

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

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, November 15, 2018, in Room #1-111 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Barbara Cargill, chair; Marisa B. Perez-Diaz, vice chair; Ruben Cortez, Jr.; Keven Ellis; Marty Rowley

Public Testimony

The Committee on School Initiatives heard public testimony on agenda item #3. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

CONSENT ITEM

1. Recommendation for Appointment to the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees

(Board agenda page IV-1)
[Consent agenda item #(6)]

Jeff Cottrill, director, governance and investigations, explained that there is a vacancy on the board at Boys Ranch Independent School District due to the expiration of the term of office for board member Robert Marshall. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Boys Ranch ISD recommended that Robert Marshall continue his role as a board member.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Cortez, seconded by Ms. Perez-Diaz, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the reappointment of Robert Marshall to serve a term of office, from November 16, 2018, through November 16, 2020 on the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees.*

DISCUSSION ITEM

2. Charter School Open-Enrollment Application Update

(Board agenda page IV-107)

Heather Mauzé, director of charter school administration, presented information on procedures and processes pertaining to the commissioner's Generation Twenty-Four Open-Enrollment Charter School Application. The commissioner's Generation Twenty-Five Open-Enrollment Charter School Application timeline was also discussed. As a point of privilege, Ms. Mauzé expressed appreciation for the contributions to Texas education by Karen Johnson of TEA's legal services division, on the occasion of her upcoming retirement.

ACTION ITEMS

3. **Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs**

(Board agenda page IV-11)
[Official agenda item #15]

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Mark Wiggins
AFFILIATION: Association of Texas Professional Educators

NAME: Patty Quinzi
AFFILIATION: TX – American Federation of Teachers

Tam Jones, director, educator preparation, explained that the proposed amendments would, in response to SBOE rejection, remove the abbreviated pathway for health science and marketing that is required in the Trade and Industrial Workforce Training: Grades 6-12 Certificate.

The proposed amendments would also implement the statutory requirements of Senate Bills (SBs) 7 and 1839 and House Bills (HBs) 1963, 2039, and 3349, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2017; would require the curriculum for all certification classes to include instruction regarding appropriate relationships, boundaries, and communication between educators and students; would establish the training requirements for the new Early Childhood: Prekindergarten-Grade 3 Certificate and the abbreviated Trade and Industrial Workforce Training: Grades 6-12 Certificate; and would allow educational aides to receive their clinical teaching experience while performing their instructional duties under the supervision of a certified educator.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Perez-Diaz, seconded by Mr. Rowley, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, with an effective date of 20 days after filing the adoption notice with the Texas Register.*

4. **Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter C, Assessment of Educators; Subchapter D, Types and Classes of Certificates Issued; Subchapter E, Educational Aide Certificate; Subchapter G, Certificate Issuance Procedures; and Subchapter H, Texas Educator Certificates Based on Certification and College Credentials from Other States or Territories of the United States**

(Board agenda page IV-49)
[Official agenda item #16]

Marilyn Cook, director, educator certification, explained that the proposed amendments would exempt exams in the pilot phase from the five-time limit for exam attempts; would implement the statutory requirement of House Bill 3349 to specify that there is no test attempt/retake limit for the Trade and Industrial Workforce Training Certificate; would add the required exams for issuance of Principal as Instructional Leader certificate and endorsement; would allow organizations approved by the U.S. Department of State to apply for designation of sponsorship to administer an exchange visitor program for the teacher category; would clarify that the employing school district is responsible for determining English language proficiency for educational aides; would identify updated fees for certification purposes; and would outline the process for individuals certified outside the state to qualify for an

exemption from required Texas examinations if they meet requirements specified in Chapter 152 commissioner rules.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Rowley, seconded by Ms. Perez-Diaz, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter C, Assessment of Educators; Subchapter D, Types and Classes of Certificates Issued; Subchapter E, Educational Aide Certificate; Subchapter G, Certificate Issuance Procedures; and Subchapter H, Texas Educator Certificates Based on Certification and College Credentials from Other States or Territories of the United States, with an effective date of 20 days after filing the adoption notice with the Texas Register.*

5. Review of Proposed Repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 241, Principal Certificate, and New 19 TAC Chapter 241, Certification as Principal

(Board agenda page IV-83)

[Official agenda item #17]

Mr. Jones explained that the proposed repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 241, Principal Certificate, and adoption of new 19 TAC Chapter 241, Certification as Principal, would implement the new Principal as Instructional Leader certificate along with a new principal certification assessment; would provide for a new endorsement for Principal as Instructional Leader for individuals who hold a certificate to serve in the role of principal; would allow for the issuance of the Principal as Instructional Leader certificate by successful completion of the piloted exam; would provide that an educator preparation program's accountability rating shall not include a candidate's performance on the piloted Principal as Instructional Leader exam; and would reorganize the chapter, including the current principal standards, to allow for the title to reflect both the proposed new certificate as well as the current principal certificate.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Perez-Diaz and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 241, Principal Certificate, and New 19 TAC Chapter 241, Certification as Principal, with an effective date of 20 days after filing the adoption notice with the Texas Register.*

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 10:26 a.m.