

**State Board of Education  
Summary of Action Items  
April 8, 2016**

**Student Performance**

A work-based learning group from the Spring Branch Independent School District showcased career and technical learning programs.

**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 honored the 2015 Blue Ribbon Schools award recipients.

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

**2. Approval of Consent Agenda**

*Any agenda item may be placed on the Consent Agenda by any State Board of Education committee.*

**(1) Approval for Update of Instructional Materials  
(Committee on Instruction)**

The board approved a request from Texas State University to update content in two of its adopted products: Math Explorations I for grade 6 and Math Explorations II for grades 6-8. The updated content has been reviewed by curriculum subject-area specialists and determined to address the pertinent student expectations in a manner equal to the content initially reviewed and approved by the state review panel.

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

**(2) Ratification of the Purchases and Sales of the Investment Portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the Months of December 2015, January and February 2016  
(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 December 2015, January and February 2016 in the amounts of \$1,178,405,824 and \$1,243,473,723, respectively.

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

**(3) Adoption of an Annual Report on the Status of the Bond Guarantee Program  
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board unanimously adopted the annual report on the status of the Bond Guarantee Program.

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

**(4) Decision on Real Estate Investments  
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board approved investing up to \$70 million with PAG Enhanced Credit Fund L.P., a U.S. dollar denominated fund, and a \$75 million investment with Kildare European Partners II, L.P., subject to continued due diligence and negotiation of fund terms.

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

**(5) Overview of the Private Equity Asset Class  
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board approved the Private Equity Investment Policy and Guidelines for the private equity program.

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

- (6) Authorization to Issue a Request for Proposals for Global Custody and Securities Lending Services for the Texas Permanent School Fund  
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board approved issuing a Request for Proposals for Global Custody and Securities Lending Services for the Texas Permanent School Fund.

**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 Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees  
(Committee on School Initiatives)**

The board approved the re-appointments of Anita J. Warren and Eustace S. Lewis to the board of trustees of the Fort Sam Houston ISD for two-year terms from April 8, 2016 through April 7, 2018.

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

- (8) Recommendation for Appointment to the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees  
(Committee on School Initiatives)**

The board approved the re-appointment of SMSgt Michael Garcia to the board of trustees of the Lackland ISD for a two-year term from April 8, 2016 through April 7, 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. Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter B, Graduation Requirements  
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

The board approved for second reading and final adoption proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter B, Graduation

Requirements, to update the rules and to align with recent legislative changes.

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

**4. Proposed Amendments to Proclamation 2017 of the State Board of Education Advertising for Bids on Instructional Materials**

The board approved amendments to Proclamation 2017 to incorporate approved revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 66, clarify requirements related to accessible instructional materials, and accurately reflect final action regarding career and technical education (CTE) courses. The subjects and courses included in Proclamation 2017 are CTE, languages other than English, Special Topics in Social Studies, Statistics, and Algebraic Reasoning. Materials adopted under this proclamation will be available for use in the schools beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

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

**5. Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency**

The board made a number of decisions dealing with the logistical arrangements necessary to implement a high school equivalency system that involves three vendors. Those decisions included extending the current contract with GED for no more than six months from the date of April 8, while a new data system is created to capture test enrollment and results provided by the three vendors.

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

**6. Study of Essential Knowledge and Skills and Assessment Instruments**

The board postponed action on this item until July.

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

**7. Acceptance of Grant to Fund Long-Range Planning Efforts**

The board voted to accept a matching grant of up to \$25,000 from the Meadows Foundation to help fund efforts to plan for or create a Long-Range Plan for Public Education. The Texas Education Agency is providing up to a \$25,000 match for this grant.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of Communications and State Board of Education Support at (512) 463-9000.

**8. Adoption of Memorandum of Understanding Related to the Long-Range Plan for Public Education**

The board approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that allows the board and the commissioner to work together to hire a facilitator to assist with the creation of a Long-Range Plan for Public Education. The agreement outlines the duties and responsibilities of the two parties.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of Communications and State Board of Education Support at (512) 463-9000.

**9. Approval of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a Facilitator to Assist with the Planning and Preparation of a Long-Range Plan for Public Education**

The board approved a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a facilitator who will help the board develop a process for creating a Long-Range Plan for Public Education. This RFQ is jointly funded by TEA and the Meadows Foundation.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of Communications and State Board of Education Support at (512) 463-9000.

## COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

10. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum, §74.5, Academic Achievement Record (Transcript) and High School Diploma (Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

The board approved for second reading and final adoption 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.

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

The board approved for second reading and final adoption 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 changes 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.

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

The board approved for second reading and final adoption proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Develop-

ment, Subchapter B, High School, §127.16, Extended Career Preparation (One Credit), Adopted 2016. The rule adds the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills 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 new course would be implemented in the 2017-2018 school year.

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

**13. Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 89, Adaptations for Special Populations, Subchapter C, Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency (First Reading and Filing Authorization)**

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 89, Adaptations for Special Populations, Subchapter C, Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency. The amendments update the rules related to the administration of high school equivalency examinations by multiple providers, including offering both paper-based and computer-based testing formats; accommodations for applicants with documented disabilities; court-ordered examinations; and fees and other provisions for the issuance of certificates.

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

**14. Proposed Approval of Innovative Courses**

The board approved two new innovative courses that do not fall within any of the subject areas of the foundation or enrichment curriculum. The board approved a one-credit course called “Navigating Life with Hearing Loss” for three years and a one-half credit course called “Making Connections” for one year.

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

## COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

- 15. Adoption of Review of 19 TAC Chapter 129, Student Attendance, Subchapter A, Student Attendance Allowed, and Subchapter B, Student Attendance Accounting  
(Adoption of Review)  
(Moved to Consent)**

The board adopted the review of 19 TAC Chapter 129, Student Attendance, Subchapter A, Student Attendance Allowed, and Subchapter B, Student Attendance Accounting. Subchapter A addresses free attendance in general, and Subchapter B addresses requirements for student attendance accounting for state funding purposes.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the State Funding Division at (512) 463-9238.

- 16. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 129, Student Attendance, Subchapter B, Student Attendance Accounting, §129.21, Requirements for Student Attendance Accounting for State Funding Purposes  
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)**

The board, after suspending its operating rules to consider this item for first reading, approved the amendment modifying the requirements for taking attendance for board-approved off-campus activities to allow paraprofessionals to take attendance.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the State Funding Division at (512) 463-9238.

- 17. Proposed Amendments 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  
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)  
(Moved to Consent)**

The board approved amendments 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, to better reflect the Permanent School Fund (PSF) asset allocation and to consolidate some provisions to avoid repetition.

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

## COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES

**18. Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments, Subchapter B, Prekindergarten-Grade 6 Assignments, Subchapter C, Grades 6-8 Assignments, Subchapter D, Electives, Disciplinary Courses, Local Credit Courses, and Innovative Courses, Grades 6-12 Assignments, and Subchapter E, Grades 9-12 Assignments**

The board voted to take no action on the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) rule actions that amend 19 TAC Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments, Subchapter B, Prekindergarten-Grade 6 Assignments, Subchapter C, Grades 6-8 Assignments, Subchapter D, Electives, Disciplinary Courses, Local Credit Courses, and Innovative Courses, Grades 6-12 Assignments, and Subchapter E, Grades 9-12 Assignments. The amendments clarify the appropriate credential for placement in a particular teaching assignment and implement applicable requirements from the 84th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2015.

The SBOE, under Texas law, may only reject 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.

**19. Review of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates**

The board voted to take no action on the SBEC rule actions that update the list of classroom certificates that either are eligible for issuance or that would continue to be recognized if they were issued prior to being phased out. The new 19 TAC §233.17 establishes a new Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps: Grades 6-12 certificate.

The SBOE, under Texas law, may only reject 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.

**20. Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 249, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases, Subchapter A, General Provisions, §249.5, Purpose; Policy Governing Disciplinary Proceedings; Subchapter B, Enforcement Actions and Guidelines, §249.15, Disciplinary Action by State Board for Educator Certification, and §249.17, Decision-Making Guidelines; and Subchapter D, Hearing Procedures, §249.35, Disposition Prior to Hearing; Default**

The board voted to take no action on the amendments to the SBEC rules that amend 19 TAC §§249.5, 249.15, 249.17, and 249.35 to create more specific penalty guidelines for Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff to follow in settling or prosecuting educator discipline cases. In addition, the amendments set out the process that the SBEC will use when the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) dismisses and remands a case in accordance with Texas Government Code, §2001.058(d-1), as amended by House Bill (HB) 2154, 84th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, after a respondent fails to appear for a contested case hearing.

The SBOE, under Texas law, may only reject 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.

**21. Adoption of Review of 19 TAC Chapter 100, Charters, Subchapter A, Open-Enrollment Charter Schools, and Subchapter B, Home-Rule School District Charters  
(Adoption of Review)**

The board approved adopting the review of 19 TAC Chapter 100, Charters, Subchapter A, Open-Enrollment Charter Schools, and Subchapter B, Home-Rule School District Charters. Subchapter A establishes charter application and selection procedures and criteria for charters granted under the Texas Education Code (TEC), Chapter 12, Subchapter D. Subchapter B sets forth provisions for adverse action on a home-rule school district charter.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of Charter School Administration at (512) 463-9575.