

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Summary of Action Items**

**June 23, 2017**

**1. Resolutions and Presentations**

The board approved a resolution honoring Sharon Pierce, who retired recently as the state advisor of the Texas Association of Family Career and Community Leaders of America.

The board approved a resolution recognizing the 2017 Student Heroes Award recipients. The 15 winners are Amanda Aguirre of the Laredo Independent School District (ISD); Jade Sosa of Valley View ISD; Harlie Montez of Edgewood ISD; ZaDarius Webber of Klein ISD; Hunter Beaton of Boerne ISD; Madeline Neff of Cypress-Fairbanks ISD; Sarah Schilberg of Beaumont ISD; Dylan Keene of Clear Creek ISD; Bao Catteau of Denison ISD; Corey Carroll of Milano ISD; Brock Crymes of Birdville ISD; Emilee Gant of Lovejoy ISD; Cooper Philpot of Arlington ISD; Cole George of Lorena ISD; and Christabel Salinas of Lubbock ISD.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the State Board of Education Support Division 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) Selection of Board Members to Serve on the Long-Range Plan Steering Committee (Committee of the Full Board)**

The board selected members Marty Rowley, Tom Maynard and Georgina Pérez, along with SBOE Chair Donna Bahorich and Barbara Cargill, the Committee on School Initiatives chair, to serve on the Long-Range Plan Steering Committee. A representative from the Texas Education Agency, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and the Texas Workforce Commission will also serve on the committee. The remaining 10 board members will nominate three Texans each to serve on the steering committee, and the five board members serving on the steering committee will select from those nominees to complete the steering committee. The committee will suggest topics to include in the plan.

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

- (2) **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 105, Foundation School Program, Subchapter A, Definitions, §105.1, Rules for the Definition of Tax Levy and Tax Collection**  
**(First Reading and Filing Authorization)**  
**(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization a proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 105, Foundation School Program, Subchapter A, Definitions, §105.1, Rules for the Definition of Tax Levy and Tax Collection. The proposed amendment would ensure that the definition of tax collections for purposes of the Texas Education Code (TEC), §42.004, and as used in issuing additional state aid for ad valorem tax credits under the TEC, §42.2515, complies with Texas Tax Code, Chapter 313.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Financial Compliance Division at (512) 463-2945.

- (3) **Ratification of the Purchases and Sales of the Investment Portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the Months of March and April 2017**  
**(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board ratified the purchases and sales of investments executed in the portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the months of March and April 2017 in the amounts of \$709,522,829 and \$706,821,627, respectively.

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

- (4) **Update on Permanent School Fund Related Legislation**  
**(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board took no action on this item.

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

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

The board agreed to execute agreements with:

- Trumbull Property Fund G.P., LLC, to effect a 100 percent redemption of interests in the UBS (US) Trumbull Property Fund LP, and delegated authorization for contract execution to the commissioner of education;
- Morgan Stanley Real Estate Advisor Inc., as manager, necessary to make an investment commitment of up to \$225 million in Prime Property Fund, LLC, subject to continued due diligence and negotiation of fund terms, and delegated authorization for contract execution to the commissioner of education;
- IRI Cove I, L.P., as general partner, necessary to make an investment commitment of up to \$75 million in Invesco Core Real Estate – U.S.A., L.P.,

subject to continued due diligence and negotiation of fund terms, and delegated authorization for contract execution to the commissioner of education;

- Prologis, L.P, as general partner, necessary to make an investment commitment of up to \$100 million in Prologis Targeted U.S. Logistics Holdings II, L.P., a U.S. dollar-denominated fund, subject to continued due diligence and negotiation of fund terms, and delegated authorization to contract to 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.

**(6) Review of the Permanent School Fund Real Estate Policy and Tactical Plan (Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board approved proposed changes to the Real Estate Investment Policy Statement and approved the Real Estate Tactical Plan. Members also approved a proposed change to the Private Equity Investment Policy and Guidelines.

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

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

The board approved amendments to the Investment Procedures Manual.

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

**(8) Selection of Qualified Respondents to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Fiduciary Counsel, Alternative Assets Portfolio/Contracting and Tax Counsel for the Permanent School Fund (Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The board approved a list of qualified respondents for the categories of fiduciary counsel, investment contracting, real estate, tax, and disclosure counsel. The board also approved a contract with Jackson Walker L.L.P for fiduciary counsel services and authorized the commissioner of education to execute this contract.

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

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

The board raised the per capita apportionment rate for the 2016-2017 school year from \$390.186 to \$390.300.

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

**COMMITTEE OF THE FULL BOARD**

**3. Approval of *Proclamation 2019 Questions and Answers***

The board approved a *Proclamation 2019* document that contains answers to 95 questions from publishers. *Proclamation 2019* calls for instructional materials in English language arts and reading, grades K-8; Spanish language arts and reading, grades K-6; English Learners Language Arts, grades 7 and 8; handwriting (English and Spanish), grades K-5; spelling (English and Spanish), grades 1-6; and Personal Financial Literacy.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Instructional Materials Division at (512) 463-9601.

**4. Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 110, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for English Language Arts and Reading, Subchapter C, High School, and 19 TAC Chapter 128, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Spanish Language Arts and Reading and English as a Second Language, Subchapter C, High School (Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

The board approved for second reading and final adoption revisions to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for high school English Language Arts and Reading and English for Speakers of Other Languages, as amended. The implementation date for the updated high school TEKS will be the 2020-2021 school year.

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

**5. Update on Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) Review**

The board approved substantial changes to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills Review process and the TEKS and instructional materials review and adoption schedule.

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

## COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

6. **Proposed Repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 114, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Languages Other Than English, Subchapter A, Elementary, §114.1 and §114.2, Subchapter B, Middle School, §114.11 and §114.12, and Subchapter C, High School, §§114.21-114.29  
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

The board gave final approval to the repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 114, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Languages Other than English, Subchapter A, Elementary, §114.1 and §114.2, Subchapter B, Middle School, §114.11 and §114.12, and Subchapter C, High School, §§114.21-114.29. This repeal will remove the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) adopted to be effective in 1998 for elementary, middle, and high school languages other than English (LOTE), and related implementation language. The repealed TEKS will be replaced with revised TEKS that will be implemented beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

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

7. **Proposed Approval of Innovative Courses**

The board approved for a period of five years the following innovative courses that do not fall within any of the subject areas of the foundation or enrichment curriculum: Making Connections III and IV.

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

8. **Consideration of Removal of Certain Products from the List of Adopted Instructional Materials**

The board took no action on this item.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Instructional Materials Division at (512) 463-9601.

## COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

All action items were covered under the consent agenda.

## **COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES**

### **9. Review of the Commissioner of Education's Generation 22 Charter Proposals**

The board reviewed but took no action on the commissioner's proposal to grant five new charters. Under state law, the board can only veto a recommendation of the commissioner but cannot approve additional applicants. Consequently, once legal contingencies are rectified, state charters will be granted to:

- Bridgeway Preparatory Academy (Dallas)
- Etoile Academy Charter School (Houston)
- Legacy School of Sports Sciences (Houston)
- Valor Public Schools (Austin)
- Yellowstone College Preparatory (Houston)

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Charter School Administration Division at (512) 463-9575.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **State Board of Education Meeting Schedule for 2018**

The following meeting dates have been established for the State Board of Education in 2018.

- January 29-February 2, 2018
- April 10-13, 2018
- June 12-15, 2018
- September 11-14, 2018
- November 13-16, 2018

The SBOE may also hold other meetings as may be called by the chair.

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