

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee of the Full Board
WORK SESSION
Learning Roundtable—Educating the Children of Poverty
September 12, 2016**

The State Board of Education Committee of the Full Board met at 9:02 a.m. on Monday, September 12, 2016, in the Embassy Suites by Hilton Austin Central, Colorado and Longhorn Ballrooms, 5901 IH-35, Austin, Texas. The following members of the committee were present:

Presiding: Donna Bahorich, chair; Lawrence A. Allen, Jr.; Barbara Cargill; Ruben Cortez, Jr.; Martha M. Dominguez; Pat Hardy; Sue Melton-Malone; Ken Mercer; Geraldine “Tincy” Miller; Marisa B. Perez

Absent: Erika Beltran, David Bradley, Tom Maynard, Thomas Ratliff, Marty Rowley

Public Testimony

Work session and ad hoc committee meetings are exempt from oral public testimony.

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Learning Roundtable—Educating the Children of Poverty
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The State Board of Education and the Texas Education Agency hosted a learning roundtable focused on educating the children of poverty. This item provides an opportunity for the board to hear testimony from invited guests regarding educating the children of poverty.

Mrs. Bahorich and Commissioner of Education Mike Morath welcomed the attendees and talked about why they believed this topic was a critically important topic for the state of Texas.

Presentations were provided by the follow educators and researchers.

Turning High Poverty Schools into High Performing Schools

Dr. William Parrett, Director, Boise State University
Dr. Kathleen Budge, Associate Professor, Boise State University

Achievement and Opportunity in America: What Can We Do?

Kati Haycock, Chief Executive Officer, The Education Trust

Learning from Schools that Succeed

Karin Chenoweth, Writer-in-Residence, The Education Trust

Panel 1A: Effective Partnerships and Practices

Robert Carreon, Vice President of Public Affairs in Texas, Teach for America
Chris Fraser, Dean, Relay GSE Texas
Kelvey Oeser, Partner, The New Teacher Project
Dr. John Jenkins, Executive Director of New Site Development, New Leaders

Panel 2A: Best Practices in Leading Diverse Schools

Dr. Lupita Hinojosa, Chief Academic Officer, Spring ISD
Sterlin McGruder, Principal Gus Garcia Young Men's Leadership Academy, Austin ISD
Lorimer Arendse, Grand Prairie High School, Grand Prairie ISD
Lynn Musel, Principal, Capistrano Elementary School, Ysleta ISD

Panel 1B: High Performing School Models

Dr. Esperanza Zendejas, Superintendent, Brownsville ISD
HD Chambers, Superintendent, Alief ISD
Tom Torkelson, Chief Executive Officer and Founder of IDEA Public Schools
Victor Obaseki, Policy Coordinator, Institute for Urban Policy Research and Analysis

Panel 2B: Potential of Pathways

Dr. Danny King, Superintendent, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD
Dr. Susan Landry, Director and Founder, The Children's Learning Institute
Adam Hutchison, Provost, Texas State Technical College in Waco
Dr. Luzelma G. Canales, Executive Director RGV FOCUS

Panel 1C: Data Driven Decisions for Leadership

Susan Dawson, President and Executive Director, E3 Alliance
Todd Williams, Executive Director, Commit! Partnership
Dr. Pauline Dow, Chief Instructional Officer, North East ISD
Mike Feinberg, Co-Founder, KIPP

Panel 2C: How to Successfully Build School/District/Community Teams and Support Diverse Communities

Adeeb Barqawi, President and Chief Executive Officer, ProUnitas
Marta Plata, Principal, Manuel Jara Elementary School, Fort Worth ISD
Alison Reis-Khanna, Executive Director, Texas Partnership for Out of School Time
Dr. David Vroonland, Superintendent, Mesquite ISD

Neuroscience Research & Solutions for Building Learning Capacity in Children of Poverty

Dr. Martha Burns, Director of Neuroscience Education, Northwestern University

Closing Remarks

Donna Bahorich, Chair, State Board of Education

Mrs. Bahorich adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.