

Minutes  
State Board of Education  
September 11, 2015

The State Board of Education met at 9:35 a.m. on Friday, September 11, 2015, 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 board were present, as follows:

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

**Student Performance**

The student performance was provided by Communications Arts High School and Stevens High School Ballet Folklorico, Northside ISD; and Brackenridge High School Mariachi Aguila, San Antonio ISD.

**Invocation**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Invited Guest National Teacher of the Year, Ms. Shanna Peeples**

Mr. Rowley introduced Shanna Peeples, 2015 National and Texas Teacher of the Year, from Amarillo ISD. Ms. Peeples spoke about her experiences as teacher of the year.

**Approval of Minutes**

State Board of Education, July 17, 2015

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *The State Board of Education unanimously approved the Minutes of the July 17, 2015, meeting of the State Board of Education, as corrected.*

**Public Testimony** - Individual testimony will be taken to address items other than those on the board agenda. The procedures for registering and taking public testimony at State Board of Education committee meetings and general board meetings are provided at [http://tea.texas.gov/About\\_TEA/Leadership/State Board of Education/SBOE Meetings/SBOE Operating Rules Amended 4-17-15/](http://tea.texas.gov/About_TEA/Leadership/State_Board_of_Education/SBOE_Meetings/SBOE_Operating_Rules_Amended_4-17-15/) or in the information section (yellow pages) of the agenda. The State Board of Education received two presentations of public testimony, as follows:

NAME:	Lori Hines
AFFILIATION:	Self
TOPIC:	Traditional Education

NAME: Randy Houchins  
AFFILIATION: Self  
TOPIC: Process Standards in Math TEKS 1998 versus 2012

The State Board of Education considered items in the following order: numbers 1 through 5, 10 through 15, and 6 through 9.

**1. Resolutions and Presentations**

**Heroes for Children, State Board of Education Districts 1-15**

*The State Board of Education, by unanimous vote, adopted a resolution recognizing Joe Ramirez, Kenneth Parks, Raul (T.J.) Tijerina, Kim Hadaway, Nancy Andrus, Julie Stevens, Marilyn Kingman, Bill and Jane Barnes, Valarie Said, Bonita Henderson, Julie Enlow, Jennifer Sanchez, Deborah Cannon, Jennifer Kampermann, and Orlando Lopez as Heroes for Children.*

(ATTACHMENT 1, page 15)

**2. Approval of Consent Agenda**

Any agenda item may be placed on the consent agenda by any State Board of Education committee. The State Board of Education may elect to take separate action on any item on the consent agenda.

Mrs. Miller reported that she was recusing herself from any discussion, and would not cast a vote, on consent agenda item number (4)—Decision on Real Estate Investments.

*By unanimous consent, the State Board of Education approved the following items on the consent agenda.*

**(1) Per Capita Apportionment Rate for the 2015-2016 School Year**

(Board agenda page III-1)

(COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND)

The State Board of Education adopted a per capita apportionment rate of \$176.437 for the 2015-2016 school year, as recommended by the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund.

(ATTACHMENT 2, page 17)

**(2) Ratification of the Purchases and Sales of the Investment Portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the Months of June and July 2015**

(Board agenda page III-37)

(COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND)

The State Board of Education ratified the purchases and sales for the months of June and July 2015 in the amount of \$1,279,404,264 and \$1,289,786,472, respectively, as recommended by the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund.

- (3) **Determination as to Whether Transfers May be Made from the Permanent School Fund to the Available School Fund**  
(Board agenda page III-39)  
(COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND)

The State Board of Education approved the recommendation of the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund that the State Board of Education determine that a distribution of \$1.056 billion for fiscal year 2016 is permitted under Texas Constitution, Article VII, Subsection 5(a)(2).

- (4) **Decision on Real Estate Investments**  
(Board agenda page III-43)  
(COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND)

The State Board of Education approved the recommendation of the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund to execute agreement(s) with GreenOak Asia GP II, LP, necessary to make an investment commitment of up to \$50 million in GreenOak Asia (USD) II, LP, a U.S. dollar-denominated fund, subject to continued due diligence and negotiation of fund terms, and also approved the relationship between GreenOak and Hodes Weill Securities, LLC after determining it meets the standards of 19 TAC Chapter 33, Section (9)(j)(5), which has been disclosed in writing, and authorization for contract execution by the Commissioner of Education.

The State Board of Education approved a one-time waiver of the PSF Real Estate Investment Policy Statement and authorized an amount of up to \$50 million, excluding reserves (whether for follow-up investments, expenses, or otherwise) for a potential real estate co-investment with an existing PSF investment manager, as recommended by the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund.

- (5) **Permanent School Fund Private Equity Program Structure**  
(Board agenda page III-45)  
(COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND)

The State Board of Education approved the recommendation of the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund to select the non-discretionary advisory model as presented by NEPC for phase III of the private equity program.

The State Board of Education approved the recommendation of the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund to contract with Neuberger Berman LLC for (i) a discretionary separate account to invest in private equity co-investments and secondaries; and, (ii) non-discretionary advisory services for primary private equity investments for phase III of the private equity program.

**(6) Recommendation for Appointments to the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees**  
(Board agenda page IV-1)  
(COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES)

The State Board of Education approved the appointment of Ms. Rebekah K. Sanchez, Mr. Willie E. White, Jr., and Ms. Andrea D. Nicholas to each serve a two-year term of office, from September 11, 2015 through September 10, 2017, on the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees, as recommended by the Committee on School Initiatives.

(ATTACHMENT 3, page 19)

**COMMITTEE OF THE FULL BOARD**

**3. Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 130, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career and Technical Education**  
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)  
(Board agenda page I-1)

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *The State Board of Education approved for second reading and final adoption proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 130, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career and Technical Education, for the new second-level practicum courses, Advanced Marketing course, and automotive technology courses, with an effective date of August 28, 2017, as recommended by the Committee of the Full Board.*

(ATTACHMENT 4, page 35)

**4. Approval of Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency Exam Request for Proposals**  
(Board agenda page I-65)

Ms. Perez reported that she was recusing herself from any discussion, and would not cast a vote, on this item.

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Mr. Ratliff that the State Board of Education approve the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency (TxCHSE) Examination Provider(s), as recommended by the Committee of the Full Board.*

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Mr. Cortez that the request for proposals include that the respondents submit their test questions as part of their proposal process.*

Mr. Cortez withdrew his motion without objection from the board.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Ratliff, seconded by Dr. Dominguez, and carried to amend the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency (TxCHSE) Examination Provider(s), as follows:*

10. Scoring, Results, and Reporting Scoring

- a) The commissioner of education will determine the process for conducting an equating study. The process may require the Proposer(s) to submit the examination and associated data to an independent organization for the equating study to ensure all proposed examinations are at the same level of rigor. Any costs associated with this study (including reporting of Lexile levels) shall be the responsibility of the Proposer(s). The State Board of Education [~~commissioner of education~~] will establish a passing score based on the results of the equating study. The State Board of Education [TEA] will not determine a score that constitutes readiness for post-secondary success.

**VOTE:** *A vote was taken on the motion that the State Board of Education approve the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency (TxCHSE) Examination Provider(s), as amended. The motion carried.*

Mrs. Bahorich stated that now that the Request for Proposals has been approved, there are certain requirements the board members need to understand.

Christine Hoang, agency contracts and procurement attorney, informed the State Board of Education members that now that the RFP for Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency has been approved, she wanted to advise the members that no communication involving the Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency or the type of service that is the subject of the RFP is permitted with any member until the time the eligible proposer or proposers is or are selected, and referenced it as the black-out period. She stated that if anyone contacts the SBOE to discuss these matters related to the RFP, the members are advised to state that they must comply with state procurement law by not discussing matters related to the RFP, and that any violation of state procurement law could result in a voided procurement.

**5. Proposed Amendments to Proclamation 2017 of the State Board of Education Advertising for Bids for Instructional Materials**

(Board agenda page I-69)

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *The State Board of Education approved proposed amendments to Proclamation 2017 of the State Board of Education Advertising for Bids for Instructional Materials and approved that staff be allowed to make further technical edits, as recommended by the Committee of the Full Board.*

**COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION**

6. **Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.24, Credit by Examination, and §74.26, Award of Credit**  
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)  
(Board agenda page 1I-1)

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *The State Board of Education, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the board, approved for second reading and final adoption proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.24, Credit by Examination, and §74.26, Award of Credit, with an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register, as recommended by the Committee on Instruction. (Mr. Cortez was absent for the vote.)*

(ATTACHMENT 5, page 143)

7. **Proposed Repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 117, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Fine Arts, Subchapter A, Elementary, Subchapter B, Middle School, and Subchapter C, High School**  
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)  
(Board agenda page 1I-13)

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *The State Board of Education, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the board, approved for second reading and final adoption proposed repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 117, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Fine Arts, Subchapter A, Elementary, Subchapter B, Middle School, and Subchapter C, High School, with an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register, as recommended by the Committee on Instruction. (Mr. Cortez was absent for the vote.)*

To reduce the volume of the minutes, the text of the repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 117, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Fine Arts, Subchapter A, Elementary, Subchapter B, Middle School, and Subchapter C, High School, is not included as an attachment to the minutes.

8. **Proposed Repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 111, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Mathematics, Subchapter C, High School, §§111.31-111.37, and Subchapter D, Other High School Mathematics Courses, §111.52, Independent Study in Mathematics (One-Half to One Credit)**  
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)  
(Board agenda page II-19)

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *The State Board of Education, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the board, approved for second reading and final adoption proposed repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 111, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Mathematics, Subchapter C, High School, §§111.31-111.37, and Subchapter D, Other High School Mathematics Courses, §111.52, Independent Study in Mathematics (One-Half to One Credit), with an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register, as recommended by the Committee on Instruction. (Mr. Cortez was absent for the vote.)*

To reduce the volume of the minutes, the text of the repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 111, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Mathematics, Subchapter C, High School, §§111.31-111.37, and Subchapter D, Other High School Mathematics Courses, §111.52, Independent Study in Mathematics (One-Half to One Credit), is not included as an attachment to the minutes.

9. **Proposed Repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 102, Educational Programs, Subchapter A, Grants, §102.1, State Engineering and Science Recruitment Fund (SENSR) Grant Program**  
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)  
(Board agenda page 11-25)

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *The State Board of Education, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the board, approved for second reading and final adoption, proposed repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 102, Educational Programs, Subchapter A, Grants, §102.1, State Engineering and Science Recruitment Fund (SENSR) Grant Program, with an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register, as recommended by the Committee on Instruction. (Ms. Beltran, Mr. Bradley, and Mr. Cortez were absent for the vote.)*

(ATTACHMENT 6, page 147)

#### **COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND**

10. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 33, Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies, and Guidelines of the Texas Permanent School Fund, Subchapter A, State Board of Education Rules, §33.65, Bond Guarantee Program for School Districts**  
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)  
(Board agenda page III-3)

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Ms. Hardy that the State Board of Education, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the board, approve for second reading and final adoption proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 33, Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies, and Guidelines of the Texas Permanent School Fund, Subchapter A, State Board of Education Rules, §33.65, Bond Guarantee Program for School Districts, with an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register, as recommended by the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund.*

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Ratliff, seconded by Mr. Bradley, and carried to amend §33.65-(b)(10), as follows:*

**§33.65. Bond Guarantee Program for School Districts.**

(b) *Definitions. The following definitions apply to the guarantee program for school district bonds.*

(10) *New money issue—An issuance of bonds for the purposes of constructing, renovating, acquiring, and equipping school buildings; the purchase of property; or the purchase of school buses. An issuance of bonds for the purpose of constructing teacher or student housing is [~~not~~] eligible for the guarantee for new money only if it is an integral part of the educational mission of the school district as determined by the commissioner. Eligibility for the guarantee for new money issues is limited to the issuance of bonds authorized under the TEC, §45.003. A new money issue does not include the issuance of bonds to purchase a facility from a public facility corporation created by the school district or to purchase any property that is currently under a lease-purchase contract under the Local Government Code, Chapter 271, Subchapter A. A new money issue does not include an issuance of bonds to refinance any type of maintenance tax-supported debt. Maintenance tax-supported debt includes, but is not limited to:*

(A) *time warrants or loans entered under the TEC, Chapter 45, Subchapter E; or*

(B) *any other type of loan or warrant that is not supported by bond taxes as defined by the TEC, §45.003.*

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Maynard and seconded by Mr. Ratliff, that the State Board of Education postpone until its next meeting proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 33, Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies, and Guidelines of the Texas Permanent School Fund, Subchapter A, State Board of Education Rules, §33.65, Bond Guarantee Program for School Districts, with an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register. The motion failed.*

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Mr. Ratliff and seconded by Mr. Maynard that the State Board of Education, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the board, approve for second reading and final adoption proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 33, Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies, and Guidelines of the Texas Permanent School Fund, Subchapter A, State Board of Education Rules, §33.65, Bond Guarantee Program for School Districts, with an effective date of 20 days after the TEA adopts a revised reserved fund and filing as adopted with the Texas Register.*

The State Board of Education recessed at 12:55 p.m., and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

Mr. Ratliff withdrew his motion, without board objection.



**MOTION:** *It was moved by Mr. Ratliff and seconded by Ms. Hardy that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 33, Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies, and Guidelines of the Texas Permanent School Fund, Subchapter A, State Board of Education Rules, §33.65, Bond Guarantee Program for School Districts~~[with an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register].~~*

Mr. Ratliff stated that he would like to withdraw his motion. Mr. Rowley stated that he objected to the withdrawal of Mr. Ratliff's motion, but then withdrew his objection. At this point, Mr. Ratliff withdrew his motion, without board objection.

Von Byer, general counsel, reported that the Commissioner of Education made a commitment to look at the rule and decide whether it needs to be revised or not.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Ms. Perez and seconded by Mr. Cortez that the State Board of Education, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of members of the board, close debate and adopt the previous question. The motion failed.*

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Mr. Ratliff that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 33, Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies, and Guidelines of the Texas Permanent School Fund, Subchapter A, State Board of Education Rules, §33.65, Bond Guarantee Program for School Districts~~[with an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register].~~*

Mrs. Bahorich stated that if acceptable to the board, the vote would be divided into the following two proposals:

That the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 33, Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies, and Guidelines of the Texas Permanent School Fund, Subchapter A, State Board of Education Rules, §33.65, Bond Guarantee Program for School Districts.

That the State Board of Education, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the board, approve for second reading and final adoption proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 33, Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies, and Guidelines of the Texas Permanent School Fund, Subchapter A, State Board of Education Rules, §33.65, Bond Guarantee Program for School Districts, with an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register.

There was no objection by the board to proceed with Mrs. Bahorich's recommendation.

**VOTE:** A roll call vote was taken on the motion that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 33, Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies, and Guidelines of the Texas Permanent School Fund, Subchapter A, State Board of Education Rules, §33.65, Bond Guarantee Program for School Districts. The motion carried, with 12 members voting Aye and 2 members voting No, as follows:

<u>Aye:</u>	Mr. Allen	Mr. Maynard
	Ms. Beltran	Mrs. Melton-Malone
	Mr. Bradley	Mr. Mercer
	Mrs. Cargill	Mrs. Miller
	Mr. Cortez	Ms. Perez
	Dr. Dominguez	Mr. Rowley
<u>No:</u>	Ms. Hardy	Mr. Ratliff

(Mrs. Bahorich did not vote.)

**VOTE:** A roll call vote was taken on the motion that the State Board of Education, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the board, approve for second reading and final adoption proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 33, Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies, and Guidelines of the Texas Permanent School Fund, Subchapter A, State Board of Education Rules, §33.65, Bond Guarantee Program for School Districts, with an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register. The motion failed, with 6 members voting Aye and 8 members voting No, as follows:

<u>Aye:</u>	Ms. Beltran	Mr. Cortez
	Mr. Bradley	Mr. Mercer
	Mrs. Cargill	Ms. Perez
<u>No:</u>	Mr. Allen	Mrs. Melton-Malone
	Dr. Dominguez	Mrs. Miller
	Ms. Hardy	Mr. Ratliff
	Mr. Maynard	Mr. Rowley

(Mrs. Bahorich did not vote.)

(ATTACHMENT 7, page 149)

**11. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 33, Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies, and Guidelines of the Texas Permanent School Fund, Subchapter A, State Board of Education Rules, §33.67, Bond Guarantee Program for Charter Schools**

(Second Reading and Final Adoption)

(Board agenda page III-19)

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Ms. Hardy that the State Board of Education, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the board, approve for second reading and final adoption proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 33, Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies, and Guidelines of the Texas Permanent School Fund, Subchapter A, State Board of Education Rules, §33.67, Bond Guarantee Program for Charters Schools, with an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register, as recommended by the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund.*

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mr. Ratliff, seconded by Mr. Bradley, and carried to amend the motion, as follows:*

**§33.67. Bond Guarantee Program for Charter Schools.**

(b) *Definitions. The following definitions apply to the guarantee program for open-enrollment charter school bonds.*

(17) *New money issue—An issuance of revenue bonds under the TEC, Chapter 53, for the purposes of:*

(A) *the acquisition, construction, repair, or renovation of an educational facility of an open-enrollment charter school and equipping real property of an open-enrollment charter school, provided that any bonds for student or teacher housing must meet the following criteria:*

*(i) the proposed housing is contemplated in the charter or charter application; and*

*(ii) the proposed housing is an essential and integral part of the educational program included in the charter contract [~~not including bonds to be used for the construction of student or teacher housing~~]; or*

(B) *the refinancing of one or more promissory notes executed by an open-enrollment charter school, each in an amount in excess of \$500,000, that evidence one or more loans from a national or regional bank, nonprofit corporation, or foundation that customarily makes loans to charter schools, the proceeds of which loans were used for a purpose described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph; or*

(C) *both.*

**VOTE:** *A vote was taken on the motion that the State Board of Education, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the board, approve for second reading and final adoption proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 33, Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies, and Guidelines of the Texas Permanent School Fund, Subchapter A, State Board of Education Rules, §33.67, Bond Guarantee Program for Charters Schools, as amended, with an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register. The motion carried.*

(ATTACHMENT 8, page 159)

## **COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES**

**12. Review of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments, Subchapter C, Grades 6-8 Assignments, and Subchapter E, Grades 9-12 Assignments**

(Board agenda page IV-57)

The State Board of Education took no action on the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments, Subchapter C, Grades 6-8 Assignments, and Subchapter E, Grades 9-12 Assignments, as recommended by the Committee on School Initiatives.

**13. Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 249, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases**

(Board agenda page IV-73)

The State Board of Education took no action on the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 249, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases, as recommended by the Committee on School Initiatives.

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

(Board agenda page IV-97)

No action was taken on this item.

**15. Acceptance of Gifts and Donations for the Long-Range Plan on Public Education**

(Board agenda page IV-99)

Mr. Rowley provided an update. No action was taken.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS POSTED FOR DISCUSSION ON COMMITTEE AGENDAS**

### **Committee on Instruction**

Mrs. Melton-Malone did not report on Committee on Instruction discussion items.

Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund

Ms. Hardy reported on the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund discussion item, Texas Education Agency Legislative Appropriations by Program for the 2016-2017 Biennium Compared to the 2014-2015 Biennium.

Committee on School Initiatives

Mr. Rowley did not report on Committee on School Initiatives discussion items.

**REPORTS OF OTHER STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND CONCERNS IN INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS**

Mrs. Bahorich gave board members an opportunity to provide information regarding agenda items or other relevant information about public education.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

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Ruben Cortez, Jr., Secretary

# RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS** the volunteers in the Texas public schools are recognized as an essential resource, benefitting the schools, the students, the staff and the communities they serve; and

**WHEREAS** the State Board of Education recognizes that public school volunteers often go more than just the extra mile, performing the simplest to the most complex tasks to make their schools and communities the best they can be; and

**WHEREAS** Joe Ramirez is described as going above and beyond with his energy and animated style in helping out the students, parents and staff at East Lake High School in the Socorro Independent School District; and

**WHEREAS** Kenneth Parks dedicates his time and efforts year round to assist the homeless students of the Brownsville ISD, providing them with donations of food, medical care, Christmas presents, and other types of assistance; and

**WHEREAS** Raul "T.J." Tijerina puts in hundreds of hours of volunteer time at Brewster School in the Edinburg CISD on everything from making copies to helping with arts and crafts projects, to judging science and history fairs; and

**WHEREAS** Kim Hadaway, a volunteer in the Galena Park ISD, is known as a valuable asset to Cimarron Elementary because she never says no to any task and is always the first to volunteer for any job; and

**WHEREAS** as a strong parent advocate for public education, Nancy Andrus, along with other parents in the Wimberley ISD, worked to get HB 743 passed in the 84<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, benefitting all the schoolchildren of Texas; and

**WHEREAS** Julie Stevens has served as the district volunteer coordinator in the Klein ISD for four years, as parent liaison for the Klein ISD Education Foundation and also serves as a classroom volunteer; and

**WHEREAS** after a 32-year career as a teacher, Marilyn Kingman returned to the classroom as a volunteer in the Barbers Hill ISD, devoting her time to tutoring high school students struggling in math; and

**WHEREAS** Bill and Jane Barnes, through their participation and support of the high school sports booster clubs at College Park High School in the Conroe ISD, assist all students with the necessary skills to attain their goals; and

**WHEREAS** for 24 years, Valarie Said has volunteered in almost every capacity at the campuses in the Texarkana ISD, becoming the district's "go to" person who always steps up to lead on any job that needs to be done; and

**WHEREAS** as the parent liaison at Richard E. Cavazos Elementary School in the Killeen ISD, Bonita Henderson has demonstrated leadership, selflessness, and dedication on behalf of the students, parents, teachers and community; and

**WHEREAS** Julie Enlow began Weatherford's Healthy Kids Summer Lunch Program in the Weatherford ISD which in the summer of 2015 provided more than 8,500 meals to eligible children; and

**WHEREAS** Jennifer Sanchez and her fellow volunteers in the Prosper ISD Parent-Teacher Organization, have raised \$50,000 by collecting more than 135,000 box tops in the Box Tops for Kids program in the last seven years; and

**WHEREAS** Deborah Cannon began volunteering in Texas public schools as a fifth grader in her mother's classroom and continues today at Harmony Science Academy in Grand Prairie where she helps out with every event and fundraiser; and

**WHEREAS** Jennifer Kampermann wanted to support the staff and community of the Midway ISD with factual and important information and so, along with others, established the Mothers of Midway Facebook page to offer positive posts about education; and

**WHEREAS** Orlando Lopez started out with a goal of resurrecting the PTO at Sunrise Elementary School in the Amarillo ISD and succeeded along with establishing the Boys to Men mentoring program; and

**WHEREAS** all these Texans' efforts have benefitted the children of our state and contributed to the success of the Texas public education system; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the State Board of Education recognizes these outstanding individuals as Heroes for Children; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That this resolution be presented to each of the recipients and that a copy be included in the permanent records of the State Board of Education.

**WITNESS** our signatures this eleventh day of September, two thousand fifteen, in Austin, Texas.

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Donna Bahorich, Chair

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Ruben Cortez, Jr., Secretary