

**Report of the State Board of Education
Ad Hoc Committee on the
Long-Range Plan for Public Education
November 20, 2014**

The State Board of Education Ad Hoc Committee on the Long-Range Plan for Public Education met at 8:03 a.m. on Thursday, November 20, 2014, 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: 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 met in October and voted to recommend to the State Board of Education that a new long-range plan for public education be developed. Action may be taken at this meeting to develop additional details about the creation and development of the plan. Statutory authority for this action is the Texas Education Code (TEC), §7.102(c).

Marty Rowley, chair of the ad hoc committee, opened the meeting by explaining the handout that was distributed and provided a brief review of what was decided at the October 20, 2014 ad hoc committee meeting.

Mr. Rowley initiated the discussion on the possible purposes of the Long-Range Plan for Public Education and process by which the board would approach developing the long-range plan.

The proposed purposes or goals for the long-range plan are:

- Internally – to create and define the SBOE’s vision regarding its role in fulfilling the stated mission of Texas education;
- Externally – to bring together the stakeholders of Texas education in order to identify the core values that will guide Texas public education in the future; and
- Globally – to identify the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges of the Texas education system going forward.

Discussion ensued on the focus of the plan. Members discussed incorporating research findings, stakeholders' input and focusing on the scope of what the SBOE represents and its stated purposes.

Members unanimously agreed to move forward with the purposes as stated, and that committee members would start individually visiting with stakeholders to receive feedback on what those purposes should incorporate. The committee agreed that stakeholders should include school districts, education service centers, parents, businesses and professional associations.

The committee also agreed to set their next meeting for 10 a.m., Tuesday, January 27, 2015, with a site to be determined. The January meeting will focus on developing recommendations to bring forward to the SBOE on how the board will go about developing and implementing a long-range plan with the approved purposes.

The committee also unanimously agreed to invite stakeholders for comment and input on the purposes of the long-range plan during an ad hoc committee meeting at the SBOE's February 2015 meeting. The exact date and time of the ad hoc meeting is still to be determined.

The committee also unanimously consented to the following timetable:

- Ad Hoc Committee makes a presentation on its findings and recommendations to the SBOE at the April 2015 meeting;
- SBOE begins the process in the summer of 2015 presumably after the legislative session has ended;
- Target date for completion and implementation of the Plan would be January of 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.