

Minutes
State Board of Education
February 3, 2017

The State Board of Education met at 9:10 a.m. on Friday, February 3, 2017, in the State Board of Education Room, #1-104, of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. All members of the board were present, as follows:

Presiding: Donna Bahorich, Chair; Lawrence A. Allen, Jr.; Erika Beltran; David Bradley; Barbara Cargill; Ruben Cortez, Jr., Secretary; Keven Ellis; Pat Hardy; Tom Maynard; Sue Melton-Malone; Ken Mercer; Geraldine “Tincy” Miller; Georgina C. Pérez; Marisa B. Perez; Marty Rowley, Vice-Chair

Student Performance

The student presentation was provided by the B Sharp Bucket Band, Fort Worth Independent School District.

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

State Board of Education, November 18, 2016

MOTION AND VOTE: *The State Board of Education unanimously approved the Minutes of the November 18, 2016 meeting 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://tea.texas.gov/About TEA/Leadership/State Board of Education/SBOE Meetings/SBOE Operating Rules Amended 4-17-15/](http://tea.texas.gov/About_TEA/Leadership/State_Board_of_Education/SBOE_Meetings/SBOE_Operating_Rules_Amended_4-17-15/) or in the information section (yellow pages) of the agenda.

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

NAME: Melissa Beckett
AFFILIATION: Self
TOPIC: Middle School Human Sexuality Curriculum

NAME: Deborah Simmons
AFFILIATION: Self
TOPIC: TEC §28.004 Regarding School Health Advisory Councils and Human Sexuality Instruction

NAME: Randy Houchins
AFFILIATION: Self
TOPIC: Need for TEKS Revision

NAME: Jennifer Fleck
AFFILIATION: Self
TOPIC: Human Sexuality Instruction 7th & 8th Grade Levels

1. Resolutions and Presentations

Perfect Score on the Advanced Placement Computer Science Test

The State Board of Education, by unanimous consent, adopted a resolution congratulating Miguel Padilla, a student at Harmony School of Innovation in Fort Worth, for a perfect score on the Advanced Placement Computer Science A test.

(ATTACHMENT 1, page 11)

Career and Technical Education Month

Mr. Christian Cavazos, the State Future Farmers of America (FFA) Vice President from San Benito, Texas, read the resolution.

The State Board of Education, by unanimous consent, adopted a resolution proclaiming February 1-28, 2017, as Career and Technical Education Month in Texas.

(ATTACHMENT 2, page 12)

Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

The State Board of Education, by unanimous consent, adopted a resolution recognizing the 2016 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching finalists.

(ATTACHMENT 3, page 13)

National Blue Ribbon Schools

The State Board of Education, by unanimous consent, adopted a resolution congratulating Alief Early College High School and Kerr High School in the Alief Independent School District; Cross Timbers Elementary School in the Azle Independent School District; Leon Heights Elementary School in the Belton Independent School District; Petronila Elementary School in the Bishop Consolidated Independent School District; Borden County School in the Borden County Independent School District; Brownsville Early College High School in the Brownsville Independent School District; Rosemeade Elementary School in the Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District; George Bannerman Dealey International Academy, George Bannerman Dealey Montessori Vanguard, and School of Health Professions at Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Center in the Dallas Independent School District; Canterbury Elementary School and Norma Linda Treviño Elementary School in the Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District; Young Women's Leadership Academy in the Fort Worth Independent School District; Hillside Academy for Excellence

in the Garland Independent School District; Lovett Elementary School and Oak Forest Elementary School in the Houston Independent School District; Margaret Talkington School for Young Women Leaders in the Lubbock Independent School District; Tool Elementary School in the Malakoff Independent School District; Miles Elementary School in the Miles Independent School District; Panhandle Elementary School in the Panhandle Independent School District; Pittsburg Intermediate School in the Pittsburg Independent School District; Andrew Trautmann Elementary School in the United Independent School District; Van Vleck Elementary School in the Van Vleck Independent School District; Vista Del Futuro Charter School in the Burnham Wood Charter School District; and to Gus Winston Cain Elementary School in the Whitehouse Independent School District for being nominated by Texas and named by the United States Department of Education as National Blue Ribbon Schools.

(ATTACHMENT 4, page 14)

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.

In addition to the items on the original consent agenda, the following item received unanimous approval in committee and was brought forward for board approval:

- Official Agenda Item #10--Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing, Subchapter D, Uniform Bank Bid or Request for Proposal and Depository Contract, §109.51, Uniform Depository Bank Bid or Proposal Form
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)

Mrs. Miller reported that she was recusing herself from any discussion, and would not cast a vote, on consent agenda item number (4)—Decision on Real Estate Investments and consent agenda item number (5)—Authorization to Issue a Request for Qualifications for Fiduciary, Investment Contracting, Real Estate, Tax and Disclosure Counsel for the Permanent School Fund.

Mr. Rowley reported that he was recusing himself from any discussion, and would not cast a vote, on consent agenda item number (7)—Recommendation for Appointment to the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees.

The State Board of Education approved the following items on the consent agenda.

- (1) Recommendations Regarding Renewal of Instructional Materials Contracts**
(Board agenda page II-1)
(COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION)

The State Board of Education approved the recommendation of the Committee on Instruction to renew contracts for instructional materials adopted under *Proclamation 2011* in the subject areas and for the periods indicated in the attachment.

(ATTACHMENT 5, page 15)

(2) **Adoption of Review of 19 TAC Chapter 30, Administration, Subchapter B, State Board of Education: Purchasing and Contracts**

(Board agenda page III-41)

(COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND)

The State Board of Education approved the recommendation of the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund to adopt the review of 19 TAC Chapter 30, Administration, Subchapter B, State Board of Education: Purchasing and Contracts.

(3) **Ratification of the Purchases and Sales of the Investment Portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the Months of October and November 2016**

(Board agenda page III-49)

(COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND)

The State Board of Education ratified the purchases and sales for the months of October and November 2016, in the amount of \$1,029,898,020 and \$861,105,703 respectively, as recommended by the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund.

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

(Board agenda page III-51)

(COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND)

The State Board of Education approved the recommendation of the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund to execute agreement(s) with Exeter Property Group IV, L.P. as General Partner, necessary to make an investment commitment of up to \$75 million in Exeter Industrial Value Fund IV, L.P., subject to continued due diligence and negotiation of fund terms, and authorization for contract execution by the Commissioner of Education.

(5) **Authorization to Issue a Request for Qualifications for Fiduciary, Investment Contracting, Real Estate, Tax and Disclosure Counsel for the Permanent School Fund**

(Board agenda page III-53)

(COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND)

The State Board of Education approved the issuance of a request for qualifications for fiduciary, investment contracting, real estate, tax and disclosure counsel for the Permanent School Fund, as recommended by the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund.

- (6) **Approval of the Selection of a Firm to Provide Global Custody and Securities Lending Services for the Permanent School Fund and Authorization for Contract Execution by the Commissioner of Education**
(Board agenda page III-55)
(COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND)

The State Board of Education approved BNY Mellon to provide global custody and securities lending services for the Permanent School Fund and authorization for contract execution by the commissioner of education, as recommended by the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund.

- (7) **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 Ms. Jacque Branch to serve a term of office, from February 3, 2017 through April 17, 2017, on the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees, as recommended by the Committee on School Initiatives.

(ATTACHMENT 6, page 31)

- (8) **Recommendation for Appointments to the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees**
(Board agenda page IV-7)
(COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES)

The State Board of Education approved the appointment of Ms. Deborah Seabron to serve a term of office, from February 3, 2017 through September 14, 2017, on the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees, as recommended by the Committee on School Initiatives.

(ATTACHMENT 7, page 33)

- (9) **Recommendation for Appointments to the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees**
(Board agenda page IV-21)
(COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES)

The State Board of Education approved the appointment of Colonel William Morrison II to serve a term of office, from February 3, 2017 through February 2, 2018, on the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees, as recommended by the Committee on School Initiatives.

(ATTACHMENT 8, page 35)

- (10) **Adoption of Review of 19 TAC Chapter 30, Administration, Subchapter A, State Board of Education: General Provisions**
(Board agenda page IV-37)
(COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES)

The State Board of Education adopted the review of 19 TAC Chapter 30, Administration, Subchapter A, State Board of Education: General Provisions, as recommended by the Committee on School Initiatives.

10. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing, Subchapter D, Uniform Bank Bid or Request for Proposal and Depository Contract, §109.51, Uniform Depository Bank Bid or Proposal Form**
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)
(Board agenda page III-1)

The State Board of Education approved for first reading and filing authorization proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing, Subchapter D, Uniform Bank Bid or Request for Proposal and Depository Contract, §109. 51, Uniform Depository Bank Bid or Proposal Form, as recommended by the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund.

COMMITTEE OF THE FULL BOARD

3. **Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter B, Graduation Requirements**
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)
(Board agenda page I-1)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Rowley and carried unanimously that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter B, Graduation Requirements, §74.12, Foundation High School Program, and §74.13, Endorsements, with an effective date of August 28, 2017, as recommended by the Committee of the Full Board.*

(ATTACHMENT 9, page 43)

4. **Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 112, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science, Subchapter A, Elementary, Subchapter B, Middle School, and Subchapter C, High School**
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)
(Board agenda page I-23)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Rowley and carried that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 112, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science, Subchapter A, Elementary, Subchapter B, Middle School, and Subchapter C, High School, as recommended by the Committee of the Full Board.*

5. **Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 110, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for English Language Arts and Reading, and Chapter 128, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Spanish Language Arts and Reading and English as a Second Language**
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)
(Board agenda page I-31)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Rowley and carried unanimously that the State Board of Education postpone consideration of first reading and filing authorization for 19 TAC Chapter 110, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for English Language Arts and Reading, Subchapter C, High School, and Chapter 128, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Spanish Language Arts and Reading and English as a Second Language, Subchapter C, High School, until the April 2017 meeting, as recommended by the Committee of the Full Board.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Rowley and carried unanimously that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 110, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for English Language Arts and Reading, Subchapter A, Elementary, and Subchapter B, Middle School, and Chapter 128, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Spanish Language Arts and Reading and English as a Second Language, Subchapter A, Elementary, and Subchapter B, Middle School, as amended and recommended by the Committee of the full Board.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Ellis, and seconded by Mr. Rowley, to amend §110.5(2)(C), as follows:*

- (C) *alphabetize a series of words to the third letter ~~and use a dictionary or a glossary to determine the meanings, syllabication, and pronunciation of unknown words;~~ and*

VOTE: *A vote was taken on the motion that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 110, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for English Language Arts and Reading, Subchapter A, Elementary, and Subchapter B, Middle School, and Chapter 128, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Spanish Language Arts and Reading and English as a Second Language, Subchapter A, Elementary, and Subchapter B, Middle School, as amended. (Mr. Allen was absent for the vote.)*

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

6. **Proposed Approval of Innovative Courses**
(Board agenda page II-19)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Melton-Malone and carried that the State Board of Education approve for a period of five years the following innovative course which does not fall within any of the subject areas of the foundation or enrichment curriculum: Methodology for Academic and Personal Success, as recommended by the Committee on Instruction. (Mr. Allen and Ms. Beltran were absent for the vote.)*

7. **Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 114, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Languages Other Than English, Subchapter C, High School, §114.53, Advanced Language for Career Applications**

(First Reading and Filing Authorization)

(Board agenda page II-23)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Melton-Malone and carried that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 114, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Languages Other Than English, Subchapter C, High School, §114.53, Advanced Language for Career Applications, as recommended by the Committee on Instruction. (Mr. Allen and Ms. Beltran were absent for the vote.)*

8. **Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 115, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Health Education, Subchapter B, Middle School, and Subchapter C, High School**

(First Reading and Filing Authorization)

(Board agenda page II-33)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Melton-Malone and carried that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 115, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Health Education, Subchapter B, Middle School, and Subchapter C, High School, as amended and recommended by the Committee on Instruction. (Mr. Allen and Ms. Beltran were absent for the vote.)*

9. **Consideration of Petitions for Adoption of Rule Concerning 19 TAC Chapter 130, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career and Technical Education, Subchapter J, Human Services, §130.283, Cosmetology I (Two Credits), Adopted 2015, and §130.284, Cosmetology II (Two Credits), Adopted 2015**

(Board agenda page II-55)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Melton-Malone and carried that the State Board of Education deny the petition for adoption of a rule concerning 19 TAC Chapter 130, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career and Technical Education, Subchapter J, Human Services, §130.283, Cosmetology I (Two Credits), Adopted 2015, and §130.284, Cosmetology II (Two Credits), Adopted 2015, because the TEKS for cosmetology cannot be revised until they become effective on August 28, 2017, and the State Board of Education took action to address the issue presented by the petitioners at its November 2016 meeting, as recommended by the Committee on Instruction. (Mr. Allen was absent for the vote.)*

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

10. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing, Subchapter D, Uniform Bank Bid or Request for Proposal and Depository Contract, §109.51, Uniform Depository Bank Bid or Proposal Form**
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)
(Board agenda page III-1)

Action taken by the State Board of Education is addressed under item #2—Approval of Consent Agenda.

11. **Proposed Amendment 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**
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)
(Board agenda page III-57)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Bradley and carried that the State Board of Education by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the board approve for second reading and final adoption the proposed amendment 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, with an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register, as recommended by the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund.*

(ATTACHMENT 10, page _)

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES

12. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 30, Administration, Subchapter A. State Board of Education: General Provisions, §30.1, Petition for Adoption of Rule Changes**
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)
(Board agenda page IV-45)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Cargill and carried unanimously that the State Board of Education suspend its operating procedures in accordance with §5.2(a) to allow consideration at first reading and filing authorization; and approve for first reading and filing authorization the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 30, Administration, Subchapter A, State Board of Education: General Provisions, §30.1, Petition for Adoption of Rule Changes, as amended and recommended by the Committee on School Initiatives.*

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS POSTED FOR DISCUSSION ON COMMITTEE AGENDAS

Committee on Instruction

Mrs. Melton-Malone did not report on Committee on Instruction discussion items.

Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund

Mr. Bradley did not report on Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund discussion items.

Committee on School Initiatives

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Ruben Cortez, Jr., Secretary

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS computer science is increasingly important in schools and the work place; and

WHEREAS a course called Advanced Placement Computer Science A introduces students to topics that include problem solving, design strategies, data organization, and the social and ethical implications of computing; and

WHEREAS about 58,100 students across the world took the AP Computer Science A exam to demonstrate the knowledge gained in this course; and

WHEREAS the College Board, which administers the test, confirmed that only 10 students worldwide obtained a perfect score on the exam during the past year; and

WHEREAS Miguel Padilla, a student at the Harmony School of Innovation in Fort Worth, is part of that elite group; and

WHEREAS Miguel Padilla is the only Texas student to earn a perfect score on this exam during the past year;

WHEREAS upon learning of his test results, he gave his AP Computer Science teacher Angelica Garcia a framed copy of the letter notifying him of his perfect score; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education congratulates Miguel Padilla, this bright, hard-working, dedicated, and kind student, for his perfect score on the AP Computer Science A exam; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education also congratulates teacher Angelica Garcia and the Harmony School of Innovation for their work with and support of Miguel Padilla; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to Miguel Padilla and school officials and that a copy be included in the permanent records of the State Board of Education.

WITNESS our signatures this third day of February, two thousand seventeen, in Austin, Texas.

Donna Bahorich, Chair

Ruben Cortez, Jr., Secretary

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS February 23, 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Smith-Hughes Act, which launched federal support for vocational education while granting states autonomy in the execution of its plan; and

WHEREAS this federal legislation enjoyed almost unanimous bipartisan support which unified historically antagonistic interests and created a common ground; and

WHEREAS February 1-28, 2017, has been designated National Career and Technical Education Month; and

WHEREAS more than 1.2 million Texas secondary students are enrolled in one or more career and technical education (CTE) courses in 1,219 school districts and charter schools throughout the state; and

WHEREAS career and technical education offers students the opportunity to gain the academic, technical and employability skills necessary for true career readiness; and

WHEREAS students in career and technical education programs participate in authentic, meaningful experiences which improve the quality of their education by offering opportunities to apply academic knowledge and skills from across the curriculum; and

WHEREAS career and technical education is a vital and integral part of the Foundation High School Program, offering students pathways to earn recognized endorsements, performance acknowledgements and industry validated credentials; and

WHEREAS the state's nine career and technical student organizations, BPA, DECA, Educators Rising (Texas Association of Future Educators), FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA, SkillsUSA, and TSA instill in their members the values, knowledge and skills to be patriotic citizens prepared to fully engage as effective leaders in the formidable and noble task of self-government in our constitutional republic; and

WHEREAS career and technical education provides students with career exploration opportunities early in their educational experience, which enables them to make informed and beneficial decisions about their academic coursework as well as pursuit of established programs of study and career pathways; and

WHEREAS leaders from business and industry nationwide report increasing challenges related to the skills gap and connecting qualified professionals with available careers in critical and growing CTE-related fields; and

WHEREAS career and technical education prepares students fulfilling careers by offering integrated programs of study that link secondary and postsecondary education and significantly contributes to college readiness; and

WHEREAS ensuring that employers have access to a qualified workforce is a crucial step in ensuring productivity among the business and industry communities as well as continued American economic growth and global competitiveness; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, which has been designated by the Texas Legislature as the State Board for Career and Technical Education, does hereby proclaim February 1-28, 2017, as Career and Technical Education Month in Texas, and does hereby urge all Texans to become familiar with the outstanding curriculum delivered by exceptional career and technical education teachers in communities across the state, and to support and participate in these programs to enhance their individual skills and productivity; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education join all Texans in celebrating the Smith-Hughes Act Centennial and the positive impact that it has had in promoting the development of career and technical education, which continues to enhance the development of our next generation's potential for college, careers and citizenship.

WITNESS our signatures this third day of February, two thousand and seventeen, in Austin, Texas.

Donna Bahorich, Chair

Ruben Cortez, Jr., Secretary

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the *Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching* program identifies outstanding mathematics and science teachers in each state and the four U.S. jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS through state selection committees, five mathematics finalists and five science finalists were selected as Texas finalists; and

WHEREAS these teachers become candidates for the *Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching*; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education does hereby extend its congratulations to Deborah Cunningham, Armstrong Elementary School, Garland Independent School District, Sachse, Texas; Ashley Dodson, Beverly Cheatham Elementary School, Allen Independent School District, Allen, Texas; Robert Rivera, Faulk Middle School, Brownsville Independent School District, Brownsville, Texas; Misty Ruth, Young Elementary School, Pasadena Independent School District, Pasadena, Texas; Deborah Swyers, Elsa England Elementary School, Round Rock Independent School District, Austin, Texas; for being named State Finalists in the mathematics category for the 2016 Presidential Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education does hereby extend its congratulations to Rubi deHoyos, Jim G. Martin Elementary School, Northside Independent School District, San Antonio, Texas; Kirk Evans, Olson Elementary School, Allen Independent School District, Allen, Texas; Denise Koontz, Trinity Meadows Intermediate School, Keller Independent School District, Keller, Texas; Andrea Miller, B. J. Smith Elementary School, Mesquite Independent School District, Mesquite, Texas; Kelly Spradley, Brent Elementary School, Little Elm Independent School District, Little Elm, Texas; for being named State Finalists in the science category for the 2016 Presidential Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to the aforementioned teachers for being identified as state and national finalists for the 2016 *Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching* program, and that a copy be included in the permanent records of the State Board of Education.

WITNESS our signatures this third day of February, two thousand and seventeen, in Austin, Texas.

Donna Bahorich, Chair

Ruben Cortez, Jr., Secretary

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the *National Blue Ribbon Schools* program recognizes elementary, middle, and high schools where students perform at very high levels; and

WHEREAS a *National Blue Ribbon Schools* flag overhead is a mark of excellence in education; and

WHEREAS in 2016, Texas nominated 26 schools to be recognized for their students' achievement; and

WHEREAS these 26 schools were then named 2016 *National Blue Ribbon Schools* by the United States Department of Education; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education does hereby extend its congratulations to Alief Early College High School and Kerr High School in the Alief Independent School District; to Cross Timbers Elementary School in the Azle Independent School District; to Leon Heights Elementary School in the Belton Independent School District; to Petronila Elementary School in the Bishop Consolidated Independent School District; to Borden County School in the Borden County Independent School District; and to Brownsville Early College High School in the Brownsville Independent School District; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education does hereby extend its congratulations to Rosemeade Elementary School in the Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District; to George Bannerman Dealey International Academy, George Bannerman Dealey Montessori Vanguard, and School of Health Professions at Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Center in the Dallas Independent School District; to Canterbury Elementary School and Norma Linda Treviño Elementary School in the Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District; and to Young Women's Leadership Academy in the Fort Worth Independent School District; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education does hereby extend its congratulations to Hillside Academy for Excellence in the Garland Independent School District; to Lovett Elementary School and Oak Forest Elementary School in the Houston Independent School District; to Margaret Talkington School for Young Women Leaders in the Lubbock Independent School District; to Tool Elementary School in the Malakoff Independent School District; and to Miles Elementary School in the Miles Independent School District; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education does hereby extend its congratulations to Panhandle Elementary School in the Panhandle Independent School District; to Pittsburg Intermediate School in the Pittsburg Independent School District; to Andrew Trautmann Elementary School in the United Independent School District; to Van Vleck Elementary School in the Van Vleck Independent School District; to Vista Del Futuro Charter School in the Burnham Wood Charter School District; and to Gus Winston Cain Elementary School in the Whitehouse Independent School District for being nominated by Texas and named by the United States Department of Education as *National Blue Ribbon Schools*; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to the principals of the aforementioned schools for being recognized for excellence through the *National Blue Ribbon Schools* program and that a copy be included in the permanent records of the State Board of Education.

WITNESS our signatures this third day of February, two thousand and seventeen, in Austin, Texas.

Donna Bahorich, Chair

Ruben Cortez, Jr., Secretary