performance category with their performance titled *Revolutionizing Revolutions: What Gandhi Taught Us About Political Defiance*; and

**WHEREAS** Smrithi Mahadevan, Maanasa Nathan, Priya Ramamoorthy, and Kavya Ramamoorthy of Noel Grisham Middle School in Austin, Texas, won First Place in the Junior Division Group Website category with their website titled *Title IX: Empowerment Through Education*; and

**WHEREAS** Jake Manlove of Rockport-Fulton Middle School in Rockport, Texas, won Second Place in the Junior Division Individual Performance category with his performance titled *Mustard Gas: From Weapon of Death to Promise of Life*; and

**WHEREAS** Niti Malwade, Hamsini Nathan, Devika Patel, Khira Patel, and Srija Reddy of Noel Grisham Middle School in Austin, Texas, won Third Place in the Junior Division Group Exhibit category with their exhibit titled *Tear Down This Wall*; and

**WHEREAS** Henry Roseman and Sidarth Subramanian of Greenhill School in Addison, Texas, won Third Place in the Junior Division Group Documentary category with their documentary titled *From Poison to Pure Joy: The Revolution in Milk Safety*; and

**WHEREAS** Aric Barnes of Nimitz High School in Houston, Texas, won Third Place in the Senior Division Individual Documentary category with his documentary titled *A Long-Awaited Revolution*; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the State Board of Education does hereby congratulate these *2012 National History Day* winners from the Round Rock Independent School District, Aransas County Independent School District, Greenhill School, and Aldine Independent School District; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That this resolution be presented to the aforementioned students for their winning projects at the *2012 National History Day* contest and that a copy be included in the permanent records of the State Board of Education.

**WITNESS** our signatures this nineteenth day of April, two thousand and thirteen, in Austin, Texas.

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Barbara Cargill, Chair

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Mavis B. Knight, Secretary

# RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS** Article 7, Section 1, of the Texas Constitution states that “A general diffusion of knowledge being essential to the preservation of the liberties and the rights of the people, it shall be the duty of the Legislature of the State to establish and make suitable provision for the support and maintenance of an efficient system of public free schools”; and

**WHEREAS** the public schools of this State educate almost five million young Texans promoting excellence in student achievement and lifelong learning; and

**WHEREAS** during the 82<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session, the Texas Legislature reduced public education funding by \$5.4 billion; and

**WHEREAS** public school districts are subject to rigorous accountability standards and numerous state and federal mandates; and

**WHEREAS** school choice exists in the Texas public school system through the charter school system, the Public Education Grant program, inter-district and intra-district transfers; and

**WHEREAS** vouchers, taxpayer savings grants, and tax credits do not provide accountability or transparency for state tax dollars and do not provide all parents and children with school choice due to the lack of transportation accompanying the voucher; and

**WHEREAS** public schools educate all children regardless of economic, academic or physical limitations, unlike private schools; and

**WHEREAS** public funding of private or religious institutions would require state accountability, that requirement may impact the mission of those private education providers; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Texas State Board of Education calls on the Texas Legislature to reject all vouchers, taxpayer savings grants, tax credits, or any other mechanisms that have the effect of reducing funding to public schools or limiting accountability or transparency for public tax dollars.

**WITNESS** our signatures this nineteenth day of April, two thousand and thirteen, in Austin, Texas.

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Thomas Ratliff, Vice-Chair

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Pat Hardy

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Mavis B. Knight, Secretary

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Tom Maynard

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Lawrence A. Allen, Jr.

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Ruben Cortez, Jr.

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Marisa B. Perez

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Martha M. Dominguez, Ed.D.

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Marty Rowley

# RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS** the State Board of Education values and supports the rights of parents to participate in the education of their children, including full access to the contents of lessons that are being taught pursuant to Chapter 26 of the Texas Education Code; and

**WHEREAS** CSCOPE is a curriculum management system that is being used by a large number of Texas school districts and includes optional instructional materials used by classroom teachers to cover the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills; and

**WHEREAS** in response to a request from several legislators as a result of concerns from parents, teachers and citizens of Texas, the Chair of the State Board of Education has appointed an ad hoc committee to oversee a review process of the content of Social Studies lessons offered by CSCOPE; and

**WHEREAS** the officials at CSCOPE have volunteered to participate in the Social Studies review in order to address these concerns; and

**WHEREAS** the State Board of Education has initiated a review process for CSCOPE that closely follows the tried and true process used for instructional materials and that allows for input from teachers, parents, administrators and concerned citizens of Texas; and

**WHEREAS** as a result of materials undergoing the State Board of Education's review process, teachers, parents, administrators, citizens and local school boards may be better informed as to the quality of content being used to prepare Texas schoolchildren for life beyond graduation; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the State Board of Education supports the right of local school boards to make informed decisions as to what instructional materials they purchase, with the State Board of Education's transparent review process providing valuable assistance in making that decision; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the State Board of Education stands ready to respond to any directive enacted by the Texas Legislature to address any concerns with CSCOPE or any other instructional materials in an effort to preserve local control, increase parental access, afford greater transparency and improve the quality of instructional materials; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the State Board of Education encourages CSCOPE, and any other provider of instructional materials, to participate in the SBOE review process to ensure quality materials are being used and the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills are being taught in our classrooms; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the State Board of Education encourages the Texas Legislature to appropriate funds sufficient to cover the costs related to any voluntary review.

**WITNESS** our signatures this nineteenth day of April, two thousand and thirteen, in Austin, Texas.

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Barbara Cargill, Chair

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