

Minutes
State Board of Education
February 13, 2015

The State Board of Education met at 9:02 a.m. on Friday, February 13, 2015, 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.; Donna Bahorich; Erika Beltran; David Bradley; 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 Oak Ridge High School Chamber Orchestra, Conroe Independent School District.

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

State Board of Education, November 21, 2014

MOTION AND VOTE: *The State Board of Education unanimously approved the Minutes of the November 21, 2014, meeting of the State Board of Education, as printed.*

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 1 30 13/](http://tea.texas.gov/About_TEA/Leadership/State_Board_of_Education/SBOE_Meetings/SBOE_Operating_Rules_Amended_1_30_13/) or in the information section (yellow pages) of the agenda.

The State Board of Education received two presentations of public testimony, as follows:

NAME:	Thomas R. Houchins
CITY:	Austin, Texas
AFFILIATION:	Self
TOPIC:	New Math TEKS

NAME: Christopher Remy
CITY: Austin, Texas
AFFILIATION: Self
TOPIC: New Elementary Math TEKS

1. Resolutions and Presentations

Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

Mr. Cortez read the resolution.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Cortez and carried unanimously to adopt the resolution recognizing the Texas finalists for the 2014 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.*

(ATTACHMENT 1, page 9)

Career and Technical Education Month

Zach Means, State FFA Vice President from Gail, Texas, read the resolution.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Maynard and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution proclaiming February 1-28, 2015, as Career and Technical Education Month in Texas.*

(ATTACHMENT 2, page 11)

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 numbers (4)--Overview of the Real Estate Asset Class and (5)--Decision on Real Estate Investments.

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

- (1) Approval of Student Heroes Awards Program**
(Board agenda page I-41)
(COMMITTEE OF THE FULL BOARD)

This item provides an opportunity for the board to take action on a new recognition program honoring public school students who voluntarily help other Texas public school students.

The State Board of Education approved the Student Heroes Awards program, as recommended by the Committee of the Full Board.

(ATTACHMENT 3, page 13)

- (2) **Recommendations Regarding Readoption of Instructional Materials**
(Board agenda page II-11)
(COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION)

The State Board of Education readopted instructional materials currently under contract in the subject areas and for the periods indicated in the attachment, as recommended by the Committee on Instruction.

(ATTACHMENT 4, page 17)

- (3) **Ratification of the Purchases and Sales of the Investment Portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the Months of October, November, and December 2014**
(Board agenda page III-9)
(COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND)

The State Board of Education ratified the purchases and sales for the months of October, November, and December 2014 in the amount of \$1,210,171,245, and \$1,245,039,259, respectively, as recommended by the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund.

- (4) **Overview of the Real Estate Asset Class**
(Board agenda page III-11)
(COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND)

The State Board of Education approved the proposed changes to the Real Estate Investment Policy Statement and the Annual Tactical Plan, as recommended by the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund.

- (5) **Decision on Real Estate Investments**
(Board agenda page III-13)
(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 PAG Special Situations Management II Ltd., necessary to make an investment commitment of up to \$50 million in PAG Asia Special Situations Fund II L.P., a U.S. dollar denominated fund, subject to continued due diligence and negotiation of fund terms, to approve the relationship between PAG Special Situations Management II Ltd. and Park Hill Group, LLC, after determining it meets the standards of 19 TAC Chapter 33, Section (j)(5), which has been disclosed in writing, and also, to approve a waiver of the PSF Real Estate Investment Policy Statement requirement for the investment manager (Pacific Alliance Investment Management Ltd.) to be a registered investment advisor with the Securities Exchange Commission.

- (6) **Authorization to Issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Rating Agencies for the Permanent School Fund**
(Board agenda page III-15)
(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 issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Rating Agency Services for the Texas Permanent School Fund and the Bond Guarantee Program.

- (7) **Authorization to Issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Investment Counsel Services for the Permanent School Fund**
(Board agenda page III-17)
(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 issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Investment Counsel Services for the Permanent School Fund.

- (8) **Recommendation for Appointment to the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees**
(Board agenda page IV-1)
(COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES)

The State Board of Education approved the appointment of Col. Steven Pflanz, MD, to serve a two-year term of office, from February 13, 2015, through February 12, 2017, on the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees, as recommended by the Committee on School Initiatives.

(ATTACHMENT 5, page 39)

COMMITTEE OF THE FULL BOARD

3. **Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 111, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Mathematics, Subchapter C, High School, §111.47, Statistics, Adopted 2015 (One Credit)**
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)
(Board agenda page I-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 new 19 TAC Chapter 111, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Mathematics, Subchapter C, High School, §111.47, Statistics, Adopted 2015 (One Credit), with an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register, as recommended by the Committee of the Full Board.*

(ATTACHMENT 6, page 49)

4. **Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 111, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Mathematics, Subchapter C, High School, §111.48, Algebraic Reasoning, Adopted 2015 (One Credit)**

(First Reading and Filing Authorization)

(Board agenda page I-11)

MOTION AND VOTE: *The State Board of Education approved for first reading and filing authorization proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 111, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Mathematics, Subchapter C, High School, §111.48, Algebraic Reasoning, Adopted 2015 (One Credit), as recommended by the Committee of the Full Board.*

5. **Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development, and 19 TAC Chapter 130, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career and Technical Education**

(First Reading and Filing Authorization)

(Board agenda page I-23)

MOTION AND VOTE: *The State Board of Education approved for first reading and filing authorization proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development, Subchapter A, Middle School, and Subchapter B, High School, and proposed revisions to Chapter 130, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career and Technical Education, Subchapter C, Arts, Audio/Video Technology, and Communications, Subchapter D, Business Management and Administration, Subchapter E, Education and Training, Subchapter F, Finance, Subchapter I, Hospitality and Tourism, Subchapter J, Human Services, Subchapter M, Manufacturing, and Subchapter N, Marketing, as recommended by the Committee of the Full Board.*

6. **Instructional Materials for Adoption under Proclamation 2015**

(Board agenda page I-31)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Ratliff and carried that the State Board of Education require WorldView Software to make corrections listed in the Report of the Commissioner of Education Concerning Required Corrections of Factual Errors, and require that the instructional materials meet applicable established manufacturing standards and specifications, as recommended by the Committee of the Full Board. (Mrs. Bahorich was absent for the vote.)*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Ratliff and carried that the State Board of Education place Economics: An Interactive Approach, and U.S. Government: An Interactive Approach instructional materials submitted for adoption on the adopted list, as recommended by the Committee of the Full Board.*

7. **Approval for New Bids for Products Adopted under Proclamation 2015**
(Board agenda page I-37)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Ratliff and carried that the State Board of Education include new or replacement bids that were submitted to TEA by 5 p.m. CST on Friday, January 23, 2015, in the educational materials (EMAT) system for districts to choose from in ordering Proclamation 2015 materials, as recommended by the Committee of the Full Board.*

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

8. **Approval for Substitution of Instructional Materials**
(Board agenda page II-1)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Melton-Malone and carried that the State Board of Education approve the request from Discovery Education, Inc., to substitute updated versions of Discovery Education Science Techbook – Grade K / 9781618285799, Discovery Education Science Techbook – Grade 1 / 9781618285805, and Discovery Education Science Techbook – Grade 2 / 9781618285812 products adopted in November 2013 under Proclamation 2014, as recommended by the Committee on Instruction. (Mr. Allen was absent for the vote.)*

9. **Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 112, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science, Subchapter D, Other Science Courses**
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)
(Board agenda page II-35)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Melton-Malone and carried unanimously to approve for first reading and filing authorization proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 112, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science, Subchapter D, Other Science Courses, as recommended by the Committee on Instruction.*

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

10. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing, Subchapter B, Texas Education Agency Audit Functions, §109.23, School District Independent Audits and Agreed-Upon Procedures**
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)
(Board agenda page III-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 amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing, Subchapter B, Texas Education Agency Audit Functions, §109.23, School District Independent Audits and Agreed-Upon Procedures, 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.*

(ATTACHMENT 7, page 53)

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES

- 11. Review of Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, §228.70, Complaints and Investigations Procedures**
(Board agenda page IV-25)

The State Board of Education took no action on proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Program, §228.70, Complaints and Investigations Procedures, as recommended by the Committee on School Initiatives.

- 12. Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs, §229.4, Determination of Accreditation Status, §229.5, Accreditation Sanctions and Procedures, and §229.6, Continuing Approval**
(Board agenda page IV-35)

The State Board of Education took no action on the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs, §229.4, Determination of Accreditation Status, §229.5, Accreditation Sanctions and Procedures, and §229.6, Continuing Approval, as recommended by the Committee on School Initiatives.

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE LONG-RANGE PLAN FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

- 13. Long-Range Plan for Public Education**
(Board agenda page SBOE-31)

The Ad Hoc Committee on the Long-Range Plan for Public Education will continue to develop the process the State Board of Education (SBOE) will use as it creates a long-range plan for Texas public education. Statutory authority for this action is the Texas Education Code (TEC) §7.102(c).

MOTION: *It was moved by Mr. Rowley and seconded by Mr. Cortez to prepare a Request for Qualifications to hire an outside facilitator, and send the Commissioner of Education a letter asking him to request a \$150,000 appropriation to cover the cost of producing a long-range plan for public education and urge him to ask the 20 regional education service centers to assist the State Board of Education by hosting forums for educators, parents, community and business leaders.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Bahorich, seconded by Mr. Ratliff, and carried to amend the motion by inserting at the beginning of the motion “Authorize the chair of the Ad Hoc Committee”.*

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

Authorize the chair of the Ad Hoc Committee to prepare a Request for Qualifications with staff to hire an outside facilitator, and that the chair of the State Board of Education send a letter requesting a \$150,000 appropriation and send the Commissioner of Education a letter asking him to request a \$150,000 appropriation to cover the cost of producing a long-range plan for public education and urge him to ask the 20 regional education service centers to assist the State Board of Education by hosting forums for educators, parents, community and business leaders.

VOTE: *A vote was taken on Mr. Rowley's motion, as amended. The motion carried.*

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ON COMMITTEE AGENDAS

Committee on Instruction

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

Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund

Ms. Hardy did not report on Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund discussion items.

Committee on School Initiatives

Mr. Rowley did not report on the 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. Cargill gave board members an opportunity to provide information regarding agenda items or other relevant information about public education.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Ruben Cortez, Jr., Secretary

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS the *Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching* program identifies outstanding science and mathematics teachers in each state and the four U.S. jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS through state selection committees, four mathematics finalists and four science finalists were nominated as Texas finalists; and

WHEREAS these teachers become candidates for the *Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching*; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education does hereby extend its congratulations to Anne Born from Lake Highlands Elementary School, Richardson Independent School District, Dallas, Texas; Jennifer Cundieff from Raye McCoy Elementary School, Georgetown Independent School District, Georgetown, Texas; Erika Hassay from Live Oak Elementary School, Round Rock Independent School District, Austin, Texas; and Suzanne Nguyen from Roosevelt Alexander Elementary School, Katy Independent School District, Katy, Texas, for being named State Finalists in the mathematics category for the 2014 Presidential Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education does hereby extend its congratulations to Celena Miller from Cesar Chavez Elementary School, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District, Pharr, Texas; Lisa Baum from Colony Meadows Elementary School, Fort Bend Independent School District, Sugar Land, Texas; Nancy Gardner from Edris Elliot Elementary School, Frisco Independent School District, McKinney, Texas; and Nicole Grygar from Woodway Elementary School, Midway Independent School District, Waco, Texas, for being named State Finalists in the science category for the 2014 Presidential Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to the aforementioned teachers for being identified as state and national finalists for the 2014 *Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching* program, and that a copy be included in the permanent records of the State Board of Education.

WITNESS our signatures this thirteenth day of February, two thousand and fifteen, in Austin, Texas.

Barbara Cargill, Chair

Ruben Cortez, Jr., Secretary

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS February 1-28, 2015, has been designated National Career and Technical Education Month; and

WHEREAS more than 1.1 million Texas secondary students are enrolled in one or more career and technical education (CTE) courses in 1,227 school districts and charter schools throughout the State; and

WHEREAS career and technical education offers students the opportunity to gain the academic, technical and employability skills necessary for true career readiness; and

WHEREAS students in career and technical education programs participate in authentic, meaningful experiences which improve the quality of their education by offering opportunities to apply academic knowledge and skills from across the curriculum; and

WHEREAS career and technical education is a vital and integral part of the Texas Foundation High School Program offering students pathways to earn recognized endorsements, performance acknowledgements and industry validated credentials; and

WHEREAS the state's nine career and technical student organizations, BPA, DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA, SkillsUSA, TAFE and TSA instill in their members the values, knowledge and skills to be patriotic citizens prepared to fully engage as leaders in the formidable and noble task of self-government in our constitutional republic; and

WHEREAS career and technical education provides students with career exploration opportunities earlier in their educational experience, which enables them to make informed and beneficial decisions about their academic coursework as well as pursuit of established programs of study and career pathways; and

WHEREAS leaders from business and industry nationwide report increasing challenges related to the skills gap and connecting qualified professionals with available careers in critical and growing CTE-related fields; and

WHEREAS career and technical education prepares students fulfilling careers by offering integrated programs of study that link secondary and postsecondary education and significantly contributes to college readiness; and

WHEREAS ensuring that employers have access to a qualified workforce is a crucial step in ensuring productivity among the business and industry communities as well as continued American economic growth and global competitiveness; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, which has been designated by the Texas Legislature as the State Board for Career and Technical Education, does hereby proclaim February 1-28, 2015, as **Career and Technical Education Month** in Texas, and does hereby urge all Texans to become familiar with the outstanding curriculum delivered by exceptional career and technical education teachers in communities across the state, and to support and participate in these programs to enhance their individual skills and productivity.

WITNESS our signatures this thirteenth day of February, two thousand and fifteen, in Austin, Texas.

Barbara Cargill, Chair

Ruben Cortez, Jr., Secretary