

**State Board of Education
Summary of Action Items
November 20, 2015**

Student Performance

The Garden Oaks Montessori Leadership Choir from Garden Oaks Montessori in the Houston Independent School District entertained the board and its audience.

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 approved a resolution honoring the winners of the 2015 National History Day contest. The honorees were Matthew Broussard of Impact Early College High School in Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District; Brent Vela, Natalie Garza, Gabriel Guzman, Makayla Jefferson, Sayfaldin Thabit, and Billy Toledo, all of Nimitz High School in Aldine ISD; Neal Dupuy, Page Dupuy, Bridgitte Eichenberg, and Gloria Conatser of Atlas Academy in Waco ISD.

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 2015-2016 State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) and the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) Assessments to Private School Students
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board approved the per-student costs for voluntarily administering the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR™) and the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) assessments to Texas private school students for the 2015-2016 school

year. The per-student cost to private schools may not exceed the cost of administering the same assessment to a student enrolled in a public school district. The costs, which vary by grade level, can be found at <http://tea.texas.gov/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=25769823976&libID=25769824074> .

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Student Assessment Division 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 2015
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board approved the ratification of purchases and sales of investments executed in the portfolio of the Permanent School Fund (PSF) for the months of August and September 2015 in the amounts of \$602,865,035 and \$600,984,815, respectively.

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

**(3) Adoption of Review of 19 TAC Chapter 33, Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies, and Guidelines of the Texas Permanent School Fund, Subchapter A, State Board of Education Rules
(Adoption of Review)
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board approved adopting the review of 19 TAC Chapter 33, Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies, and Guidelines of the Texas Permanent School Fund, Subchapter A, State Board of Education Rules. The rules being reviewed establish definitions, requirements, and procedures for the investment of the PSF.

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 the execution of a real estate agreement with Mesa West Real Estate Income Fund IV, GP, LLC, to make an investment commitment of up to \$75 million in Mesa West Real Estate Income

Fund IV, L.P. The agreement is subject to continued due diligence and negotiation of fund terms and authorization for contract execution by the Commissioner of Education.

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

**(5) Decision on Absolute Return Investments
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board suggested PSF staff work with NEPC, LLC staff to develop a Raven 8 investment fund proposal for discussion at the January, 2016 meeting.

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

**(6) Recommendation for Appointment to the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees
(Committee on School Initiatives)**

The board approved the appointment of Brian Miller to the board of trustees of the Lackland Independent School District for a two-year term from Nov. 20, 2015 through Nov. 19, 2017.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of School Governance at (512) 463-9623.

**(7) Recommendation for Appointment to the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees
(Committee on School Initiatives)**

The board approved the re-appointment of Jimmy Cornelius to the board of trustees of the Randolph Field Independent School District for a two-year term from Nov. 20, 2015 through Nov. 19, 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. Action on Earlier Effective Date of Adopted Amendment to 19 TAC §33.65, Bond Guarantee Program for School Districts

The board adopted an effective rate of Feb. 1, 2016 for revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 33, Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies, and Guidelines of the Texas Permanent School Fund, Subchapter A, State Board of Education Rules, §33.65, Bond Guarantee Program for School Districts. As originally adopted at the September 2015 SBOE meeting, the rule would not have gone into effect until August 2016 because the rule was not approved by at least two-thirds of the board members. By agreeing in November to enact the rule changes sooner, it accelerates the availability of at least \$250 million that can be used to back charter school bond projects.

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

4. Review of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 242, Superintendent Certificate, §242.20, Requirements for the Issuance of the Standard Superintendent Certificate

The board on a 10-5 vote rejected a proposed State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) rule action that would have amended 19 TAC Chapter 242, Superintendent Certificate, §242.20, Requirements for the Issuance of the Standard Superintendent Certificate. The proposed amendment would have provided an individual seeking a superintendent certificate the option to substitute managerial experience in a public school district for the requirement of a principal certificate. Additionally, the amendment would have allowed a candidate to obtain standard certification as a superintendent provided that the candidate is hired by a public school district in Texas, successfully completes an SBEC-approved superintendent preparation program, satisfactorily completes the certification examination for superintendents, and holds a post-baccalaureate degree. The proposed amendment would also require the school district board of trustees to publicly post the reasons the candidate meets the current district needs regarding the position of superintendent. SBEC has placed reconsideration of this proposal on its Dec. 11 meeting agenda.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Department of Educator Leadership and Quality at (512) 936-9831.

**5. Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 66, State Adoption and Distribution of Instructional Materials, Subchapter A, General Provisions, Subchapter B, State Adoption of Instructional Materials, and Subchapter C, Local Operations
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)**

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 66, State Adoption and Distribution of Instructional Materials, Subchapter A, General Provisions, Subchapter B, State Adoption of Instructional Materials, and Subchapter C, Local Operations. The proposed revisions, as amended, would update rules related to state review and adoption of instructional materials as well as ordering and distribution 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.

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

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter B, Graduation Requirements, to update the rules and to align with recent legislative changes. The changes include allowing additional course offerings to count for graduation credit.

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

7. **Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 113, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Social Studies, Subchapter C, High School, §113.49, Personal Financial Literacy (One-Half Credit), Adopted 2016**
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization proposed Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for a personal financial literacy one-half credit elective course.

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

8. **Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum, §74.6, College and Career Readiness and Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills Alignment**
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum, §74.6, College and Career Readiness and Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills Alignment. The proposal would adopt charts indicating the alignment of the College and Career Readiness Standards (CCRS) and the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), as required by House Bill (HB) 1613, 84th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2015.

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

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

There were no action items before the Committee on Instruction.

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

All action items before the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund were on the Consent Agenda.

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES

9. **Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 244, Certificate of Completion of Training for Appraisers, §244.1, General Provisions, and §244.2, Training for Appraisers of Educators in School Districts Using a Recommended Appraisal Process**

The board took no action on the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) rule actions that would amend 19 TAC Chapter 244, Certificate of Completion of Training for Appraisers, §244.1, General Provisions, and §244.2, Training for Appraisers of Educators in School Districts Using a Recommended Appraisal Process. The amendments replace specific references to the old state-recommended teacher appraisal system, the Professional Development and Appraisal System (PDAS), with general references to the state-recommended teacher appraisal system and add language to include training for appraisers of principals using the state-recommended principal appraisal system.

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) 936-9831.

10. **Adoption of Review of 19 TAC Chapter 157, Hearings and Appeals, Subchapter A, General Provisions for Hearings Before the State Board of Education, and Subchapter D, Independent Hearing Examiners (Adoption of Review)**

The board approved the adoption of the review of 19 TAC Chapter 157, Hearings and Appeals, Subchapter A, General Provisions for Hearings Before the State Board of Education, and Subchapter D, Independent Hearing Examiners. Subchapter A establishes the procedures for appeals heard by the SBOE regarding administrative penalties for violations of textbook requirements. Subchapter D sets forth the certification criteria for independent hearing examiners who conduct due process termination, nonrenewal, and suspension without pay hearings at the school district level. Texas Government Code, §2001.039, establishes a four-year rule review cycle for all state agency rules, including SBOE rules.

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