Report of the State Board of Education Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund Thursday, November 21, 2024

The State Board of Education Committee on Instruction met at 9:04 a.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2024, in Room, #1-104, of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Tom Maynard, chair; Marisa Perez-Diaz, vice chair; Kevin Ellis; Patricia Hardy; and Aaron Kinsey

Public Testimony

The Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund heard no public testimony on agenda item 2. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony included in the discussion of that item.

ACTION ITEM

1. Approval of Costs to Administer the 2024–2025 State-Developed Assessments to Private School Students

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Julie Cole, policy and publication director, student assessment division, explained that Texas Education Code, §39.033 permits private schools to voluntarily use state-developed assessments to evaluate their students. Ms. Cole further explained that the State Board of Education is required to approve the cost per assessment for private schools each year.

<u>MOTION AND VOTE</u>: It was moved by Ms. Perez-Diaz, seconded by Ms. Hardy, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the recommended perstudent costs for administering the state assessments to private school students in the 2024–2025 school year.

DISCUSSION ITEM

2. Determination Discussion of Review of 19 TAC Chapter 30, <u>Administration</u>, Subchapter B, <u>State Board of Education: Purchasing and Contracts</u>

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Jenna Mattingly, director, Contracts and Purchasing, presented this discussion item. Mrs. Mattingly explained the background and purpose of 19 TAC Chapter 30, <u>Administration</u>, Subchapter B, <u>State Board of Education: Purchasing and Contracts</u>, and the reason for the current rule review. She explained how the contracting process works under this rule and offered related information. Mr. Maynard, Mr. Kinsey, and Ms. Hardy asked questions about the item. Mr. Maynard made comments about the item.

The meeting of the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund adjourned at 9:27 a.m.