

**State Board of Education
Summary of Action Items
February 13, 2015**

Student Performance

The Oak Ridge High School Chamber Orchestra from the Conroe Independent School District entertained the board and audience.

Staff Contact: Questions about these items 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 eight recipients of the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Those honorees in the mathematics category are: Ann Born from Lake Highlands Elementary School in Richardson ISD; Jennifer Cundieff from Ray McCoy Elementary School in Georgetown ISD; Erika Hassay from Live Oak Elementary School in Round Rock ISD; and Suzanne Nguyen from Roosevelt Alexander Elementary School in Katy ISD. The science honorees are: Celena Miller from Cesar Chavez Elementary School in the Pharr-San Juan – Alamo ISD; Lisa Baum from Colony Meadows Elementary School in Fort Bend ISD; Nancy Gardner from Edris Elliot Elementary School in Frisco ISD; and Nicole Grygar from Woodway Elementary School in Waco's Midway ISD.

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

The board approved a resolution recognizing February as National Career and Technical Education Month. Student leaders from a number of CTE-related organizations were on hand for the reading of the resolution.

Staff Contact: Questions about these items 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 Student Heroes Awards Program (Committee of the Full Board)

The board approved a new recognition program honoring Texas public school students as Student Heroes. The annual program will recognize Texas public school students in prekindergarten through high school who do outstanding things to benefit their fellow students. At the same time, a Facebook page and Twitter account for the SBOE would be implemented that would share SBOE-related news and highlight good things happening in Texas public schools throughout the year.

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(2) Recommendations Regarding Readoption of Instructional Materials (Committee on Instruction)

The board voted to readopt [instructional materials](#) with contracts that expire on Aug. 31, 2015. This action ensures that these materials remain available for distribution to school districts until new replacements become available.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of Instructional Materials and Educational Technology at (512) 463-9601.

(3) Ratification of the Purchases and Sales of the Investment Portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the Months of October, November, and December 2014 (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 \$1,210,171,245 and \$1,245,039,259, respectively, for the months of October, November, and December 2014.

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

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

The board approved recommended edits to the Real Estate Investment Policy and the Annual Tactical Plan.

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 approved executing agreement(s) with PAG Special Situations Management II Ltd., necessary to make an investment commitment of up to \$50 million in PAG Asia Special Situations Fund II L.P., a U.S. dollar denominated fund, subject to continued due diligence and negotiation of fund terms to approve the relationship between PAG Special Situations Management II Ltd. and Park Hill Group, LLC, after determining it meets the standards of 19 TAC Chapter 33, Section0)(5), which has been disclosed in writing, and also, to approve a waiver of the PSF Real Estate Investment Policy Statement requirement for the investment manager (Pacific Alliance Investment Management Ltd.) to be a registered investment advisor with the Securities Exchange Commission.

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

**(6) Authorization to Issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Rating Agencies for the Permanent School Fund
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board approved issuing an RFQ for rating agency services for the PSF and 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.

(7) Authorization to Issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Investment Counsel Services for the Permanent School Fund (Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)

The board approved the issuance of a request for proposals for investment counsel services for the PSF.

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 Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees (Committee on School Initiatives)

The board approved the appointment of Col. Steven Pflanz, MD, to a two-year term of office on the Randolph Field ISD Board of Trustees from Feb. 13, 2015 to Feb. 12, 2017.

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 New 19 TAC Chapter 111, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Mathematics, Subchapter C, High School, §111.47, Statistics, Adopted 2015 (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, §111.47, Statistics, Adopted 2015 (One Credit). The proposal adds Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for a new high school statistics course that will be available 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 New 19 TAC Chapter 111, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Mathematics, Subchapter C, High School, §111.48, Algebraic Reasoning, Adopted 2015 (One Credit)
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)**

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 111, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Mathematics, Subchapter C, High School, §111.48, Algebraic Reasoning, Adopted 2015 (One Credit). If approved on second reading, the proposal would add Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for a new high school advanced mathematics course for implementation in the 2015-2016 school year.

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

**5. Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development, and 19 TAC Chapter 130, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career and Technical Education
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)**

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development, Subchapter A, Middle School, and Subchapter B, High School, and proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 130, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career and Technical Education, Subchapter C, Arts, Audio/Video Technology, and Communications, Subchapter D, Business Management and Administration, Subchapter E, Education and Training, Subchapter F, Finance, Subchapter I, Hospitality and Tourism, Subchapter J, Human Services, Subchapter M, Manufacturing, and Subchapter N, Marketing. The proposed revisions to about 100 CTE courses recommend an implementation date of the 2017-2018 school year.

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

6. Instructional Materials for Adoption under Proclamation 2015

The board adopted instructional materials in November 2014 under Proclamation 2015. At that time materials submitted by WorldView Software were rejected. The board reconsidered the WorldView material at the February board meeting and subsequently approved the adoption of *Economics: An Interactive Approach* and *U.S. Government: An Interactive Approach*. These two additional resources will be included in the list of materials available for purchase and use in Texas schools

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of Instructional Materials and Educational Technology at (512) 463-9601.

7. Approval for New Bids for Products Adopted under Proclamation 2015

The deadline for submission of official bids on products adopted under Proclamation 2015 was September 26, 2014. After several publishers requested permission to change or add to the bids they submitted at that time, the board agreed to accept any revised bids submitted by 5 p.m. CST on Jan. 23.

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

**1. Election of Chair
(Committee Action Only)**

The Committee on Instruction elected Sue Melton-Malone, District 14, (Waco) as its new chair. Mrs. Melton-Malone appointed Geraldine Miller, District 12, (Dallas) as vice chair.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of State Board of Education Support at (512) 463-9007.

8. Approval for Substitution of Instructional Materials

The board approved the request from Discovery Education, Inc. to substitute updated versions of *Discovery Education Science Techbook – Grade K*, *Discovery Education Science Techbook – Grade 1*, and *Discovery Education Science Techbook – Grade 2*. These products were adopted in November 2013 under Proclamation 2014.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of Instructional Materials and Educational Technology at (512) 463-9601.

9. **Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 112, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science, Subchapter D, Other Science Courses (First Reading and Filing Authorization)**

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 112, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science, Subchapter D, Other Science Courses. The proposal updates the course titles for International Baccalaureate (IB) science courses to align with other foundation subject area IB courses.

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

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

1. **Election of Chair
(Committee Action Only)**

The Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund re-elected Pat Hardy, District 11 (Fort Worth), chair. Lawrence Allen, District 4 (Fresno) will serve as vice chair.

Staff Contact: Questions about these items should be directed to the Division of Communications and State Board of Education Support at (512) 463-9000.

10. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing, Subchapter B, Texas Education Agency Audit Functions, §109.23, School District Independent Audits and Agreed-Upon Procedures (Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

The board approved for second reading and final adoption, the amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing, Subchapter B, Texas Education Agency Audit Functions, §109.23, School District Independent Audits and Agreed-Upon Procedures. The approved amendment addresses provisions relating to a school district or other educational entity hiring an independent auditor, clarifies other administrative provisions and makes technical edits. No changes are recommended since approved for first reading.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of Financial Compliance at (512) 463-9095.

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES

1. Election of Chair (Committee Action Only)

The Committee on School Initiatives elected Marty Rowley, District 15 (Amarillo), as chair and Martha Dominguez, District 1 (El Paso), vice chair.

Staff Contact: Questions about these items should be directed to the Division of Communications and State Board of Education Support at (512) 463-9000.

11. Review of Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, §228.70, Complaints and Investigations Procedures

The board took no action on the review of the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) rule action that would establish new 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, §228.70, Complaints and Investigations Procedures. As part of its report to the 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, the Sunset Advisory Commission recommended a management action that adopts procedures for educator preparation program (EPP) complaints that outline all phases of the EPP complaint process, as well as track and analyze complaint data. The new rule establishes procedures for filing a complaint against an EPP, impose specific responsibilities on an EPP regarding complaints, and establish the consequences if an EPP is found to be in violation of SBEC rules and/or Texas Education Code (TEC), Chapter 21.

The SBOE, under Texas law, may only veto proposed SBEC rules or take no action, which effectively endorses the SBEC proposal.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Department of Educator Leadership and Quality at (512) 936-8400.

12. Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs, §229.4, Determination of Accreditation Status, §229.5, Accreditation Sanctions and Procedures, and §229.6, Continuing Approval

The board took no action on the review of the SBEC rule actions that amend 19 TAC Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs, §229.4, Determination of Accreditation Status, §229.5, Accreditation Sanctions and Procedures, and §229.6, Continuing Approval. As part of its report to the 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, the Sunset Advisory Commission recommended a management action that adopts procedures for educator preparation program (EPP) complaints that outline all phases of the EPP complaint process. The new 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, §228.70, Complaints and Investigations Procedures, would add these procedures in rule, and, as a result, proposed amendments to Chapter 229 are necessary.

The SBOE, under Texas law, may only veto proposed SBEC rules or take no action, which effectively endorses the SBEC proposal.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Department of Educator Leadership and Quality at (512) 936-8400.

13. Long-Range Plan for Public Education

The board voted to ask the State Board of Education chair and the Commissioner of Education to write a letter to the Texas Legislature requesting an appropriation of \$150,000 to cover the cost of producing a long-range plan for public education. The board also asked the commissioner to encourage the 20 regional Education Service Centers to assist the SBOE in hosting forums to gather public input for the plan. Additionally, the chair of the Ad Hoc Committee was asked to prepare a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) so that the board could hire an outside facilitator to oversee the long-range plan process.

Staff Contact: Questions about these items should be directed to the Division of Communications and State Board of Education Support at (512) 463-9000.