Report of the State Board of Education Committee of the Full Board Thursday, September 12, 2024

The State Board of Education Committee of the Full Board met at 2:18 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2024, in the State Board of Education Room, #1-104, of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

<u>Present</u>: Aaron Kinsey, chair; Rebecca Bell-Metereau; Evelyn Brooks; Staci Childs; LJ Francis; Patricia Hardy; Will Hickman; Keven Ellis; Pam Little; Tom Maynard; Melissa Ortega; Marisa B. Perez-Diaz; Julie Pickren; Audrey Young

Public Testimony

The Committee of the Full Board received no presentations of public testimony.

The Committee of the Full Board considered items in the following order: Item number 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 4, 8.

ACTION ITEM

1. Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 67, <u>State Review and Approval of Instructional Materials</u>, Subchapter B, <u>State Review and Approval</u>, §67.43, <u>Lists of Approved and Rejected Instructional Materials</u>

(Second Reading and Final Adoption

(Board agenda page I-4)

[Official agenda item #3]

This item was postponed from the September 10, 2024, meeting of the Committee of the Full Board.

Mr. Dempsey explained that this item presents for second reading and final adoption proposed new 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 67, State Review and Approval of Instructional Materials, Subchapter B, State Review and Approval, §67.43, Lists of Approved and Rejected Instructional Materials. The new section would address the removal of a set of instructional materials from the lists of approved and rejected instructional materials outlined in Texas Education Code (TEC), §31.022.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Maynard, seconded by Dr. Bell-Metereau to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 67, State Review and Approval of Instructional Materials, Subchapter B, State Review and Approval, §67.43, Lists of Approved and Rejected Instructional Materials; and

Make an affirmative finding that immediate adoption of proposed new 9 TAC Chapter 67, <u>State Review and Approval of Instructional Materials</u>, Subchapter B, <u>State Review and Approval</u>, §67.43, <u>Lists of Approved and Rejected Instructional Materials</u>, is necessary and shall have an effective date of August 1, 2024. (Per TEC, §7.102(f), a vote of two-thirds of the members of the board is necessary for an earlier effective date.)

MOTION AND VOTE: It was moved by Mr. Maynard and carried without objection that the State Board of Education amend the motion to read as follows:

Make an affirmative finding that immediate adoption of proposed new 9 TAC Chapter 67, <u>State Review and Approval of Instructional Materials</u>, Subchapter B, <u>State Review and Approval</u>, §67.43, <u>Lists of Approved and Rejected Instructional Materials</u>, is necessary and shall have an effective date of August 1, 2023 <u>20 days after filing with the Texas Register</u>. (Per TEC, §7.102(f), a vote of two-thirds of the members of the board is necessary for an earlier effective date.)

<u>VOTE:</u> A vote was taken on the original motion as amended. The motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Discussion of the Schedule for Future Instructional Materials Review and Approval Cycles and Future Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills Review and Revision (Board agenda page I-9)

This item was postponed from the September 10, 2024, meeting of the Committee of the Full Board.

Todd Davis, associate commissioner of instructional strategy, explained that this item provides the opportunity for the board to discuss recommendations from the agency regarding the schedule for future Instructional Materials Review and Approval (IMRA) cycles, including the development timeline for quality rubrics and development of the lists of required vocabulary and at least one literary work to be taught in each grade level as required by House Bill (HB) 1605, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session.

Dr. Davis explained the overall purpose was for the board to map out the long-term vision of the IMRA cycles relative to new standards and to provide local education agencies with guidance to inform future instructional materials adoption decisions.

3. Discussion of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills Certification Process: The Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials

(Board agenda page I-12)

This item was postponed from the September 10, 2024, meeting of the Committee of the Full Board.

Mr. Dempsey provided information about the annual certification of provision of instructional materials process, commonly referred to as the annual Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) certification process, required of school districts and open-enrollment charter schools. He shared that districts may not access their instructional materials and technology allotment until they have submitted the annual TEKS certification and that the process has been refined over the years to enhance the quality of the data collected.

4. Discussion of Draft Quality Rubrics for Instructional Materials Review and Approval Cycle 2025

(Board agenda page I-13)

This item was postponed from the September 10, 2024, meeting of the Committee of the Full Board.

Todd Davis, associate commissioner of instructional strategy, and Monica Martinez, associate commissioner, standards and programs explained to the board that this item allows members to discuss which draft quality rubric for Instructional Materials Review and Approval Cycle 2025.

ACTION ITEMS

5. Approval of Updates to and Ratification of Standards- Alignment Percentages of Instructional Materials Adopted Under *Proclamation 2024*

(Board agenda page I-15)

This item was postponed from the September 10, 2024, meeting of the Committee of the Full Board.

Amie Phillips, director of instructional materials review and approval, district operations, technology, and sustainability supports division, explained that publishers with instructional materials adopted by the SBOE in November 2024 under *Proclamation 2024* that did not achieve 100% TEKS coverage were given the opportunity to provide new content and/or new correlations to demonstrate alignment to TEKS not addressed during the initial review. She also explained that state review panels (SRPs) evaluated the materials and the publishers' TEKS correlations over the summer. Ms. Phillips presented the *Proclamation 2024* TEKS Update: Preliminary Report and explained that this item provides an opportunity for the committee to review and approve the content updates and new TEKS percentages.

MOTION AND VOTE: It was moved by Ms. Little, seconded by Ms. Perez-Diaz, to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the request from CEV Multimedia, Ltd. to update content in its iCEV Computer Science I (Individual Course); from Coder Kids, Inc. DBA Ellipsis Education to update content in its Texas Technology Applications – 5; from Pasco Scientific to update content in its Essential Physics 3rd Edition; from The Curriculum Center for Family and Consumer Sciences to update content in its Personal Financial Literacy and Economics, Child Development Associate Foundations, and Instructional Practices; and from Typing.com to update content in its Typing.com, Kindergarten—Grade 6.

Require that all publishers make changes listed in the Proclamation 2024 TEKS Update Report of Editorial Changes;

Approve changes and corrections submitted in response to written comments and public testimony; and

Update the official TEKS percentage for instructional materials reviewed for TEKS Updates on the Instructional Materials Current Adoption Bulletin. The motion carried.

6. Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 67, <u>State Review and Approval of Instructional Materials</u>, Subchapter B, <u>State Review and Approval</u>, §67.25, <u>Consideration and Approval of Instructional Materials</u> by the State Board of Education

(First Reading and Filing Authorization)

(Board agenda page I-18)

[Official agenda item #5]

This item was postponed from the September 10, 2024, meeting of the Committee of the Full Board.

Mr. Dempsey explained that 19 TAC Chapter 67, <u>State Review and Approval of Instructional Materials</u>, Subchapter B, <u>State Review and Approval</u>, §67.25, <u>Consideration and Approval of Instructional Materials by the State Board of Education</u>, needs to be re-opened to allow for amendments to address the required TEKS coverage percentages for full- and partial-subject, tier-one instructional materials for enrichment subjects and supplemental instructional materials.

<u>MOTION</u>: It was moved by Mrs. Little and seconded by Ms. Hardy to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization the proposed new 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 67, <u>State Review and Approval of Instructional Materials</u>, Subchapter B, <u>State Review and Approval</u>, §67.25 <u>Consideration and Approval of Instructional Materials</u> by the State Board of Education.

MOTION AND VOTE: It was moved by Mr. Hickman, seconded by Dr. Ellis, and carried to amend 19 TAC §67.25(3) to read:

"For supplemental instructional materials as defined by TEC, §31.002(3), the publisher will indicate which TEKS are applicable, and the product and its components cover one or more 100% of the applicable student expectations in the TEKS for the specific subject or course for which the materials are designed."

<u>VOTE</u>: A vote was taken on the main motion as amended. The motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Discussion of Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 67, State Review and Approval of Instructional Materials, Subchapter B, State Review and Approval, §67.27, IMRA Reviewers: Eligibility and Appointment; §67.29, IMRA Reviewers: Training, Duties, and Conduct; §67.31, Procedures for Public Access to and Handling of IMRA Samples; §67.33, Public Comment on Instructional Materials; §67.39, Updates to Approved Instructional Materials; and §67.41, New Editions of Approved Instructional Materials; and Subchapter C, Local Operations, §67.61, Sample Copies of Instructional Materials for School Districts; §67.63, Selection and Local Adoption of Instructional Materials by School Districts; and §67.69, Local Review of Classroom Instructional Materials

(Board agenda page I-22)

This item was postponed from the September 10, 2024, meeting of the Committee of the Full Board.

Mr. Dempsey explained that this item provides the opportunity for the committee to provide direction to staff regarding new rules for the IMRA process related to IMRA reviewer eligibility and appointment, training, duties, and conduct; procedures for public access to handling IMRA samples; public comment on instructional materials; updates to approved instructional materials; new editions of approved instructional materials; sample copies of instructional materials for school districts; selection and local adoption of instructional materials by school districts; and local review of classroom instructional materials. Mr. Dempsey explained that many of the new proposed subchapters of 19 TAC Chapter 67 are present in Chapter 66 and that staff will present a first draft of proposed rule language at the November board meeting.

19 TAC §67.69, Local Review of Instructional Materials, was removed from the discussion, to be brought back as an agenda item at the November board meeting.

8. Discussion of Legislative Recommendations for the 89th Texas Legislature (Board agenda page I-171)

This item was postponed from the September 11, 2024, meeting of the Committee of the Full Board.

Sarah Harrington, director, governmental relations facilitated a discussion among members to identify recommendations by the State Board of education to the 89th Legislature.

Chairman Kinsey adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.