

**Report of the State Board of Education  
Ad Hoc Committee on the  
Long-Range Plan for Public Education  
February 12, 2015**

The State Board of Education Ad Hoc Committee on the Long-Range Plan for Public Education met at 8:06 a.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2015, in 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: Marty Rowley, Chair; Donna Bahorich; Ruben Cortez, Jr.; Martha M. Dominguez; Pat Hardy; Tom Maynard; Geraldine “Tincy” Miller; Marisa B. Perez; Thomas Ratliff

**Public Testimony**

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

**ACTION ITEM**

**1. Long-Range Plan for Public Education**

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The Ad Hoc Committee on the Long-Range Plan for Public Education will continue to develop the process the State Board of Education (SBOE) will use as it creates a long-range plan for Texas public education. Statutory authority for this action is the Texas Education Code (TEC), §7.102(c).

Marty Rowley, chair, opened the meeting with a brief overview of the purposes of the committee and actions discussed at the January 27, 2015 meeting. He reminded committee members that it was the consensus of the committee that they hire an external facilitator and look at utilizing a meeting-forum approach similar to what member Ruben Cortez coordinated with the Region I Education Service Center.

Committee members reminded the chair that many of them have sent or were sending suggestions on individuals that could possibly be approached to act as a facilitator. Based on those suggestions, the committee agreed that a Request for Proposals for an external facilitator for the SBOE Long-Range Plan on Education was in order.

Mr. Rowley asked TEA staff member Debbie Ratcliffe, Communications and SBOE Support, if the Texas Education Agency had a template it followed when developing an RFP.

Committee members discussed what the overall cost for producing a long-range plan might entail. By consensus, the members agreed the cost would include the external facilitator’s fee, SBOE member travel, the cost to host regional public forums, printing and distribution of the final report. The members determined that an appropriation request in the amount of \$150,000 would likely cover the anticipated costs.

At the same time, the committee members agreed that they needed to ask the Commissioner of Education to request that the region service centers assist with the public forums and also to ask the legislature for an appropriation to cover the cost of the long-range plan.

Mr. Ratliff volunteered to speak with legislative members about the need for a legislative appropriation to continue the development and completion of the long-range plan by the SBOE.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Rowley and carried unanimously, to: prepare a Request for Qualifications to hire an outside facilitator and send the Commissioner of Education a letter, asking him to request a \$150,000 appropriation to cover the cost of producing a long-range plan for public education and urge him to ask the 20 regional Education Service Centers to assist the SBOE by hosting forums for educators, parents, community and business leaders.*

The Ad Hoc Committee set its next meeting for 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, subject to coordination with the board chair.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.