State Board of Education
Summary of Action Items
May 21, 2010

1. Resolutions and Presentations

The Trinity High School Harmony Show Choir from the Hurst-Euless-Bedford Independent School District entertained the board and the audience attending the May 21 meeting.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the office of the State Board of Education 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). Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 89, Adaptations for Special Populations, Subchapter D, Special Education Services and Settings
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)
(Committee on Instruction)

The board approved technical edits to the rules for special education instructional arrangements and settings, and clarified changes to state and federal regulations.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the office of IDEA Coordination at (512) 463-9414.

(2) Proposed Repeal of Career and Technical Education Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills in 19 TAC Chapters 119-125 and Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)
(Committee on Instruction)

The board approved the repeal of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for high school Career and Technical Education and career development courses that were effective in 1998, to incorporate new rules that are effective with the 2010-2011 school year.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the office of Standards and Programs at (512) 463-9087.

(3) Proposed Repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 112, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science, Subchapter A, Elementary, §§112.1-112.7, Subchapter B, Middle School, §§112.21-112.24, and Subchapter C, High School, §§112.41-112.49, and Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 112, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science, §§112.10, 112.17, and 112.31
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)
(Committee on Instruction)

The board approved the repeal of the TEKS for science courses that were effective in 1998, to incorporate new rules that are effective with the 2010-2011 school year.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the office of Standards and Programs at (512) 463-9087.

(4). Ratification of Purchases and Sales of the Investment Portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the Month of February 2010 (Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)

The board ratified the purchases and sales of securities executed in the portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the month of February 2010 in the amounts of $262,933,624 and $163,427,082, respectively.

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

ITEMS FOR ACTION BY THE FULL SBOE (COMMITTEE OF THE FULL BOARD)

3. Consideration of Petition for Adoption of Rule Change Concerning 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter F, Graduation Requirements, Beginning with School Year 2007-2008

The board voted to allow students who successfully complete a two or three-credit career and technical education work-based training course prior to the 2011-2012 school year to count the class towards physical education graduation requirements. Recent updates to the graduation requirements had eliminated these CTE classes as options for P.E. substitution credit beginning in the 2010-2011 school year, which caused difficulty for some upcoming seniors who planned to satisfy the P.E. requirement with a CTE substitution for their senior year.

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

4. Proclamation 2012 of the State Board of Education Advertising for Bids on Instructional Materials

The state's looming budget deficit, estimated to be $18 billion in the next biennium, caused the board to indefinitely postpone issuing textbook Proclamation 2012, which would call for the purchase of new kindergarten through 12th grade science instructional materials. The kindergarten through 12th grade science materials were estimated to cost $347 million, which would be in addition to the $888 million in funding that must be requested to cover already approved new English language arts materials, continuing contracts and freight. Instead, board members decided to purchase supplemental instructional materials that only cover new science curriculum standards for science classes offered in grades 5, 6, 7 and 8, as well as biology, chemistry, physics and Integrated Physics and Chemistry. The board agreed to allow publishers to submit bids on a per-student, per-teacher or statewide license basis.

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

5. Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 113, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Social Studies, Subchapter A, Elementary, Subchapter B, Middle School, and Subchapter C, High School, and 19 TAC Chapter 118, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Economics with Emphasis on the Free Enterprise System and Its Benefits, Subchapter A, High School
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)

After extensive debate and consideration of hundreds of amendments, the board approved revised social studies curriculum standards on a series of 9-5 votes for kindergarten through eighth grade and high school. Updated TEKS for economics were approved on a 14-0 vote. The final version of the standards will eventually be posted at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=3643 but, because of the extensive revisions, it is expected to be weeks before the final standards are updated and verified.

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

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

6. Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 112, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science, Subchapter D, Other Science Courses
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)

The board approved revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 112, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science, Subchapter D, Other Science Courses. The revisions add designated Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses to the list of courses that may satisfy high school science credit requirements and also include minor modifications to the Principles of Technology course that may satisfy the physics graduation requirement to align with end-of-course assessment requirements. The following courses can satisfy the fourth science credit required for the Recommended High School Program and the Distinguished Achievement Program: Advanced Animal Science, Advanced Biotechnology, Advanced Plant and Soil Science, Food Science, and Forensic Science.

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

7. Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 111, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Mathematics, Subchapter D, Other High School Mathematics Courses
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)

The board approved revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 111, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Mathematics, Subchapter D, Other High School Mathematics Courses. The revisions add designated Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses to the list of courses that may satisfy high school mathematics credit requirements. The approval allows Mathematical Applications in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources; Engineering Mathematics; and Statistics and Risk Management to count for the third mathematics credit under the Minimum High School Program. In addition, Mathematical Applications in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources may count as one of the four math credits under the Recommended High School Program if taken prior to Algebra II. Engineering Mathematics and Statistics and Risk Management were added as courses that may satisfy

the fourth mathematics credit requirement under the Recommended High School Program and the Distinguished Achievement Program

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

8. Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 89, Adaptations for Special Populations, Subchapter B, Adult Basic and Secondary Education (Second Reading and Final Adoption)

The board approved revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 89, Adaptations for Special Populations, Subchapter B, Adult Basic and Secondary Education. The proposed revisions reflect changes resulting from the General Appropriations Act, Senate Bill (SB) 1, Article III, Rider 46, 81st Texas Legislature, 2009. The revisions ensure that adult education providers are in compliance with new procedural and reporting requirements.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to State Initiatives at (512) 936-6060.

9. Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions (First Reading and Filing Authorization)

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions. The proposed revisions update various sections within the subchapter as a result of the statutorily required four-year review of rules.

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

10. Proposed Approval of Innovative Courses

The board approved a list of innovative courses for a three-year period that includes: PeaceKeepers: School Team Mediation; Peers Accepting Learning and Sharing I & II; StrengthBank® for High Schools: A Relationship Skills Initiative I-IV; and Script Your Life for Leadership. Innovative courses are courses that do not fall within any of the subject areas of the foundation or enrichment curriculum.

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

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

The board took no action on this item.

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

12. Approval for Substitution of Instructional Materials

The board approved a publisher's request to substitute a newer version of its currently adopted elementary mathematics textbook. The Math Learning Center was granted permission to substitute its currently adopted Mathematics, Grade 5, Elementary School product entitled Texas Bridges in

Mathematics, with a new version, Bridges in Mathematics, Grade 5.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Instructional Materials and Educational Technology Division at (512) 463-9400.

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

13. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 33, Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies, and Guidelines of the Texas Permanent School Fund, §33.65, Guarantee Program for School District Bonds
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)

The board approved amendments modifying the policies for administration of the Bond Guarantee Program to comply with requirements related to the recent decision of the Internal Revenue Service to reopen the program and to align with the policies of the intercept program to provide credit enhancement for school district bonds. The amendment also modifies the existing limitations on access to the guarantee and adds explanations of the actions that would follow a default by a school district. Under the amendments, the board increased the multiplier from 2.5 percent to 3 percent to allow for more bond capacity. This 0.5 percent increase will allow for an estimated two years worth of capacity in the program. Board members also approved retaining the $2,300 application fee.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the School Finance Division at (512) 463-8994.

14 Adoption of Review of 19 TAC Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing
(Moved to the Consent Agenda)

The board adopted the review of its rules in 19 TAC Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing, Subchapters A-D. The rules provide requirements for school districts relating to: budgeting, accounting, financial reporting, and auditing; Texas Education Agency (TEA) audit functions; adoption by reference of the Financial Accountability System Resource Guide; and the uniform bank bid and depository contract.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to School Financial Audits at (512) 463-9095.

15. Decision on Real Estate Investments

The board approved real estate investments of $100 million each with INVESCO Core Real Estate – USA, and UBS Trumbull Property Fund to invest in real estate subject to contract negotiation and due diligence.

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

16. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 33, Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies, and Guidelines of the Texas Permanent School Fund, §33.5, Code of Ethics
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)

Approval was given to amend 19 TAC Chapter 33, Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies, and Guidelines of the Texas Permanent School Fund, §33.5, Code of Ethics. The

amendments clarify and update the code of ethics policy.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of General Counsel at (512) 463-9720.

17. Review of Absolute Return Asset Class

The board voted to issue a request for proposal for an Absolute Return Discretionary Separately Managed Account Fund-of-Hedge Funds manager.

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

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES

18. Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 245, Certification of Educators from Other Countries
(Moved to the Consent Agenda)

The board took no action on a review of the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) rules that amend 19 TAC Chapter 245, Certification of Educators from Other Countries. This will update the rules to reflect current law and add specificity to the requirements relating to the issuance of a Texas educator certificate based on certification from another country.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of Educator Certification and Standards at (512) 936-8304.

19. Review of Proposed Repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 241, Principal Certificate, §241.35, Assessment Process Definition and Approval of Individual Assessments
(Moved to the Consent Agenda)

The board took no action on a repeal of the SBEC rules that deal with a principal assessment deleted as a result of House Bill (HB) 200, 81st Texas Legislature, 2009. The legislation repealed the statutory authority for the principal assessment. The actual principal evaluation remains in place.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of Educator Certification and Standards at (512) 936-8304.