STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Summary of Action Items
January 19, 2011

1. Swearing-in Ceremony for Members of the State Board of Education

Sen. Florence Shapiro administered the oath of office to the following newly elected or re-elected State Board of Education members: Carlos "Charlie" Garza, R-El Paso; Michael Soto, D-San Antonio; Lawrence Allen, D-Fresno; Ken Mercer, R-San Antonio; Thomas Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant; Marsha Farney, R-Georgetown; George Clayton, R-Richardson; and Bob Craig, R-Lubbock.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the office of the State Board of Education at (512) 463-9007.

2. Review and Adoption of State Board of Education Operating Rules

Pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Education Code (TEC), §7.107, the board amended and adopted the board's rules of procedures.

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3. Election of State Board of Education Officers

As required by Texas Education Code (TEC), §7.107, the board must elect a vice chair and secretary of the board to serve for terms of two years and until their successors are elected. Bob Craig, R-Lubbock, was elected vice chair and Mary Helen Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, was elected secretary.

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4. Announcement of Membership of Standing Committees

Pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Education Code, §7.107, at the board's first regular meeting after the election and qualification of new members, the board must organize. The officers of the board announced the following committee assignments:

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION:
BARBARA CARGILL
TERRI LEO
MARY HELEN BERLANGA
GEORGE CLAYTON
MARSHA FARNEY

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND:
PATRICIA HARDY
LAWRENCE A. ALLEN, JR.
DAVID BRADLEY
BOB CRAIG
THOMAS RATLIFF

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES:
KEN MERCER
CHARLIE GARZA
MAVIS B. KNIGHT
GAIL LOWE
MICHAEL SOTO

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Student Performance – The Focus Learning Academy Charter School Mime Troupe of Dallas performed for the board and audience.

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1. Resolutions and Presentations

The board passed a resolution honoring the 2011 Texas Secondary Teacher of the Year Beth Huckabee of the Flour Bluff Independent School District and the 2011 Texas Elementary Teacher of the Year Daniel Leija of Northside ISD.

The board passed a resolution honoring finalists for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Texas finalists for the 2010 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching are Elizabeth Sarah Hudgins from Eanes Elementary School in Eanes ISD; Lorene Marie Wallace from Bryker Woods Elementary School in Austin ISD; and Stephanie Weaver from Shadycrest Elementary School in Pearland ISD. Texas finalists for the 2010 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science Teaching are Nancy Douglas from Andrews Elementary School in Austin ISD; Martha McLeod from Fulton 4-5 Learning Center in Rockport's Aransas County ISD; and Kenton Page from Carnahan Elementary School in Northside ISD.

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2. Approval of Consent Agenda

Any agenda item may be placed on the Consent Agenda by any State Board of Education committee.

(1). Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 89, Adaptations for Special Populations, Subchapter A, Gifted/Talented Education, §89.4, Fiscal Responsibility
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)
(Committee on Instruction)

The board approved for first reading the repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 89, Adaptations for Special Populations, Subchapter A, Gifted/Talented Education, §89.4, Fiscal Responsibility. Districts receive a special allotment for gifted/talented education. The percent of that allotment that may be spent on indirect costs was changed by law and the new percent is referenced in Chapter 105 of the Texas Administrative Code. In order to avoid confusion, the board voted to repeal the reference to the old percent in Chapter 89.

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

(2). Ratification of the Purchases and Sales of the Investment Portfolio

of the Permanent School Fund for the Months of October and November 2010
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)

The board voted to approve the purchases and sales for the months of October and November 2010 in the amount of $879,252,026 and $809,892,535, respectively.

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

(3). Recommendation for Appointment to the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees
(Committee on School Initiatives)

The SBOE approved the reappointment of SMSgt R. Monique Slater to a two-year term on the Lackland ISD Board of Trustees. Slater will serve from Jan. 21, 2011 through Jan. 20, 2013.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of Governance and General Inquiries at (512) 463-9290.

(4). Recommendation for Appointments to the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees
(Committee on School Initiatives)

The board approved the reappointment of Mark Strother to the board of trustees of the Boys Ranch Independent School District for a three-year term from Jan. 21, 2011 through Jan. 20, 2014.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of Governance and General Inquiries at (512) 463-9290.

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

3. Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 126, <u>Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Technology Applications</u>
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 126, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Technology Applications, Subchapter A, Elementary, Subchapter B, Middle School, Subchapter C, High School, and proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 126, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Technology Applications, Subchapter D, Other Technology Applications Courses. The rules recommend an implementation date of the 2012-2013 school year for the revised technology applications Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).

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

4. Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 111, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Mathematics, Subchapter C, High School, §111.37, Advanced Quantitative Reasoning (One Credit)
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)

The board gave final approval to a new mathematics course called Advanced Quantitative Reasoning that can be used to satisfy the fourth mathematics credit graduation requirement. The course would be available for use in Texas classrooms in the 2011-2012 school year.

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

5. Report on Revised Pricing Submitted by Publishers of Instructional Materials Adopted under Proclamation 2011

The board approved revised pricing submitted by publishers for new instructional material called for in Proclamation 2011. Proclamation 2011 includes Prekindergarten Systems; English Language Arts, Grades 2-8; Spanish Language Arts, Grades 2-5; English as a Second Language, Grades K-8; Handwriting, Grades 1-3; Spelling, Grades 1-6; and English, I-IV. The lower bids could save the state $30 million, bringing the total price tag to about $460 million. The board also voted to allow the commissioner of education to negotiate the price on products that contain both an online and printed version, which could reduce the price further. If the Legislature appropriates funds for the purchase, the new material would be available for use in the classroom in the fall of 2011.

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

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

(1.) Election of Chair (Committee Action Only)

Barbara Cargill, R-The Woodlands, was unanimously approved as chair of the Committee on Instruction. Terri Leo, R-Spring, was appointed vice chair.

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

The board voted to amend the Process for Review and Revision of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, approving changes to step 4 in the process, defining who may serve as an expert reviewer. Step 4 now reads: "SBOE may designate up to seven expert reviewers. To be designated, the expert must be qualified to be on the panel. To be qualified, the expert must have a minimum of 1) a bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college, 2) must have demonstrated his/her expertise in the subject area he or she is being appointed, and 3) have taught or worked in such field. If qualified and such expert is nominated by two or more board members, the expert shall be placed on the expert review panel. A board member may not appoint more than one expert."
The previously approved TEKS review and revision process can be found at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=6148&menu_id=720&menu_id2=785

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

7. Proposed Approval of Innovative Courses

The board approved for a period of three years the renewal of seven innovative courses: Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) I-IV; Peer Assistance and Leadership (PAL®) I and II; Peer Assistance for Students with Disabilities I and II; Reconnecting Youth: A Peer Group Approach to Building Life Skills; Service Learning; Student Leadership; and Teen Leadership. The board also approved one new innovative course, Aviation Honors Ground School for a three-year period. Innovative courses are ones 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.

8. Recommendations Regarding Readoption of Instructional Materials (Moved to Consent Agenda)

The board approved the readoption of instructional materials with contracts that are set to expire on Aug. 31, 2011. This action ensures that these materials remain available for distribution to school districts until new replacements become available.

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

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

(1.) Election of Chair (Committee Action Only)

Pat Hardy, R-Fort Worth, was unanimously selected to serve as chair of the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund. No vice chair was appointed.

9. Decision on Real Estate Investments

The board voted to execute agreements with Cornerstone Real Estate Advisers LLC necessary to make an investment commitment of up to $50 million in Cornerstone Real Estate Fund VIII, L.P. and with L&B Realty Advisors LLP necessary to make an investment commitment of up to $75 million in L&B Core Income Partners, L.P., subject to continued due diligence and negotiation of fund terms.

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

10. Decision on Absolute Return Investments

The board voted to place K2 Advisors on the Watch List as per Section F(6) in the Investment Procedures Manual; to execute a contract with GAM; to terminate Goldman Sachs once a new contract with GAM is in place; rebalance the absolute return strategy weighting up to 10 percent of the Permanent School Fund; and to equalize allocations to Mesirow and GAM with each managing at least $300 million.

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

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES

(1.) Election of Chair (Committee Action Only)

Ken Mercer, R-San Antonio, was unanimously selected to serve as chair of the Committee on School Initiatives. Mercer appointed Charlie Garza, R-El Paso to serve as vice chair.