Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on School Initiatives
November 18, 2010

The State Board of Education Committee on School Initiatives met at 4:20 p.m. on Thursday, November 18, 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:

Present: Bob Craig, chair; Pat Hardy, Don McLeroy

Absent: Mavis B. Knight, vice chair; Mary Helen Berlanga

Non-Committee Members Present: 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 #4 and #5. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. **Recommendation for Appointments to the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees**
   (Board agenda page IV-1)
   [Consent agenda item #(4)]

   MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. McLeroy, seconded by Ms. Hardy, and carried by unanimous vote to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the reappointment of Mr. Lance E. Purcell and the appointment of Ms. Sharon Miner to serve from November 19, 2010, through November 18, 2013, on the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees.*

2. **Recommendation for Appointment to the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees**
   (Board agenda page IV-7)
   [Consent agenda item #(5)]

   MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. McLeroy, seconded by Ms. Hardy, and carried by unanimous vote to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the appointment of Ms. Glenda Solomon to serve a two-year term of office from November 19, 2010, through November 18, 2012, on the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees.*

ACTION ITEMS

3. **Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter A, Board of Trustees Relationship**
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)
(Board agenda page IV-19)
[Official agenda item #15]

Laura Taylor, Associate Commissioner of Accreditation reviewed the contents of the rule.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Hardy, seconded by Dr. McLeroy, and carried by unanimous vote to recommend that the State Board of Education by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the board approve for second reading and final adoption the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter A, Board of Trustees Relationship, with an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register.*

4. **Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, §§228.2, Definitions; 228.35, Preparation Program Coursework and/or Training; and 228.60, Implementation Date**
(Board agenda page IV-27)
[Official agenda item #16]

Public testimony was provided by the following:

Name: Dr. Sandra West
Affiliation: Science Teachers Association of Texas

MOTION AND VOTE: *By unanimous vote, the committee recommended that the State Board of Education take no action on the review of proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, §§228.2, Definitions; 228.35, Preparation Program Coursework and/or Training; and 228.60, Implementation Date.*

5. **Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 247, Educators' Code of Ethics, and 19 TAC Chapter 249, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases, Subchapter A, General Provisions, §249.3, Definitions**
(Board agenda page IV-39)
[Official agenda item #17]

Public testimony was provided by the following:

Name: Dr. Sandra West
Affiliation: Science Teachers Association of Texas

Name: Joey Moore
Affiliation: Texas State Teachers Association

Name: Patty Quinzi
Affiliation: Texas American Federation of Teachers

Name: Monty Exter
Affiliation: Association of Texas Professional Educators

Texas Education Agency staff addressed the concerns raised during public testimony.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. McLeroy, seconded by Ms. Hardy, and carried by unanimous vote to recommend that the State Board of Education take no action on the review of proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 247, Educators' Code of Ethics, and 19 TAC Chapter 249, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases, Subchapter A, General Provisions, §249.3, Definitions.*

The meeting of the Committee on School Initiatives adjourned at 5:01 p.m.