

**State Board of Education
Summary of Action Items
September 16, 2016**

Student Performance

The Canyon High School FFA Agriculture Issues Team from the Canyon Independent School District discussed the pros and cons of genetically modified organisms.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of State Board of Education Support at (512) 463-9007.

1. Resolutions and Presentations

The board passed a resolution honoring 15 outstanding school volunteers as Heroes for Children. Each recipient received a plaque, a certificate from the board, a certificate from the governor and had their names engraved on a plaque that will hang permanently at the Texas Education Agency. Following are the names of the 2016 award recipients and the districts in which they serve: Yamile Gonzales of Socorro Independent School District; Cynthia Christenson of Port Aransas ISD; Keith Graham of Bexar County; Alfred Youens of Galena Park ISD; Edward Olson of the John H. Woods Charter School; Joe Yarbrough of Spring Branch ISD; Lori Bell of Nederland ISD; Damon Eagleton of Crosby ISD; Vicki Post of Texarkana ISD; Paul Mikula of La Grange ISD; Thomas Bainter of Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD; Jack Lowe of Dallas ISD; Deborah Ferguson of Fort Worth ISD; Robert Monroe of Coppell ISD; and Alan Keister of Amarillo ISD.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of Communications at (512) 463-9000.

The board approved a resolution celebrating the 20th anniversary of charter schools in Texas.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of State Board of Education Support at (512) 463-9007.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda

Any agenda item may be placed on the Consent Agenda by any State Board of Education committee.

**(1) Decision on the Percentage Distribution of the Permanent School Fund
(Committee of the Full Board)**

The board approved a 3.7 percentage distribution rate from the Permanent School Fund for fiscal years 2018-2019. This would generate about \$2.466 billion over the biennium and represents an increase of \$350 million over the previous two-year period. The board will take a final vote on the distribution at the November meeting.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the Permanent School Fund at (512) 463-9169.

**(2) Adoption of Work Plan for the Long-Range Plan for Public Education
(Committee of the Full Board)**

The board approved a work plan outlining the process to be followed in creating a Long-Range Plan for Public Education. The plan includes the creation of an 18-member advisory panel, composed of five members of the board, one representative each from the Texas Education Agency, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and Texas Workforce Commission, and 10 stakeholders appointed by the remaining 10 members of the state board. With no opposition, the board agreed that two of the board's five seats on the panel would be held by the board chair and the chair of the Committee of School Initiatives.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of State Board of Education Support at (512) 463-9007.

**(3) Per Capita Apportionment Rate for the 2016-2017 School Year
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board is responsible for setting a per capita apportionment rate for each school year based on an estimate of the amount available for expenditures from the Available School Fund. The board approved a rate of \$390.186 for the 2016-2017 school year.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the State Funding Division at (512) 463-9238.

**(4) Ratification of the Purchases and Sales of the Investment Portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the Months of June and July 2016
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board approved the purchases and sales of investments in the portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the months of June and July 2016 of \$1,069,387,454 and \$1,041,145,213, respectively.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the Permanent School Fund at (512) 463-9169.

**(5) Determination as to Whether Transfers May be Made from the Permanent School Fund to the Available School Fund
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board determined that a distribution of \$1.056 billion for fiscal year 2017 is permitted under Texas Constitution Article VII, Subsection (5)(a)(2).

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the Permanent School Fund at (512) 463-9169.

**(6) Proposed Amendments to the Investment Procedures Manual
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board approved amendments to the Investment Procedures Manual that reflect changes to the asset allocation adopted by the board in July 2016, a new section regarding manager review and redemption and additional clean-up language.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the Permanent School Fund at (512) 463-9169.

**(7) Authorization to Issue a Request for Proposals for Passive International Equities Management Services for the Permanent School Fund
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board voted to issue a request for proposals for passive investing of the international equities portfolio of the Permanent School Fund.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the Permanent School Fund at (512) 463-9169.

**(8) Decision on Real Estate Investments
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board agreed to execute an agreement with Metropolitan Real Estate Equity Management L.L.C. or affiliates to make an investment commitment of up to \$100 million in a non-discretionary separate managed account, subject to continued due diligence and negotiations of fund terms and authorization for contract execution by the commissioner of education.

The board also agreed to execute an agreement with Longpoint Realty Fund I GP, L.L.C. necessary to make an investment commitment of up to \$75 million in Longpoint Realty Fund I, L.P. subject to continued due diligence and negotiation of fund terms, and authorization for contract execution by the commissioner of education.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the Permanent School Fund at (512) 463-9169.

**(9) Overview of the Permanent School Fund Real Estate Policy
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board adopted changes to the Real Estate Policy Statement as amended and adopted changes to the Real Estate Procedures and Annual Tactical Plan.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the Permanent School Fund at (512) 463-9169.

COMMITTEE OF THE FULL BOARD

**3. Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 111, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Mathematics, Subchapter A, Elementary, Subchapter B, Middle School, and Subchapter C, High School
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)**

The board chair determined that the action recommended by the Committee of the Full Board was out of order and the board took no action on this item.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Curriculum and Student Support Division at (512) 463-9581.

4. Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency

The board decided to let the existing contract with the Texas Certificate for High School Equivalency vendor end as currently scheduled on Oct. 7, 2016 and to enter into new contracts with vendors on Oct. 8, 2016 or whenever each vendor is ready to provide services and the staff and board chair are confident that the vendor can execute the terms of the request for proposals. If all contingencies are cleared, as many as three vendors could provide this service in Texas.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the College and Career and Military Preparation Division at (512) 936-6060.

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

**5. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum, §74.3, Description of a Required Secondary Curriculum
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

The board gave final approval to a proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum, §74.3, Description of a Required Secondary Curriculum, which added the newly adopted Personal Financial Literacy course to the list of courses a district is required to offer at the high school level.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Curriculum and Student Support Division at (512) 463-9581.

6. Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 112, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science, Subchapter D, Other Science Courses (Second Reading and Final Adoption)

The board gave final approval to revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 112, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science, Subchapter D, Other Science Courses. The revisions update course titles for Advanced Placement (AP) courses, made each course a one-credit course, and added new AP Physics courses to align with courses recently revised by the College Board.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Curriculum and Student Support Division at (512) 463-9581.

7. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 89, Adaptations for Special Populations, Subchapter C, Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency, §89.42, Official Testing Centers (First Reading and Filing Authorization)

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 89, Adaptations for Special Populations, Subchapter C, Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency, §89.42, Official Testing Centers. The proposed amendment would expand the entities eligible to serve as official paper-based testing centers and define the requirements for paper-based testing centers.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the College and Career and Military Preparation Division at (512) 936-6060.

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

All committee action items were handled on the consent agenda.

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES

8. Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 227, Provisions for Educator Preparation Candidates, Subchapter A, Admission to Educator Preparation Programs

The board took no action on the State Board for Educator Certification rule item to amend 19 TAC Chapter 227, Provisions for Educator Preparation Candidates, Subchapter A, Admission to Educator Preparation Programs. The proposed amendments to 19 TAC §§227.1, 227.5, 227.10, 227.15, 227.17, 227.19, and 227.20 would include changes to provide clarification to questions that Texas

Education Agency (TEA) staff has received from educator preparation programs (EPPs) and applicants to EPPs. In addition, the proposed amendments would clarify minimum standards for all EPPs, allow for flexibility, and ensure consistency among EPPs in the state.

The SBOE, under Texas law, may only reject proposed SBEC rules or take no action.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Department of Educator Leadership and Quality at (512) 936-9831.