**Report of the State Board of Education**
**Committee on School Initiatives**
**March 11, 2010**

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 8:02 a.m. on Thursday, March 11, 2010, in Room #1-111 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. The following members of the committee were present:

Presiding: Bob Craig, chair; Mavis B. Knight, vice chair; Pat Hardy, Don McLeroy

Absent: Mary Helen Berlanga

**Public Testimony**

This item provides an opportunity for the public to present testimony at the time the related item comes up for committee discussion or action. The procedures for registering and taking public testimony at State Board of Education committee meetings and general board meetings are provided at **http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=3958** or in the information section (yellow pages) of the agenda.

The Committee on School Initiatives heard public testimony on agenda items 2 and 3. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of those items.

The committee recessed at 9:08 a.m. and reconvened at 1:27 p.m.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Review of Proposed Repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation, and Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs**
   (Board agenda page IV-1)
   [Official agenda item #22]

   Jerel Booker, Associate Commissioner of Educator and Student Policy Initiatives, reviewed the contents of the rule.

   **MOTION AND VOTE**: *By unanimous consent, the committee recommended that the State Board of Education take no action on the review of proposed repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation, and proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 229, Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs.*

**2. Consider for Action Any Changes to the Charters of Imagine International Academy of North Texas and Imagine International Academy Williamson County**
(Board agenda page IV-51)
[Official agenda item #23]

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

Name: Ann Carrell
Affiliation: Imagine International of North Texas

Name: Janet Bubert
Affiliation: Imagine International of North Texas

Name: Cobby Caputo
Affiliation: Imagine Schools International, Arlington, Virginia

**MOTION**: *It was moved by Dr. McLeroy to recommend approval of the charter for Imagine International of North Texas.*

The motion died for lack of a second.

**MOTION AND VOTE**: *It was moved by Mr. Craig, seconded by Ms. Hardy, and approved by unanimous consent to recommend approval of the charter for Imagine International of North Texas with the condition that the management contract is approved by the commissioner of education.*

**MOTION AND VOTE**: *It was moved by Ms. Hardy, seconded by Mrs. Knight, and approved by unanimous consent to recommend approval of the charter for International Academy of Central Texas, LLC, formerly Imagine International Academy of Williamson County, pending resolution of the contingencies identified by staff.*

**3. Review of Open-Enrollment Charter School Applications Removed from Consideration for Incompleteness**
(Board agenda page IV-53)

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

Name: Marsha Cardenas
Affiliation: El Paso Connections, Inc.

Name: Angela Gittens
Affiliation: Roots and Wings Montessori Preparatory Academy

Name: Hlarice Fairweather
Affiliation: Roots and Wings Montessori Preparatory Academy

Name: Michael Pender
Affiliation: Fallbrook Community Development Center

Name: Dwayne Barker
Affiliation: UMEP, Inc.

Name: Madarol Thomas
Affiliation: Full Gospel Holy Temple

Name: Geraldine H. Dews
Affiliation: Dr. B. J. Pruitt Educational Ministries, Inc.

Name: Sharon Evans
Affiliation: Shamar Residential Charter School

Name: Paul Gaffney
Affiliation: Off The Court, Inc.

**MOTION AND VOTE**: *It was moved by Ms. Hardy, seconded by Dr. McLeroy, and approved by unanimous consent to direct staff to send the applications for Expo Charter Academy, Fallbrook College Preparatory Academy, Gaffney Athletic Preparatory Academy, Roots and Wings Montessori Preparatory Academy, and Shamar Residential Charter School forward for external review and evaluation.*

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**4. Update on Residential Treatment Facility Charter Awarded to the Burke Center**
(Board agenda page IV-55)

Mary Perry, Director of the Division of Charter School Administration, informed the committee of correspondence received from the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Burke Center, suspending the charter application that was approved by the State Board of Education in January 2010. The suspension holds the charter pending until the adoption of the 2012-2013 state budget during the next legislative session.

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 2:39 p.m.