

**State Board of Education  
Summary of Action Items  
January 29, 2016**

**Student Performance**

The West High School Junior Historians from the West Independent School District performed Czech dances for the board and the 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.

**Invited Guest: Texas Superintendent of the Year, Mary Ann Whiteker**

Hudson ISD Superintendent Mary Ann Whiteker, who is the Texas Superintendent of the Year, spoke to the board.

**Invited Guest: Texas Teacher of the Year, Revathi Balakrishnan**

Round Rock teacher Revathi Balakrishnan, the Texas Teacher of the Year who represented the state in the National Teacher of the Year competition, and Martha Saucedo of Brady ISD, who is the Texas Secondary Teacher of the Year, spoke to 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 approved a resolution honoring finalists for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The state finalists in the mathematics category are Jonathan Claydon of Spring Branch ISD; Darla Emerson of Lovejoy ISD; Rebecca Grant of Plano ISD; Patty Hill of Austin ISD; and Penny Smeltzer of Round Rock ISD. The state finalists in the science category are Carol Brown of Saint Mary's Hall in San Antonio; Sheri Cole of Clear Creek ISD; Cara Johnson of Allen ISD; Mark Misage of Eanes ISD; and Ferleshare Starks of Houston ISD.

The board approved a resolution recognizing February as Career and Technical Education Month.

**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) **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum, §74.5, Academic Achievement Record (Transcript) and High School Diploma (First Reading and Filing Authorization) (Committee on Instruction)**

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum, §74.5, Academic Achievement Record (Transcript) and High School Diploma, to update the rule to align with recent legislative changes. The changes delete the requirements that a high school diploma note when a student has earned endorsements, performance acknowledgments or a distinguished level of achievement. The academic achievement record will still list these accomplishments.

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

- (2) **Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 126, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Technology Applications, Subchapter D, Other Technology Applications Courses, §126.65, Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science Principles (One Credit), Adopted 2016 (First Reading and Filing Authorization) (Committee on Instruction)**

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 126, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Technology Applications, Subchapter D, Other Technology Applications Courses, §126.65, Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science Principles (One Credit), Adopted 2016. The proposed rule action would add a new AP computer science course as an option for a student to use to earn credit toward high school graduation requirements.

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

**(3) Recommendations Regarding Renewal of Instructional Materials Contracts  
(Committee on Instruction)**

The board approved the renewal of instructional materials contracts that expire on August 31, 2016. This action affects products adopted through Proclamation 2010 (English and Spanish Language Arts and Reading, English I and II for Speakers of Other Languages, and English Language Proficiency Standards, grades 9-12) and ensures that these materials remain available for distribution to school districts until new materials become available.

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

**(4) Ratification of the Purchases and Sales of the Investment Portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the Months of October and November 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 October and November 2015 in the amounts of \$633,343,381 and \$654,804,698, respectively.

**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)**

No real estate investments were presented.

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

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

The board recommended that staff allow the agreement with Mesirov Advanced Strategies, Inc., for its services as manager of the Raven 2 LLC to expire on its current expiration date of Feb. 29, 2016; to ask staff to negotiate an acceptable agreement with Grosvenor to become the Raven 2 liquidator; to authorize PSF staff to create a new Raven 8, funded with the assets from Raven 2 structured so that PSF staff will act as a fully discretionary hedge fund investment manager and, subject to an acceptable agreement, Grosvenor will be responsible for managing Raven 8 operations. All contract execution is delegated to 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.

**(7) Recommendation for Appointments to the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees  
(Committee on School Initiatives)**

The board approved the re-appointments of George Owen and Mark Strother to the board of trustees of the Boys Ranch ISD for a two-year term from Jan. 29, 2016 through Jan. 28, 2018.

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

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

The board approved the re-appointment of Lt. Col. Jennifer Stangel and the appointment of Vanessa Bowden to the board of trustees of the Randolph Field ISD for a two-year term from Jan. 28, 2016 through Jan. 27, 2018.

**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. Adoption of Review of 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  
(Adoption of Review)**

Texas Government Code, §2001.039, requires rules to be reviewed every four years to determine whether they are still needed. The board confirmed that 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 is still needed. Agenda item 4 provides revisions to this rule.

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

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

The board approved 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 revisions 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.

**5. Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter B, Graduation Requirements (Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

The board postponed action on this until its April 5-8 meeting.

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

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

The board approved for second reading and final adoption 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. The decision adds Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for a new 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.

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

The board approved for second reading and final adoption 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. This action adopts charts indicating the alignment of the College and Career Readiness Standards (CCRS) for mathematics, science, social studies, and cross disciplinary subjects 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.

**8. Discussion of Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency**

The board voted to award contracts to three separate companies to provide high school equivalency assessments in Texas. The three companies are Data Recognition Corporation, Educational Testing Service, and GED Testing Service.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Federal and State Education Policy Division at (512) 463-9560.

**9. Proposed Approval of Process for Streamlining Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)**

The board approved a multi-step process to be used by the board in streamlining the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for science and social studies.

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

**COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION**

**10. Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development, Subchapter B, High School, §127.16, Extended Career Preparation (One Credit), Adopted 2016 (First Reading and Filing Authorization)**

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development, Subchapter B, High School, §127.16, Extended Career Preparation (One Credit), Adopted 2016. The proposal would add Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for a new career preparation course to allow students to earn up to a total of three credits each in Career Preparation I and Career Preparation II. The proposal recommends 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.

## 11. Proposed Approval of Innovative Courses

The item recommended approval of innovative courses that do not fall within any of the subject areas of the foundation or enrichment curriculum. However, TEA staff requested the item be withdrawn from the agenda because no applications for innovative courses that require board approval were received.

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

## 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

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

The SBOE took no action on the review of the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) rule action that amends the requirements for the issuance of the standard superintendent certificate. The amended rule provides an individual seeking a superintendent certificate the option to substitute three years of managerial experience in a public school district for the requirement of a principal certificate.

The SBOE, under Texas law, may only veto proposed SBEC rules or take no action.

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

### 13. Review of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 227, Provisions for Educator Preparation Candidates

The SBOE took no action on the review of State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) rule actions that revise the provisions for entry into an educator preparation program. The amendments to, and proposed new rules, include changes as a result of House Bill (HB) 2012, 83rd Texas Legislature,

Regular Session, 2013, which required the Texas Education Agency (TEA), the SBEC, and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to perform a joint review of the existing standards for preparation and admission that are applicable to educator preparation programs (EPPs). Changes are also included as a result of HB 2205 and HB 1300, 84th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2015. The revisions update the rules to reflect current law, clarify minimum standards for all EPPs, allow for flexibility, and ensure consistency among EPPs in the state. Under the new rules, an applicant to an Educator Preparation Program must have either a 2.5 grade point average (GPA) or a 2.5 GPA in the last 60 semester credit hours; and require the overall GPA of each incoming class to a preparatory program to be not less than a 3.00 on a four-point scale or the equivalent.

The SBOE, under Texas law, may only veto proposed SBEC rules or take no action.

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