

Minutes

State Board of Education

September 13, 2019

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The State Board of Education met at 9:05 a.m. on Friday, September 13, 2019, 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: Donna Bahorich, chair; Lawrence A. Allen, Jr.; Barbara Cargill; Ruben Cortez, Jr.; Aicha Davis; Keven Ellis; Pat Hardy; Pam Little; Tom Maynard; Sue Melton-Malone; Ken Mercer; Georgina C. Pérez, secretary; Marisa B. Perez-Diaz; Matt Robinson; Marty Rowley, vice chair

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

State Board of Education, June 14, 2019

MOTION AND VOTE: *The State Board of Education unanimously approved the Minutes of the June 14, 2019 meeting of the State Board of Education, as printed.*

The State Board of Education considered items in the following order: Item number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 16, 14, 15, 17

1. Resolutions and Presentations

2019 Heroes for Children Awards

The State Board of Education, by unanimous consent, adopted a resolution honoring Maria Estevane, Anita Garcia, Julia Saenz, Juan Sorto, Sheryl Westwick, Julie Hinaman, Brenda George, Linda Sparks, Ashley Gibbs, Kathi Walrath, Roger Grizzard, Katie Walsh, Loretta Burns, Edith Natividad, and Roddy “Bud” Allred as the 2019 Heroes for Children award recipients.

(ATTACHMENT 1, page 11)

Commissioner’s Comments and Presentation

Commissioner of Education Mike Morath presented the State Board of Education (SBOE) with updates on the 2019 Reading Academies. He outlined upcoming rulemaking related to House Bill 3 that will be presented at future board meetings. Commissioner Morath also provided an update on the Accountability System and the most recent ratings, which included an overview of performance for 2018 and 2019.

Resolution Honoring Outgoing State Board of Education Chair

The State Board of Education, by unanimous consent, adopted a resolution honoring outgoing State Board of Education chair, Donna Bahorich.

(ATTACHMENT 2, page 13)

Public Testimony

The State Board of Education received no public testimony.

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.

(Mr. Cortez and Dr. Robinson were absent for the vote.)

- (1) Procedures for Selecting Nominees for Appointment to the School Land Board**
(Board agenda page I-28)
(Committee of the Full Board)

The State Board of Education adopted the procedures for selecting nominees for appointment to the School Land Board, as recommended by the Committee of the Full Board.

- (2) Planning for the Annual Meeting Between the State Board of Education and the School Land Board**
(Board agenda page I-29)
(Committee of the Full Board)

The State Board of Education proposed that the first annual meeting prescribed in Sec. 32.0161, Texas Natural Resources Code, be held in conjunction with the April 2020 State Board of Education meeting and all subsequent meetings be held in conjunction with the State Board of Education’s September meeting; delegated responsibility of conducting the annual meeting with the School Land Board to the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund and the SBOE Chair, with the understanding that any such meeting will be conducted so as to facilitate attendance by any member of the board and that the staff initiate any necessary rulemaking to effect this delegation of duty; and designated the chair of the State Board of Education and the chair of the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund as the board’s representative to collaborate with the Commissioner of the General Land Office or his designee to determine times, locations, agenda and any other matters

necessary to have a successful meeting and to report to the full board at next meeting, scheduled in November, as recommended by the Committee of the Full Board.

(3) Ratification of Texas Lesson Study Resources

(Board agenda page II-1)
(Committee on Instruction)

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

(4) Ratification of the Purchases and Sales of the Investment Portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the Months of May, June and July 2019

(Board agenda page III-7)
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)

The State Board of Education ratified the purchases and sales for the months of May, June, and July 2019, in the amount of \$1,687,046,391 and \$1,622,061,401 respectively, as recommended by the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund.

(5) Determination as to Whether Transfers May be Made from the Permanent School Fund to the Available School Fund

(Board agenda page III-9)
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)

The State Board of Education approved a distribution to the Available School Fund of approximately \$1.102 billion for fiscal year 2020, as recommended by the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund.

(6) Proposed Amendments to the Investment Procedures Manual

(Board agenda page III-10)
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)

The State Board of Education approved the amendments to the Investment Procedures Manual, as recommended by the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund.

(7) Review of the Permanent School Fund Liquid Account

(Board agenda page III-60)
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)

The State Board of Education directed the Texas Education Agency to invest and manage, over the near-term, the Permanent School Fund Liquid Account against a blended benchmark consisting of the three-month U.S. Treasury bill and the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate 1-3 Year Total Return Index as allocated at the end of the prior month, as recommended by the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund.

- (8) **Per Capita Apportionment Rate for the 2019-2020 School Year**
(Board agenda page III-63)
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)

The State Board of Education adopted the preliminary per capita rate of \$259.207 for the 2019-2020 school year, as recommended by the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund.

- (9) **Recommendation for Appointment to the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees**
(Board agenda page IV-2)
(Committee on School Initiatives)

The State Board of Education approved the appointment of Mr. James Taylor to serve a two-year term of office, from September 13, 2019 to September 13, 2021, on the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees, as recommended by the Committee on School Initiatives.

COMMITTEE OF THE FULL BOARD

3. **Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations Related to the Instructional Materials Quality Evaluation**
(Board agenda page I-3)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Rowley and carried that the State Board of Education adopt Recommendation 1 of the Texas Resource Review Ad Hoc Committee, as recommended by the Committee of the Full Board.*

(Mr. Allen and Mr. Cortez were absent for the vote.)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Rowley and carried unanimously that the State Board of Education adopt Recommendation 2 of the Texas Resource Review Ad Hoc Committee, as recommended by the Committee of the Full Board.*

(Mr. Allen and Mr. Cortez were absent for the vote.)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Rowley and carried unanimously that the State Board of Education adopt Recommendation 3 of the Texas Resource Review Ad Hoc Committee, as recommended by the Committee of the Full Board.*

(Mr. Allen and Mr. Cortez were absent for the vote.)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Rowley and carried unanimously that the State Board of Education adopt Recommendation 4 of the Texas Resource Review Ad Hoc Committee, as recommended by the Committee of the Full Board.*

(Mr. Allen and Mr. Cortez were absent for the vote.)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Rowley and carried that the State Board of Education amend its operating rules in Section 4.4 so that a State Board of Education member shall not nominate instructional materials for submittal to the Texas Resource Review without a majority vote of the Board endorsing said nomination, as recommended by the Committee of the Full Board.*

(Mr. Cortez was absent for the vote.)

4. **Approval of Proclamation 2021 Questions and Answers**
(Board agenda page I-5)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Rowley and carried that the State Board of Education approve Proclamation 2021 Questions and Answers.*

(Mr. Cortez was absent for the vote.)

5. **Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 66, State Adoption and Distribution of Instructional Materials, Subchapter B, State Adoption of Instructional Materials**
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)
(Board agenda page I-6)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Rowley that the State Board of Education suspend the board operating procedures in accordance with §5.2(a) to allow consideration at first reading and filing authorization; and approve for first reading and filing authorization proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 66, State Adoption and Distribution of Instructional Materials, Subchapter B, State Adoption of Instructional Materials, as amended and recommended by the Committee of the Full Board.*

(Mr. Cortez was absent for the vote.)

6. **Update on Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) Review**
(Board agenda page I-30)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Rowley and carried unanimously that the State Board of Education approve the TEKS and Instructional Materials Review and Adoption Schedule and Projected Adoption Cycle–September 2019, as recommended by the Committee of the Full Board.*

(Mr. Cortez was absent for the vote.)

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

7. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.28, Students with Dyslexia and Related Disorders**
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)
(Board agenda page II-2)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Melton-Malone and carried that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.28, Students with Dyslexia and Related Disorders, as amended, and*

Make an affirmative finding that immediate adoption of the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.28, Students with Dyslexia and Related Disorders, is necessary and shall have an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register, as recommended by the Committee on Instruction.

(Mr. Cortez and Dr. Ellis were absent for the vote)

8. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.30, Identification of Honors Courses**
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)
(Board agenda page II-7)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Melton-Malone and carried unanimously that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.30, Identification of Honors Courses; and*

Make an affirmative finding that immediate adoption of the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.30, Identification of Honor Courses, is necessary and shall have an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register, as recommended by the Committee on Instruction.

(Mr. Cortez was absent for the vote)

9. **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-11)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Melton-Malone and carried unanimously 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 amended and recommended by the Committee on Instruction.*

(Mr. Cortez was absent for the vote.)

10. **Approval of Update of Instructional Materials for ThinkCERCA**
(Board agenda page II-15)

The committee took no action; therefore, this item was removed from the agenda.

11. **Approval of Update of Instructional Materials for EDUSPARK, Inc.**
(Board agenda page II-16)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Melton-Malone and carried unanimously that the State Board of Education postpone the vote to approve the request from EDUSPARK, Inc. to update Lengua, Ritmo y Cultura Kindergarten; Lengua, Ritmo y Cultura 1; Lengua, Ritmo y Cultura 4; and Lengua, Ritmo y Cultura 5, adopted in November 2018 under Proclamation 2019, as recommended by the Committee on Instruction.*

(Mr. Cortez was absent for the vote.)

12. **Ratification of Texas Lesson Study Resources**

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Melton-Malone and carried that the State Board of Education ratify the third set of TXLS resources presented in Attachment A of the Committee on Instruction minutes with the exception of the resource titled, “The Adventures of Trixie and Knuffle Bunny,” as recommended by the Committee on Instruction.*

(Mr. Cortez was absent for the vote.)

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

13. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 129, Student Attendance, Subchapter B, Student Attendance Accounting, §129.21, Requirements for Student Attendance Accounting for State Funding Purposes**
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)
(Board agenda page III-1)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Maynard and carried unanimously that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 129, Student Attendance, Subchapter B, Student Attendance Accounting, §129.21, Requirements for Student Attendance Accounting for State Funding Purposes, as recommended by the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund.*

(Mr. Cortez was absent for the vote.)

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES

14. Proposed Amendment 19 TAC Chapter 157, Hearings and Appeals, Subchapter D, Independent Hearing Examiners, §157.41, Certification Criteria for Independent Hearing Examiners

(Second Reading and Final Adoption)
(Board agenda page IV-12)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Cargill and carried unanimously that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 157, Hearings and Appeals, Subchapter D, Independent Hearing Examiners, §157.41, Certification Criteria for Independent Hearing Examiners; and*

Make an affirmative finding that immediate adoption of the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 157, Hearings and Appeals, Subchapter D, Independent Hearing Examiners, §157.41, Certification Criteria for Independent Hearing Examiners, is necessary and shall have an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted by the Texas Register, as recommended by the Committee on School Initiatives.

(Mr. Cortez was absent for the vote.)

15. Review of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments, Subchapter C, Grades 6-8 Assignments, Subchapter D, Electives, Disciplinary Courses, Local Credit Courses, and Innovative Courses, Grades 6-12 Assignments, Subchapter E, Grades 9-12 Assignments, and Subchapter H, Assignments for Teachers Certified Before 1966

(Board agenda page IV-19)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Cargill and carried unanimously that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 231, Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments, as recommended by the Committee on School Initiatives.*

(Mr. Cortez was absent for the vote.)

16. Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter A, General Provisions, §230.1, Definitions, Subchapter C, Assessment of Educators, §230.21, Educator Assessment, Subchapter D, Types and Classes of Certificates Issued, §230.36, Intern Certificates, and §230.37, Probationary Certificates, and Subchapter G, Certificate Issuance Procedures, §230.101, Schedule of Fees for Certification Services

(Board agenda page IV-40)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Cargill and carried that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter A, General Provisions, §230.1, Definitions, Subchapter C, Assessment of Educators, §230.21, Educator Assessment, Subchapter D, Types and Classes of Certificates Issued, §230.36, Intern Certificates, and §230.37, Probationary Certificates, and Subchapter G, Certificate Issuance Procedures,*

§230.101, Schedule of Fees for Certification Services, as recommended by the Committee on School Initiatives.

(Mr. Cortez was absent for the vote.)

- 17. Review of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs**
(Board agenda page IV-88)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Cargill and carried unanimously that the State Board of Education take no action on the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, as recommended by the Committee on School Initiatives.*

(Mr. Cortez was absent for the vote.)

REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS POSTED FOR DISCUSSION ON COMMITTEE AGENDAS

Committee on Instruction

Mrs. Melton-Malone reported that the innovative course for African American studies and an associated public hearing will be placed on the agenda of the Committee of the Full Board for discussion at the November 2019 State Board of Education meeting.

Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund

Mr. Maynard reported that, on August 29, 2019, the school land board voted to move \$3.9 billion into the liquid fund to be managed by the State Board of Education. In June 2020, the committee will undertake an analysis of the asset classes, starting with the hedge funds.

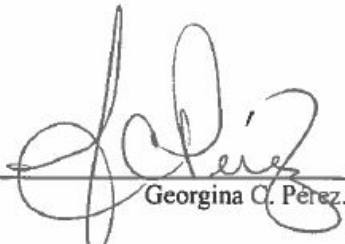
Committee on School Initiatives

Mrs. Cargill gave a brief update on charter school applicants and stated that interviews will be held at the end of July 2020.

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

Mrs. Bahorich gave board members an opportunity to provide information regarding agenda items or other relevant information about public education. Brief reports were made.

The meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.


Georgina C. Pérez, Secretary

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RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS the State Board of Education today celebrates the service of 15 volunteers and marks the 25th anniversary of the Heroes for Children program and the life-changing work of school volunteers; and

WHEREAS Maria Estevane last school year volunteered more than 2,250 hours of service to the Laredo Independent School District and helped create a legion of parent volunteers; and

WHEREAS Anita Garcia is said to add glitter and joy to every project she undertakes, including voluntarily teaching a theater class and serving on numerous committees in La Joya ISD; and

WHEREAS Julia Saenz serves as president of the La Joya ISD School Health Advisory Committee and serves on numerous other committees while also assisting with special events and activities; and

WHEREAS Juan Sorto mentors 115 students in Houston ISD and organized events to provide students with food, medicine, and educational supplies after Hurricane Harvey devastated neighborhoods, and

WHEREAS Sheryl Westwick continues her family tradition of long years of school volunteerism as she assists struggling students in the Austin and Eanes school districts; and

WHEREAS Julie Hinaman serves as a Bus Buddy and chairs the Cypress-Fairbanks ISD Community Leadership Committee that encourages advocacy in support of public education; and

WHEREAS Brenda George created the Stop. Talk. Overcome. Pain (STOP) organization to combat a rash of student suicide attempts in Brazosport ISD; and

WHEREAS Linda Sparks mentors students and helps with everything from reading groups to copying and laminating jobs in Conroe ISD where she has been recognized with the Friend of Education Award; and

WHEREAS Ashley Gibbs has volunteered more than 1,000 hours in Pleasant Grove ISD and co-chaired a political action committee that successfully passed a bond election with 70 percent of the vote; and

WHEREAS Kathi Walrath was a Parent Teacher Organization leader for a dozen years and served on the Salado ISD long-range facilities committee which laid the groundwork for a successful bond election; and

WHEREAS the late Roger Grizzard served Weatherford ISD as a teacher and a volunteer for decades as he provided civics education and job skills to the town's students; and

WHEREAS Katie Walsh has been a Parent Teacher Association leader, serving in numerous capacities, in Frisco ISD, and created a Walk-A-Thon and organized book fairs; and

WHEREAS Loretta Burns is a long-time advocate for at-risk students, having created programs such as a free summer reading programs and chairing a parent engagement committee that benefitted Fort Worth ISD; and

WHEREAS Edith Natividad has been volunteering in Copperas Cove ISD for more than 20 years helping boost children's literacy skills, raising funds for a scholarship program, and starting an after-school hula dance club;

WHEREAS Roddy "Bud" Allred took the skills he learned as a farmer and taught Ag Mechanics and FFA students in Vega ISD about mechanical, electrical, and hydraulic systems, causing them to produce award-winning work; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education recognizes these outstanding individuals as Heroes for Children and thanks them for their combined 179 years of volunteer activity in their local public schools.

WITNESS our signatures this thirteenth day of September, two thousand nineteen in Austin, Texas.

Donna Bahorich, Chair

Georgina Pérez, Secretary

RESOLUTION

CONSIDERANDO que los voluntarios brindan un apoyo invaluable a nuestras escuelas públicas de Texas mediante la donación de su tiempo, talento y recursos financieros; y

CONSIDERANDO que la Junta de Educación del Estado celebra hoy el servicio de 15 voluntarios y celebra el 25 aniversario del programa Heroes for Children y el trabajo que cambia la vida de los voluntarios escolares; y

CONSIDERANDO que María Estevane el año pasado ofreció más de 2,250 horas de servicio al Distrito Escolar Independiente de Laredo y ayudó a crear una legión de padres voluntarios; y

CONSIDERANDO que se dice que Anita García agrega brillo y alegría a cada proyecto que emprende, incluida la enseñanza voluntaria de una clase de teatro y el servir en numerosos comités en La Joya ISD; y

CONSIDERANDO que Julia Sáenz se desempeña como presidenta del Comité Asesor de Salud Escolar de La Joya ISD y sirve en numerosos otros comités, al tiempo que ayuda con eventos y actividades especiales; y

CONSIDERANDO que Juan Sorto es mentor de 115 estudiantes en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Houston y organizó eventos para proporcionar a los estudiantes alimentos, medicinas y suministros educativos después de que el huracán Harvey devastara los vecindarios

CONSIDERANDO que Sheryl Westwick continúa su tradición familiar de largos años de voluntariado escolar mientras ayuda a estudiantes con dificultades en los distritos escolares de Austin y Eanes; y

CONSIDERANDO que Julie Hinaman sirve como Bus Buddy y preside el Comité de Liderazgo Comunitario de Cypress-Fairbanks ISD que alienta la defensa en apoyo de la educación pública; y

POR CUANTO Brenda George creó el Stop. Hablar. Superar. Organización Pain (STOP) para combatir una ola de intentos de suicidio estudiantil en Brazosport ISD; y

CONSIDERANDO que Linda Sparks asesora a estudiantes y ayuda con todo, desde leer grupos hasta copiar y laminar trabajos en Conroe ISD, donde ha sido reconocida con el Premio Amigo de la Educación; y

CONSIDERANDO que Ashley Gibbs se ha ofrecido como voluntaria más de 1,000 horas en Pleasant Grove ISD y copresidió un comité de acción política que aprobó con éxito una elección de bonos con el 70 por ciento de los votos; y

CONSIDERANDO que Kathi Walrath fue líder de la Organización de Padres y Maestros durante una docena de años y sirvió en el comité de instalaciones de largo alcance de Salado ISD que sentó las bases para una elección de bonos exitosa; y

CONSIDERANDO que el difunto Roger Grizzard sirvió a Weatherford ISD como maestro y voluntario durante décadas mientras brindaba educación cívica y habilidades laborales a los estudiantes de la ciudad; y

CONSIDERANDO que Katie Walsh ha sido líder de la Asociación de Padres y Maestros, sirviendo en numerosas capacidades, en Frisco ISD, y creó un Walk-A-Thon y organizó ferias de libros; y

CONSIDERANDO que Loretta Burns es una defensora desde hace mucho tiempo de los estudiantes en riesgo, que ha creado programas tales como programas gratuitos de lectura de verano y preside un comité de participación de padres que benefició a Fort Worth ISD; y

CONSIDERANDO que Edith Natividad ha sido voluntaria en Copperas Cove ISD por más de 20 años ayudando a mejorar las habilidades de alfabetización de los niños, recaudando fondos para un programa de becas y comenzando un club de baile hula después de la escuela;

CONSIDERANDO que Roddy "Bud" Allred tomó las habilidades que aprendió como agricultor y enseñó a los estudiantes de Mecánica Agrícola y FFA en Vega ISD sobre sistemas mecánicos, eléctricos e hidráulicos, lo que les hizo producir trabajos premiados; ahora, por lo tanto, sea

RESUELTO, que la Junta de Educación del Estado reconoce a estas personas sobresalientes como Héroes para los Niños y les agradece por sus 179 años combinados de actividad voluntaria en sus escuelas públicas locales.

TESTIMONIO nuestras firmas el día trece de septiembre de dos mil diecinueve en Austin, Texas

Donna Bahorich, presidenta

Georgina Pérez, secretaria

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Donna Bahorich concludes four years of outstanding service as chair of the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS she built a reputation as an inclusive leader who reached across the aisle and across different stakeholder groups to solicit input, guidance, and wisdom from people in all walks of life; and

WHEREAS she was always striving to bring current and best practices to Texas such as the rotating TEKS Review Panel process that allows more educators, business people, and other citizens to be involved in standards revisions than ever before; and

WHEREAS Donna Bahorich created the Learning Roundtable, an annual free conference that attracted hundreds of attendees each year; and

WHEREAS she worked to increase the public’s accessibility to instructional material proposed for use in Texas public schools; and

WHEREAS Donna Bahorich has been a strong supporter of charter schools throughout her tenure on the board; and

WHEREAS she helped spearhead efforts to create a new Long-Range Plan for Public Education after gathering information from Texans across the state; and

WHEREAS Donna Bahorich coordinated a statewide effort to gather public input about the state’s student assessment and accountability systems; and

WHEREAS under her leadership, the board came together to create the first State of Texas approved ethnic studies course; and

WHEREAS Donna Bahorich forged strong ties with the Texas Education Agency, the Commissioner of Education; and the Texas Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED That the State Board of Education offers its deep gratitude for her tireless work as chair of this body.

WITNESS our signatures this thirteenth day of September, two thousand and nineteen in Austin, Texas.

Georgina C. Pérez, SBOE District 1

Keven Ellis, SBOE District 9

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