

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on Instruction
November 15, 2018**

The State Board of Education Committee on Instruction met at 8:10 a.m. on Thursday, November 15, 2018, in Room #1-100 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Sue Melton-Malone, chair; Geraldine Miller, vice chair; Donna Bahorich; Erika Beltran; Georgina C. Pérez

Non-Committee Members Present: Barbara Cargill, Keven Ellis

Public Testimony

The Committee on Instruction heard public testimony on agenda items #2 and #4. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of each item.

The Committee on Instruction considered items in the following order: Item number 1, 2, 3, 6, 4, and 5.

CONSENT ITEM

1. Ratification of Current Texas Lesson Study Resources

(Board agenda page II-1)

[Consent agenda item #(1)]

Blair Claussen, project manager for the Texas Lesson Study (TXLS) professional development program, explained that this item gave the committee and board an opportunity to consider ratifying the current teacher-designed lesson study resources available on the Texas Gateway.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Bahorich, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education ratify the first set of TXLS resources as presented in Attachment A.*

(Ms. Beltran was absent for the vote.)

ACTION ITEMS

2. Approval of Proposed Updates to the *Dyslexia Handbook, Procedures Concerning Dyslexia and Related Disorders, Revised 2014*

(Board agenda page II-5)

[Official agenda item #9]

NAME: Robin Cowsar

AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Mary Yarus

AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Libby Grafa
AFFILIATION: Texas Academic Language Therapy Association (ALTA)

NAME: Sally Cain
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Robbi Cooper
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Stephen Yearout
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Rachel Dreiling
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Heather Sheffield
AFFILIATION: Self

Monica Martinez, associate commissioner for standards and support services, explained that committee recommendations for updates to the handbook were posted on the TEA website to allow for public review and comment. She further explained that TEA staff finalized the recommendations based on feedback and following review by TEA legal counsel.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Bahorich, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve proposed updates to Dyslexia Handbook: Procedures Concerning Dyslexia and Related Disorders.*

Mrs. Melton-Malone announced that the 2018 version of the *Dyslexia Handbook: Procedures Concerning Dyslexia and Related Disorders* will be dedicated to Mrs. Geraldine “Tincy” Miller.

3. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.28, Students with Dyslexia and Related Disorders

(First Reading and Filing Authorization)

(Board agenda page II-11)

[Official agenda item #10]

Shelly Ramos, senior director, curriculum standards and student support, explained that the proposed amendment would allow the first five chapters of the *Dyslexia Handbook, Procedures Concerning Dyslexia and Related Disorders* to be added as a figure in the rule.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Ms. Beltran, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.28, Students with Dyslexia and Related Disorders.*

4. **Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 117, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Fine Arts, Subchapter C, High School, Adopted 2013, §117.327, International Baccalaureate (IB) Film Standard Level (SL) (Two Credits), and §117.328, International Baccalaureate (IB) Film Higher Level (HL) (Two Credits)**

(First Reading and Filing Authorization)

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[Official agenda item #11]

Public testimony was provided by the following individual:

NAME: Jeanette LaFevers

AFFILIATION: International Baccalaureate Organization

Ms. Ramos explained that the proposal would add two International Baccalaureate (IB) courses, IB Film Standard Level (SL), and IB Film Higher Level (HL), to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for fine arts.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Bahorich, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 117, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Fine Arts, Subchapter C, High School, Adopted 2013, §117.327, International Baccalaureate (IB) Film Standard Level (SL) (Two Credits), and §117.328, International Baccalaureate (IB) Film Higher Level (HL) (Two Credits).*

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

(Board agenda page II-27)

[Official agenda item #12]

Ms. Martinez explained that the committee and board had the opportunity to consider extending test vendor contracts for the Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency. Ms. Martinez stated that the current three-year contracts expire August 31, 2019, and allow for two one-year extensions. She further stated that the committee could choose to issue a new request for proposals instead of extending existing contracts.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Pérez, seconded by Mrs. Miller, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education instruct staff to proceed with the extension of existing contracts for the Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency.*

(Mrs. Bahorich was absent for the vote.)

6. Discussion of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) Review Process

(Board agenda page II-31)

[Official agenda item #13]

Ms. Martinez shared recommendations from staff for adjustments to the process for the review and revision of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) based on what they learned from implementation of the new process used to streamline the social studies TEKS.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Bahorich, seconded by Ms. Beltran, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve amendments to the TEKS review and revision process (Attachment B).*

The meeting of the Committee on Instruction adjourned at 11:42 a.m.