

Minutes
State Board of Education
August 1, 2013

The State Board of Education met at 10:05 a.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2013, in the State Board of Education Room, #1-104, of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. The following members of the board were present:

Presiding: Barbara Cargill, Chair; Lawrence A. Allen, Jr.; David Bradley; Ruben Cortez, Jr.; Martha M. Dominguez; Pat Hardy; Mavis B. Knight, Secretary; Tom Maynard; Ken Mercer; Geraldine “Tincy” Miller; Marisa B. Perez; Thomas Ratliff, Vice-Chair; Marty Rowley

Absent: Donna Bahorich, Sue Melton-Melone

1. Work Session on High School Graduation Requirements

Monica Martinez, managing director, curriculum division, introduced resource documents prepared by agency staff related to House Bill (HB) 5, Section 16 related to the new foundation high school program. The board discussed English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, fine arts, and languages other than English (LOTE) related to the new foundation high school program required by HB 5. The board also discussed potential options for curriculum requirements under each of the five endorsements and potential requirements for new performance acknowledgments.

2. Resolutions and Presentations

Resolution Regarding Advanced Course Status for 2013-2014

Mrs. Knight read the resolution.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Knight, seconded by Dr. Dominguez, and carried, with Mrs. Knight voting No, to adopt the resolution regarding advanced course status for 2013-2014, as introduced.*

(ATTACHMENT)

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Mavis B. Knight, Secretary

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS students who are in 11th grade in the 2013-2014 school year have the option of fulfilling the requirements for either the minimum/recommended/distinguished high school graduation programs or the endorsement-based foundation graduation program authorized under House Bill 5, 83rd Texas Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education will adopt specific requirements for the endorsement-based foundation high school program graduation requirements during the 2013-2014 school year; and

WHEREAS students and counselors are unsure as to whether certain courses taken during the 2013-2014 school year will meet the requirements of the endorsement-based foundation high school graduation program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education will consider requirements that treat certain Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses as advanced courses, consistent with past practice for high school graduation. While the final decisions regarding graduation requirements can only be made by formal rulemaking, the Board's past practice has been to consider Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses as advanced courses. Whether a particular course is required or counted towards a particular endorsement-based foundation high school graduation program has not been determined and will be the subject of formal rulemaking through the 2013-2014 school year.

WITNESS our signatures this first day of August, two thousand and thirteen, in Austin, Texas.

Barbara Cargill, Chair

Mavis B. Knight, Secretary