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(updated February 2023)

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SCHOOL INITIATIVES

Will Hickman-Chair
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Minutes
State Board of Education
Friday, September 1, 2023

The State Board of Education met at 9:07 a.m. on Friday, September 1, 2023, in the State Board of Education Room, #1-104, of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Keven Ellis, chair; Rebecca Bell-Metereau; Evelyn Brooks; Staci Childs; Aicha Davis; L.J. Francis; Patricia Hardy; Will Hickman; Aaron Kinsey; Pam Little; Tom Maynard; Melissa Ortega; Marisa B. Perez-Diaz; Julie Pickren; Audrey Young

Student Performance

A student performance was provided by Mariachi Los Leones of Castleberry High School in the Castleberry Independent School District.

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

State Board of Education, June 23, 2023

MOTION AND VOTE: *The State Board of Education unanimously approved the minutes of the June 23, 2023, meeting of the State Board of Education, as printed.*

Public Testimony

Public Testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Jeff Bradley
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: L. Denise Lunski
AFFILIATION: Self

1. Resolution

Heroes for Children Award

The State Board of Education, by unanimous consent, adopted a resolution honoring Delia Medina, Nelida Tapia, Lisa Fairall, Melanie Gracia, Tonnetia Simms, Shannan Reid, Milimo Reed, Candy Todash, Debbie Bozeman-Zook, Carlette Eller, Paula Harwell, James Bramlett, Sandra Maria Garcia, Doris Patrick, and Eddy Morelock as the 2023 Heroes for Children Award recipients.

(ATTACHMENT 1, page 9)

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.

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

(Ms. Childs and Mr. Kinsey were absent for the vote.)

(1) Determination Regarding Whether Transfers May be Made from the Permanent School Fund to the Available School Fund

(Board agenda page III-36)

The State Board of Education removed this item from the consent agenda.

(2) Recommendation for One Appointment to the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees

(Board agenda page IV-17)

The State Board of Education, based on Brigadier General Driggers's recommendation, approved the appointment of Colonel Aaron J. Braxton to serve a two-year term of office, from September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2025, on the Fort Sam Houston ISD Board of Trustees.

(3) Recommendation for Three Reappointments to the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees

(Board agenda page IV-22)

The State Board of Education, based on Brigadier General Driggers's recommendation, approved the reappointments of Mr. John Sheehan, Jr., Mr. John Jackson, and Ms. Jere Pace to serve two-year terms of office, from September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2025, on the Lackland ISD Board of Trustees.

(4) Recommendation for Two Reappointments to the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees

(Board agenda page IV-38)

The State Board of Education, based on Brigadier General Driggers's recommendation, approved the reappointments of Mr. Patrick Luna and Mr. Peter Duffy to serve two-year terms of office, from September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2025, on the Randolph Field ISD Board of Trustees.

(5) Recommendation for One Reappointment to the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees

(Board agenda page IV-46)

The State Board of Education, based on Mr. Richard Nedelkoff's recommendation, approved the reappointment of Mr. James Taylor to serve a two-year term of office, from September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2025, on the Boys Ranch ISD Board of Trustees.

COMMITTEE OF THE FULL BOARD

3. **Ratification of Amendments to Proclamation 2024 of the State Board of Education Advertising for Bids on Instructional Materials**
(Board agenda page I-2)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little and carried that the State Board of Education ratify the amendments to the schedule of adoption procedures in Proclamation 2024 of the State Board of Education Advertising for Bids for Instructional Materials, as recommended by the Committee of the Full Board.*

4. **Discussion of Required Vocabulary and Literary Works Recommendations**
(Board agenda page I-6)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little and carried that the State Board of Education request that the agency provide recommendations regarding the list of required vocabulary and at least one literary work to be taught in each grade level as required by HB 1605, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, as recommended by the Committee of the Full Board.*

5. **Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development and Career and Technical Education, Subchapter B, High School, and Subchapter F, Business, Marketing, and Finance (First Reading and Filing Authorization)**
(Board agenda page I-10)

MOTION: *It was moved by Mrs. Little that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development and Career and Technical Education, Subchapter B, High School, §127.19, Project-Based Research (One Credit), Adopted 2023; §127.20, Career Preparation I (Two Credits), Adopted 2023; §127.21, Career Preparation II (Two Credits), Adopted 2023; and §127.22, Extended Career Preparation (One Credit), Adopted 2023; and Subchapter F, Business, Marketing, and Finance, §127.275, Entrepreneurship I (One Credit), Adopted 2023; §127.276, Entrepreneurship II (One Credit), Adopted 2023; §127.277, Practicum in Entrepreneurship (One Credit), Adopted 2023; and §127.278, Extended Practicum in Entrepreneurship (One Credit), Adopted 2023, as amended and recommended by the Committee of the Full Board.*

MOTION: *It was moved by Mrs. Little and seconded by Mr. Maynard that the State Board of Education amend §127.20(b) to read:*

“General requirements. This course is recommended for students in Grades 11 and 12. Recommended prerequisite: at least one Level 2 or higher career and technical education course. Students shall be awarded two credits for successful completion of this course. **For this course to satisfy a Level IV requirement as part of a student’s program of study, the employment experience must be related to the student’s program of study.**”

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Hickman, seconded by Mrs. Little, and carried unanimously to call the question.*

VOTE: *A vote was taken on the motion that the State Board of Education amend §127.20(b) to read:*

“General requirements. This course is recommended for students in Grades 11 and 12. Recommended prerequisite: at least one Level 2 or higher career and technical education course. Students shall be awarded two credits for successful completion of this course. **For this course to satisfy a Level IV requirement as part of a student’s program of study, the employment experience must be related to the student’s program of study.**”

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: *It was moved by Mr. Francis and seconded by Mr. Maynard that the State Board of Education amend §127.20(d)(1) to add a new (G) to read:*

“describe the benefits of having a job and being self sufficient.”

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Hickman, seconded by Dr. Bell-Metereau, and carried to call the question on all pending motions.*

VOTE: *A vote was taking on the motion that the State Board of Education amend §127.20(d)(1) to add a new (G) to read:*

“describe the benefits of having a job and being self sufficient.”

The motion failed.

VOTE: *A vote was taken on the motion that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development and Career and Technical Education, Subchapter B, High School, §127.19, Project-Based Research (One Credit), Adopted 2023; §127.20, Career Preparation I (Two Credits), Adopted 2023; §127.21, Career Preparation II (Two Credits), Adopted 2023; and §127.22, Extended Career Preparation (One Credit), Adopted 2023; and Subchapter F, Business, Marketing, and Finance, §127.275, Entrepreneurship I (One Credit), Adopted 2023; §127.276, Entrepreneurship II (One Credit), Adopted 2023; §127.277, Practicum in Entrepreneurship (One Credit), Adopted 2023; and §127.278, Extended Practicum in Entrepreneurship (One Credit), Adopted 2023, as amended and recommended by the Committee of the Full Board, as amended. The motion carried.*

6. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 100, Charters, Subchapter A, Open-Enrollment Charter Schools, §100.1, Selection Process**
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)
(Board agenda page I-14)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little and carried that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption the proposed amendment to 19 TAC §100.1 Selection Process; and*

Make an affirmative finding that immediate adoption of the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 100, Charters, Subchapter A, Open-Enrollment Charter Schools, §100.1, Selection Process, is necessary and shall have an effective date of 20 days after filing with the Texas Register, as recommended by the Committee of the Full Board. The motion carried with 11 members voting Aye and 3 members voting No as follows:

<u>Aye:</u>	<i>Ms. Childs</i>	<i>Mr. Maynard</i>
	<i>Mr. Francis</i>	<i>Dr. Ortega</i>
	<i>Ms. Hardy</i>	<i>Ms. Perez-Diaz</i>
	<i>Mr. Hickman</i>	<i>Ms. Pickren</i>
	<i>Mr. Kinsey</i>	<i>Dr. Young</i>
	<i>Mrs. Little</i>	

<u>No:</u>	<i>Dr. Bell-Metereau</i>
	<i>Ms. Brooks</i>
	<i>Ms. Davis</i>

(ATTACHMENT 2, page 11)

7. **Update on Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) Review**
(Board agenda page I-19)

The State Board of Education took no action on this item.

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

8. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC, Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.27, Innovative Courses and Programs**
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)
(Board agenda page II-1)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Young and carried that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.27, Innovative Courses and Programs, as recommended by the Committee on Instruction.*

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES

9. **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-3)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Hickman and carried that the State Board of Education take 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.*

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

- (1) **Determination Regarding Whether Transfers May be Made from the Permanent School Fund to the Available School Fund**
(Board agenda page III-36)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Maynard and carried that the State Board of Education approve a distribution to the Available School Fund of approximately \$1.556 billion for fiscal year 2024, as recommended by the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund.*

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

Committee chairs may provide an update about discussion items considered during the current meeting by any standing committee or ad hoc committee.

Mr. Maynard reported that the current value of the PSF is about \$52.3 billion. He stated that an executive search is underway for a new CEO for the PSF corporation. Additionally, the corporation has been looking for new office space and was able to negotiate favorable terms for a ten-year lease for new office space.

Dr. Young reported that the committee on instruction participated in a discussion of House Bill (HB) 900 and heard public testimony on that item. She reported that the committee also received a brief training on the history and various iterations of the Dyslexia Handbook; federal involvement in Texas Special Education including correspondence from the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP); a history of dyslexia-related legislation; and an overview of HB 3928, the most recent bill that passed related to dyslexia.

Mr. Hickman reported that the committee on school initiatives received a charter process and application update; appointed individuals several special purpose school districts; and received an update on SBEC discussion and future action items. He noted that SBEC will meet again on September 29.

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

Members of the State Board of Education may present information regarding agenda items or other relevant information about public education.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Patricia Hardy

Pat Hardy, Secretary

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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS volunteers provide invaluable support to our Texas public schools through selfless giving of their time, talent, and financial resources; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education has honored outstanding school volunteers with the Heroes for Children award since 1994; and

WHEREAS Delia Medina has been a volunteer for the past 15 years in Socorro Independent School District (ISD) where she currently serves as a volunteer coordinator and vice president of the Robotics Booster Club. She helps her campus by supporting parent and military nights, making costumes and signage for the robotics team, and creating murals; and

WHEREAS Nelida Tapia has been a model parent volunteer at JD Salinas Middle School in La Joya ISD for the past 10 years where she leads parents on various district committees that impact students' success. She also advocated for parent English classes increasing parent volunteerism and engagement; and

WHEREAS Lisa Fairall has been advocating for students in Northeast ISD in San Antonio for the past 17 years where she started as a Parent Teacher Association (PTA) member and currently organizes three volunteer opportunities each month that include peanut butter drives, *Snack 4Kids* weekend packing events, and toy drives for underserved kids; and

WHEREAS Melanie Gracia has been volunteering for two years in Galena Park ISD. Serving as PTA president, she works countless hours during games to raise funds for sports equipment and other supplies; and she organizes events such as the fall festival to engage other parents in volunteering and raising funds to support various school initiatives; and

WHEREAS Tonnetia Simms has been volunteering for two years at Harmony School of Endeavor in Austin where she helps in several campus activities, such as hosting book fairs, helping with movie days, assisting in the library, and decorating bulletin boards. Most of all, the increase in parental involvement at the school is attributed to her great example; and

WHEREAS Shannan Reid has been a volunteer for nine years in Montgomery ISD and has led the annual "Get Back to Work Day" activity where community members help prepare the district's campuses for the school year. Projects from landscaping to organizing library books are all accomplished through her leadership. She also serves on the district's bond task force; and

WHEREAS Milimo Reed has been a volunteer for seven years in Lamar Consolidated ISD as a Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) president where she works to improve school and community relations and her efforts have been instrumental in raising funds for school initiatives and programs. She also serves as a mentor at Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation; and

WHEREAS Candy Todash has been a volunteer in Humble ISD for the past 12 years serving in various roles that extend beyond the classroom. She is the president of the Council of PTAs, a crossing-guard, an advocate for students who do not have a parent representative during ARD (Admission, Review, and Dismissal) meetings, and an avid mentor; and

WHEREAS Debbie Bozeman-Zook has been behind the success of Fran's Teaching Garden at Toll Elementary in Malakoff ISD. For three years, she led successful fundraising efforts that totaled about \$50,000. Her efforts have made it possible for students to enjoy the hands-on lessons of planting, caring for, and harvesting a garden; and

WHEREAS Carlette Eller has been a volunteer at Skipcha Elementary in Killeen ISD for six years where she has served in several PTO positions earning her multi-year volunteer of the year awards for her dedication. She was instrumental in helping raise funds for various projects and most notably, for an "All-Abilities Playground" that was built in the past year; and

WHEREAS Paula Harwell has served Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD for 16 years as a leader in campus PTAs, Council of PTAs, and as president of the PTO that provided nearly \$133,000 in scholarships. She also chaired the bond committee and led numerous district fundraisers. Her accomplishments have been very impactful; and

WHEREAS James Bramlett has been a volunteer at Pleasant Grove ISD for the past 16 years. As a member of the Education Foundation board, James helped raise \$900,000 to support classroom instruction and offer teacher grants. His remarkable service has left an indelible mark on the Texarkana community; and

WHEREAS Sandra Maria Garcia has dedicated 14 years of volunteer work in Fort Worth ISD where she has encouraged students to reach their goals and dreams. Her mission is to uplift families, especially of immigrant and impoverished populations through education by becoming their voice through advocacy, and by helping the youth envision a better future; and

WHEREAS Doris Patrick turned a dry garden into a vibrant vegetable-producer in Coppell ISD by leading fundraisers, and using grant funds and community donations to build a school garden with seven raised beds, two flowering plants, and a tool shed for students and teachers to enjoy; and

WHEREAS Eddy Morelock has been a volunteer for the past 15 years in Lubbock ISD where he serves in PTA leadership roles. He used funds from grants to install 43 Little Free Libraries throughout district campuses that provided easy access to reading materials for students and families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education recognizes these outstanding individuals as Heroes for Children and thanks them for their years of volunteer service in their local public schools and communities.

WITNESS our signatures this first day of September, two thousand and twenty-three in Austin, Texas.

Keven Ellis, Chair

Pat Hardy, Secretary

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ATTACHMENT
Text of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC

Chapter 100. Charters

Subchapter A. Open-Enrollment Charter Schools

§100.1. Selection Process.

- (a) In accordance with ~~the~~ Texas Education Code (TEC), §12.101, a State Board of Education (SBOE) member shall be designated by the SBOE chair to work in coordination with the commissioner of education on the review of TEC, Chapter 12, Subchapter D, open-enrollment charter school applicants.
- (b) Following the commissioner's notification to the SBOE of the charters the commissioner proposes to grant, a majority of the SBOE members present and voting may vote to veto the commissioner's proposed charter(s) or may vote to take no action. The SBOE's consideration of the proposed charters will occur no later than 90 days following the commissioner's notification.
- (c) The SBOE may not vote or deliberate on any charter application that has not been proposed by the commissioner. For purposes of this section, deliberation is defined in Texas Government Code, §551.001.
- (d) An applicant for an open-enrollment charter, or any person or entity acting on behalf of an applicant for an open-enrollment charter, shall not communicate with ~~the commissioner or the commissioner's designee,~~ a member of the SBOE ~~[or a member of an external application review panel]~~ concerning a charter school application beginning on the date the application is submitted and ending on the date the applicant passes through an external review with a qualifying score ~~[90 days after the commissioner's proposal]~~. The SBOE may veto a proposed application for violation of this subsection.