

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee of the Full Board
July 17, 2013**

The State Board of Education Committee of the Full Board met at 9:12 a.m. on Wednesday, July 17, 2013, 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 committee were present, as follows:

Presiding: Barbara Cargill, chair; Lawrence A. Allen, Jr.; Donna Bahorich; David Bradley; Ruben Cortez, Jr.; Martha M. Dominguez; Pat Hardy; Mavis B. Knight; Tom Maynard; Sue Melton-Malone; Ken Mercer; Geraldine “Tincy” Miller; Marisa B. Perez; Thomas Ratliff; Marty Rowley

Public Testimony

This item provides an opportunity for the public to present testimony at the time the related item comes up for committee discussion or action. The procedures for registering and taking public testimony at State Board of Education committee meetings and general board meetings are provided at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=25769804094> or in the information section (yellow pages) of the agenda. The Committee of the Full Board heard public testimony on agenda items #4 and #5. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

The Committee of the Full Board considered items in the following order: #1, #3, #2, #4 through #7, returned to #4, #8 through #14.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Update on Legislative Activities
(Board agenda page I-103)

The Honorable Leticia Van de Putte, Texas State Senator, and a member of the Senate Education Committee, discussed HB5, a bill approved during the 83rd Legislative Session that made significant changes to the state’s testing program and graduation requirements. She explained that, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, a foundation diploma with endorsements or specialized strands of study will be offered to Texas students. She said lawmakers want to provide students with flexibility in selecting courses and specifically do not want rigid course sequencing requirements to be enacted, except where absolutely necessary. The senator noted that the legislation gives the State Board of Education authority to develop many specific details needed to complete the graduation requirements.

2. Commissioner’s Comments Regarding the SBOE Agenda and Legislative Activities
(Board agenda page I-105)

Michael L. Williams, Commissioner of Education, discussed a number of issues with the board, including noting that a briefing book describing recently passed legislation will be distributed to board members this week. Among the specific legislation he discussed was SB2, which changed the charter school authorizing process. He told the board he planned to keep the board members involved in the process, including inviting them to attend interviews of charter applicants.

Commissioner Williams stated that Deputy Commissioner Michael Berry will be his designee who will oversee the charter interviews and SBOE Chair Barbara Cargill announced that she has appointed Donna Bahorich as the board liaison to the charter selection process.

The commissioner also said State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) tests will be publicly released August 1 and state accountability ratings will be released August 8. He also discussed other topics including CSCOPE, changes to the testing program, and long range plans for education with the board.

3. Remarks by Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Commissioner
(Board agenda page I-107)

Dr. Raymund A. Paredes, Commissioner of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, discussed college and career readiness issues with the State Board of Education. He noted that many students who need remedial education when attending college have been out of high school for a number of years and are not recent graduates. He and board members also discussed the need to attract bright students into teacher education preparation programs.

The State Board of Education recessed at 12:12 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter F, Graduation Requirements, Beginning with School Year 2007-2008, and Subchapter G, Graduation Requirements, Beginning with School Year 2012-2013
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)
(Board agenda page I-1)
[Official agenda item #3]

Monica Martinez, managing director, curriculum division, provided an overview of House Bill 5 related to graduation requirements. Ms. Martinez also explained that the proposed amendments would add course options for students to satisfy the mathematics and science credit requirements under the graduation programs currently in place.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Mr. Mercer, and carried unanimously to lay on the table the second reading and final adoption of proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter F, Graduation Requirements, Beginning with School Year 2007-2008, and Subchapter G, Graduation Requirements, Beginning with School Year 2012-2013. (Ms. Perez was absent for the vote.)*

The Committee took action on items 5, 6, and 7.

The following individual provided public testimony:

NAME: Sandra West
AFFILIATION: Science Teachers Association of Texas

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter F, Graduation Requirements, Beginning with School Year 2007-2008, and Subchapter G, Graduation Requirements, Beginning with School Year 2012-2013. (Mr. Bradley and Mrs. Knight were absent for the vote.)*

5. **Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 130, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career and Technical Education, Subchapter A, Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources, Subchapter H, Health Science, and Subchapter O, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics**

(Second Reading and Final Adoption)

(Board agenda page I-35)

[Official agenda item #4]

The following individual provided public testimony:

NAME: Sandra West

AFFILIATION: Science Teachers Association of Texas

MOTION: *It was moved by Dr. Dominguez and seconded by Ms. Hardy to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 130, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career and Technical Education, Subchapter A, Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources, Subchapter H, Health Science, and Subchapter O, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Maynard, seconded by Mr. Ratliff, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education postpone second reading and final adoption of proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 130, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career and Technical Education, Subchapter A, Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources, Subchapter H, Health Science, and Subchapter O, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics to a future date to be determined by the chair. (Ms. Hardy and Mrs. Melton-Malone were absent for the vote.)*

6. **Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 111, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Mathematics, Subchapter C, High School, §111.46, Discrete Mathematics, Adopted 2013 (One-Half to One Credit)**

(Second Reading and Final Adoption)

(Board agenda page I-67)

[Official agenda item #5]

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Melton-Malone, seconded by Mr. Cortez, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education postpone second reading and final adoption of proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 111, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Mathematics, Subchapter C, High School, §111.46, Discrete Mathematics, Adopted 2013 (One-Half to One Credit) to a future date to be determined by the chair.*

The chair directed staff to accept public comments on the postponed items until the next SBOE meeting.

7. Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 126, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Technology Applications, Subchapter C, High School

(Second Reading and Final Adoption)

(Board agenda page I-81)

[Official agenda item #6]

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Perez and seconded by Ms. Hardy to postpone second reading and final adoption of proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 126, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Technology Applications, Subchapter C, High School, to a future date to be determined by the chair. The motion failed. (Mrs. Miller was absent for the vote.)*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Knight and seconded by Ms. Hardy to recommend 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 proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 126, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Technology Applications, Subchapter C, High School, with an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register. The motion carried.*

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. Update on Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) Review

(Board agenda page I-109)

Ms. Martinez reviewed upcoming steps in the board's TEKS review process for languages other than English (LOTE). Ms. Martinez also informed the committee of the dates of the next LOTE TEKS review committee meeting.

Mr. Ratliff requested that an action item on the SBOE's TEKS review process be placed on a future agenda. The board chair indicated that an item to address the process would be placed on the board's agenda before the next TEKS review process begins.

9. Update on the Review Process for Proclamation 2014

(Board agenda page I-113)

John Lopez, managing director of instructional materials and educational technology, presented an update of the virtual review process and provided an overview of the upcoming in-person review for Proclamation 2014.

ACTION ITEMS

10. Approval of Question and Answer Document for Proclamation 2015

(Board agenda page I-97)

[Official agenda item #7]

Mr. Lopez described the purpose and organization of the Question and Answer Document and presented it for approval.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Maynard, seconded by Mr. Cortez, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the Question and Answer Document for Proclamation 2015. (Ms. Hardy and Mr. Ratliff were absent for the vote.)*

11. Amendments to Proclamation 2015 of the State Board of Education Advertising for Bids on Instructional Materials

(Board agenda page I-99)
[Official agenda item #8]

Mr. Lopez introduced the item and offered several amendments to Proclamation 2015.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Maynard, seconded by Mr. Rowley, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education amend Proclamation 2015 to include Principles and Elements of Floral Design and Robotics Programming and Design and move the deadline for publishers to provide a complete description of all items included in their bids from April 18, 2014 to January 31, 2014.*

DISCUSSION ITEM

12. Instructional Materials Allotment Update

(Board agenda page I-115)

Mr. Lopez presented an update on the instructional materials allotment process, including the Legislative appropriations available for the 2014-2015 biennium and the reimbursement request procedure for school districts and open-enrollment charter schools.

CONSENT ITEM

13. Approval of Nominees to Recommend to the Governor for Service on the Board of Trustees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas

(Board agenda page I-101)
[Consent agenda item #(1)]

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Perez, seconded by Mr. Maynard, and carried unanimously that the State Board of Education approve the list of four nominees: Rolyne L. Kafka, Yolanda Cuellar, David Corpus, and Jamie De'Sean Grant, to be submitted to the governor for consideration of one appointment to the board of trustees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, for a six year term of office expiring on August 31, 2019. (Mrs. Bahorich was absent for the vote.)*

DISCUSSION ITEM

14. Discussion of Pending Litigation

(Board agenda page I-117)

The committee did not discuss pending litigation; therefore, no executive session was held.

Mrs. Cargill adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.