Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on School Initiatives
September 23, 2010

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 5:03 p.m. on Thursday, September 23, 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

Non-Committee Members Present: Lawrence Allen, David Bradley, and Gail Lowe

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 3 and 6. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of those items.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Adoption of the Review of and Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter A, Board of Trustees Relationship**
   (Adoption of Review)
   (First Reading and Filing Authorization of Amendments)
   (Board agenda page IV-1)
   [Official agenda item #13]

   Laura Taylor, Associate Commissioner of Accreditation, reviewed the provisions and content of the rule.

   MOTION AND VOTE: *By unanimous consent, the committee recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the proposed amendments of 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter A, Board of Trustees Relationship, and approve for first reading and filing authorization the proposed amendments of 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter A, Board of Trustees Relationship, and the placement of this item on the consent agenda for the State Board of Education meeting of September 24, 2010.*

2. **Review of Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 227, Provisions for Educator Preparation Candidates, Subchapter B, Preliminary Evaluation of Certification Eligibility, and Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter N, Certificate Issuance Procedures, §230.436, Schedule of Fees for Certification Services**
(Board agenda page IV-11)
[Official agenda item #14]

Jerel Booker, Associate Commissioner of Educator Quality 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 new 19 TAC Chapter 227, Provisions for Educator Preparation Candidates, Subchapter B, Preliminary Evaluation of Certification Eligibility, and Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter N, Certificate Issuance Procedures, §230.436, Schedule of Fees for Certification Services, and the placement of this item on the consent agenda for the State Board of Education meeting of September 24, 2010.*

3. **Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter N, Certificate Issuance Procedures, §230.437, Issuance of Additional Certificates Based on Examination, and Subchapter P, Requirements for Standard Certificates and Specialized Assignments or Programs, §230.483, Specific Requirements for Standard Career and Technical Education Certificates Based on Experience and Preparation; and 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates, §233.14, Career and Technical Education (Certificates requiring experience and preparation in a skill area)**
(Board agenda page IV-23)
[Official agenda item #15]

Public testimony was provided by the following individual:

Name: Noel Buck
Affiliation: Marketing Educators of Texas

Jerel Booker, Associate Commissioner of Educator Quality 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 amendments of 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter N, Certificate Issuance Procedures, §230.437, Issuance of Additional Certificates Based on Examination, and Subchapter P, Requirements for Standard Certificates and Specialized Assignments or Programs, §230.483, Specific Requirements for Standard Career and Technical Education Certificates Based on Experience and Preparation; and 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates, §233.14, Career and Technical Education (Certificates requiring experience and preparation in a skill area, and the placement of this item on the consent agenda for the State Board of Education meeting of September 24, 2010.*

4. **Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates, §§233.1, General Authority; 233.2, Generalist; 233.3, English Language Arts and Reading; Social Studies; 233.4, Mathematics; Science; 233.12, Career and Technical Education (Certificates not requiring experience and preparation in a skill area); and 233.15, Languages Other Than English**
(Board agenda page IV-31)
[Official agenda item #16]

Jerel Booker, Associate Commissioner of Educator Quality 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 of the review of proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates, §§233.1, General Authority; 233.2, Generalist; 233.3, English Language Arts and Reading; Social Studies; 233.4, Mathematics; Science; 233.12, Career and Technical Education (Certificates not requiring experience and preparation in a skill area); and 233.15, Languages Other Than English, and the placement of this item on the consent agenda for the State Board of Education meeting of September 24, 2010.*

5. **Review of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 244, Certificate of Completion of Training for Appraisers**
(Board agenda page IV-41)
[Official agenda item #17]

Jerel Booker, Associate Commissioner of Educator Quality 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 revisions to* 19 *TAC Chapter 244, Certificate of Completion of Training for Appraiser, and the placement of this item on the consent agenda for the State Board of Education meeting of September 24, 2010.*

6. **Proposed Selection of Open-Enrollment Charter Schools**
(Board agenda page IV-49)
[Official agenda item #18]

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

Name: Bernadine Spears
Affiliation: Compass Academy Charter School

Name: Griffin G. Jones
Affiliation: Compass Academy Charter School

Name: Stacy Alton
Affiliation: Leadership Preparatory School

Name: Walter Hallam
Affiliation: Premier Academy of Learning

Name: Gary C. Causey
Affiliation: Premier Academy of Learning

Name: William A. Lawson
Affiliation: WALIPP-TSU

Name: Cheryl Lawson
Affiliation: WALIPP-TSU

Name: Tyrone Blocker
Affiliation: WALIPP-TSU

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Hardy and seconded by Ms. Knight to recommend awarding an open-enrollment charter to the sponsoring entity for Newman International Academy of Arlington provided contingencies are cleared. The motion carried by a 3-1 vote. Dr. McLeroy opposed.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Hardy and seconded by Dr. McLeroy to recommend awarding an open-enrollment charter to the sponsoring entity for Compass Academy Charter School provided contingencies are cleared. The motion carried by unanimous vote.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Hardy and seconded by Dr. McLeroy to recommend awarding an open-enrollment charter to the sponsoring entity for WALIPP-TSU provided contingencies are cleared. The motion carried by unanimous vote.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Hardy and seconded by Dr. McLeroy to recommend awarding an open-enrollment charter to the sponsoring entity for Premier Academy of Learning provided contingencies are cleared. The motion carried by unanimous vote.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. McLeroy and seconded by Ms. Knight to recommend awarding an open-enrollment charter to the sponsoring entity for Operation Celebration dba Leadership Prep School provided contingencies are cleared. The motion failed by a 1-2 vote. Mr. Craig and Ms. Knight opposed. Ms. Hardy abstained.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Knight and seconded by Ms. Hardy to recommend awarding an open-enrollment charter to the sponsoring entity for the High School for Business and Economic Success provided contingencies are cleared. The motion carried by unanimous vote.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Knight and seconded by Ms. Hardy to recommend awarding an open-enrollment charter to the sponsoring entity for Roots and Wings Montessori Preparatory Academy provided contingencies are cleared. The motion failed by a 1-3 vote. Mr. Craig, Ms. Hardy, and Dr. McLeroy opposed.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. McLeroy to recommend awarding an open-enrollment charter to the sponsoring entity for Arrow Academy. The motion failed for lack of a second.*

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 6:15 p.m.