Minutes
State Board of Education
January 21, 2011

The State Board of Education met at 9:10 a.m. on Friday, January 21, 2011, in the State Board of Education Room, #1-104, of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. All members of the board were present, as follows:

Presiding: Gail Lowe, Chair; Lawrence A. Allen, Jr.; Mary Helen Berlanga, Secretary; David Bradley; Barbara Cargill; George Clayton; Bob Craig, Vice Chair; Marsha Farney; Charlie Garza; Pat Hardy; Mavis B. Knight; Terri Leo; Ken Mercer; Thomas Ratliff; Michael Soto

Student Performance

The student performance was provided by Focus Learning Academy Charter School Mime Troupe, Dallas, Texas.

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

State Board of Education, November 19, 2010

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Clayton, and carried unanimously to approve the Minutes of the November 19, 2010, meeting of the State Board of Education, as printed.*

Public Testimony - Individual testimony will be taken to address items other than those on the board agenda. 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 State Board of Education received one presentation of public testimony, as follows:

NAME:	Pat Carlson
AFFILIATION:	Texas Eagle Forum
CITY:	Fort Worth, Texas
TOPIC:	Ethics/Policy Question

1. Resolutions and Presentations

Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Berlanga read the resolution, which the State Board of Education adopted by unanimous consent, congratulating Beth Huckabee and Daniel Leija on their selection as the 2011 Texas Teachers of the Year.

(ATTACHMENT 1, page 15)

Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

Mrs. Berlanga read the resolution, which the State Board of Education adopted by unanimous consent, recognizing outstanding mathematics and science teachers in elementary and secondary schools identified as state and national finalists for the 2010 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching program.

(ATTACHMENT 2, page 17)

2. Approval of Consent Agenda

Any agenda item may be placed on the consent agenda by any State Board of Education committee. The State Board of Education may elect to take separate action on any item on the consent agenda.

In addition to the items on the original consent agenda, the following agenda item received unanimous approval in committee and was brought forward to the consent agenda for board approval:

- Official Agenda Item #8—Recommendations Regarding Readoption of Instructional Materials

By unanimous consent, the State Board of Education approved the following items on the consent agenda, including the item that was brought forward.

(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)
(Board agenda page II-1)
(COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION)

The State Board of Education approved for first reading and filing authorization the proposed repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 89, Adaptations for Special Populations, Subchapter A, Gifted/Talented Education, §89.4, Fiscal Responsibility, as recommended by the Committee on Instruction.

(2) Ratification of the Purchases and Sales of the Investment Portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the Months of October and November 2010
(Board agenda page III-1)
(COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND)

The State Board of Education ratified the purchases and sales for the months of October and November 2010 in the amount of $879,252,026 and $809,892,535, respectively, as recommended by the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund.

(3) Recommendation for Appointment to the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees
(Board agenda page IV-1)
(COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES)

The State Board of Education approved the reappointment of SMSgt R. Monique Slater to serve a two-year term of office from January 21, 2011, through January 20, 2013, on the Lackland Independent School District Board of Trustees, as recommended by the Committee on School Initiatives.

(ATTACHMENT 3, page 19)

(4) Recommendation for Appointment to the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees
(Board agenda page IV-15)
(COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES)

The State Board of Education approved the reappointment of Mr. Mark Strother to serve a three-year term of office from January 21, 2011, through January 20, 2014, on the Boys Ranch Independent School District Board of Trustees, as recommended by the Committee on School Initiatives.

(ATTACHMENT 4, page 23)

8. Recommendations Regarding Readoption of Instructional Materials
(Board agenda page II-15)
(COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION)

The State Board of Education readopted instructional materials currently under contract in the subject areas and for the periods and pricing indicated in the attachment, as recommended by the Committee on Instruction.

(ATTACHMENT 5, page 27)

COMMITTEE OF THE FULL BOARD

3. Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 126, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Technology Applications
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)
(Board agenda page I-1)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was recommended by the Committee of the Full Board and carried unanimously by the State Board of Education to approve for first reading and filing authorization the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 126, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Technology Applications. (Mr. Allen, Mrs. Cargill, Mrs. Knight, and Mr. Mercer were absent for the vote.)*

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)
(Board agenda page I-63)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was recommended by the Committee of the Full Board and carried by the State Board of Education to approve for second reading and final adoption the proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 111, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Mathematics, Subchapter C, High School, §111.37, Advanced Quantitative Reasoning (One Credit), with an effective date of August 22, 2011.*

(ATTACHMENT 6, page 145)

5. Report on Revised Pricing Submitted by Publishers of Instructional Materials Adopted under Proclamation 2011
(Board agenda page I-71)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was recommended by the Committee of the Full Board and carried unanimously by the State Board of Education to accept the revised prices submitted by publishers of the instructional materials adopted under Proclamation 2011 and summarized in the attachment.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Craig, seconded by Ms. Hardy, and carried unanimously to allow the Commissioner of Education to negotiate, on behalf of the board, options for best pricing in instances where a publisher has both a print and electronic product adopted for a course.*

(ATTACHMENT 7, page 149)

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

6. Update on Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) Review
(Board agenda page II-7)

MOTION: *It was recommended by the Committee on Instruction that the State Board of Education approve the following amendments to Step 4 of the Process for Review and Revision of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS):*

SBOE may designate up to seven expert reviewers. To be designated, each expert must receive a nomination from at least two board members, must have obtained a degree in his or her field of expertise, and must have experience teaching at an accredited college or university, and a board member may not nominate more than one expert. SBOE determines number of work days needed. [~~The Board may not reject any expert that has been nominated by two or more board members.~~]

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Leo and seconded by Ms. Hardy to amend the motion by inserting after "SBOE determines number of work days needed" the following sentence:*

Any qualified member nominated by two board members is automatically placed on the expert review panel.

The motion carried, with 12 members voting Aye and 3 members voting No, as follows:

Aye:	*Mr. Allen*	*Dr. Farney*
	Mrs. Berlanga	*Mr. Garza*
	Mr. Bradley	*Ms. Hardy*
	Mrs. Cargill	*Ms. Leo*
	Mr. Clayton	*Mrs. Lowe*
	Mr. Craig	*Mr. Mercer*
No:	*Mrs. Knight*	*Dr. Soto*
	Mr. Ratliff	

MOTION: *It was moved by Mr. Craig and seconded by Mrs. Knight to amend the motion, as follows:*

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 a degree in the subject area in which he or she is being appointed and must have either 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. [~~To be designated, each expert must receive a nomination from at least two board members, must have obtained a degree in his or her field of expertise, and must have experience teaching at an accredited college or university, and a board member may not nominate more than one expert. SBOE determines number of work days needed. Any qualified member nominated by two board members is automatically placed on the expert review panel.~~]

MOTION: *It was moved by Ms. Hardy and seconded by Ms. Leo to amend Mr. Craig's motion, as follows:*

To be designated, the expert must be qualified to be on the panel. To be qualified, the expert must have a [~~minimum of a~~] degree and expertise in the subject area in which he or she is being appointed and must either have taught or worked in such field.

Ms. Hardy withdrew her motion without objection.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Hardy and seconded by Mr. Mercer to amend Mr. Craig's motion, as follows:*

To be designated, the expert must be qualified to be on the panel. To be qualified, the expert must have (1) a minimum of a degree, (2) demonstrated his or her expertise in the subject area in which he or she is being appointed, and (3) [~~must have~~] either 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.

The motion carried, with 8 members voting Aye and 7 members voting No, as follows:

Aye:	*Mr. Bradley*	*Ms. Hardy*
	Mrs. Cargill	*Ms. Leo*
	Mr. Clayton	*Mrs. Lowe*
	Mr. Garza	*Mr. Mercer*
No:	*Mr. Allen*	*Mrs. Knight*
	Mrs. Berlanga	*Mr. Ratliff*
	Mr. Craig	*Dr. Soto*
	Dr. Farney	

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Craig and seconded by Ms. Hardy to amend the motion, as follows:*

To be designated, the expert must be qualified to be on the panel. To be qualified, the expert must have (1) a minimum of a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, (2) demonstrated his or her expertise in the subject area in which he or she is being appointed, and (3) either 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.

The motion carried, with 13 members voting Aye and 2 members voting No, as follows:

Aye:	*Mr. Allen*	*Ms. Hardy*
	Mrs. Berlanga	*Mrs. Knight*
	Mr. Bradley	*Ms. Leo*
	Mrs. Cargill	*Mr. Mercer*
	Mr. Clayton	*Mr. Ratliff*
	Mr. Craig	*Dr. Soto*
	Mr. Garza	
No:	*Dr. Farney*	*Mrs. Lowe*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Craig and carried unanimously to amend the motion, as follows:*

To be designated, the expert must be qualified to be on the panel. To be qualified, the expert must have (1) a minimum of a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, (2) demonstrated his or her expertise in the subject area in which he or she is being appointed, and (3) either 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 nominate more than one expert.

MOTION: *It was moved by Mr. Ratliff to strike Step 4 from the Process for Review and Revision of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).*

The motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION: *It was moved by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. Ratliff to amend Mr. Craig's motion by inserting a fourth qualifier with language, as follows:*

(4) must meet the definition of a highly qualified teacher.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Bradley and seconded by Mrs. Cargill to order the previous question and all pending questions to Step 4 of the Process for Review and Revision of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. There being less than a two-thirds majority vote, the motion failed, with 9 members voting Aye and 6 members voting No, as follows:*

Aye:	*Mr. Bradley*	*Ms. Hardy*
	Mrs. Cargill	*Ms. Leo*
	Mr. Clayton	*Mrs. Lowe*
	Dr. Farney	*Mr. Mercer*
	Mr. Garza	
No:	*Mr. Allen*	*Mrs. Knight*
	Mrs. Berlanga	*Mr. Ratliff*
	Mr. Craig	*Dr. Soto*

VOTE: *A vote was taken on the motion to insert a fourth qualifier with language, as follows:*

(4) must meet the definition of a highly qualified teacher.

The motion failed, with 4 members voting Aye and 11 members voting No, as follows:

Aye:	*Mr. Allen*	*Mrs. Knight*
	Mrs. Berlanga	*Mr. Ratliff*
No:	*Mr. Bradley*	*Ms. Hardy*
	Mrs. Cargill	*Ms. Leo*
	Mr. Clayton	*Mrs. Lowe*
	Mr. Craig	*Mr. Mercer*
	Dr. Farney	*Dr. Soto*
	Mr. Garza	

VOTE: *A vote was taken on Mr. Craig's amendment, as amended. The motion carried, with 11 members voting Aye and 4 members voting No, as follows:*

Aye:	*Mr. Bradley*	*Ms. Hardy*
	Mrs. Cargill	*Ms. Leo*
	Mr. Clayton	*Mrs. Lowe*
	Mr. Craig	*Mr. Mercer*
	Dr. Farney	*Dr. Soto*
	Mr. Garza	
No:	*Mr. Allen*	*Mrs. Knight*
	Mrs. Berlanga	*Mr. Ratliff*

VOTE: *A vote was taken on the motion to approve amendments to Step 4 of the Process for Review and Revision of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), as recommended by the Committee on Instruction, as amended, as follows:*

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 (1) a minimum of a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, (2) demonstrated his or her expertise in the subject area in which he or she is being appointed, and (3) either 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 nominate more than one expert.

The motion carried, with 12 members voting Aye and 3 members voting No, as follows:

Aye:	*Mr. Allen*	*Mr. Garza*
	Mr. Bradley	*Ms. Hardy*
	Mrs. Cargill	*Ms. Leo*
	Mr. Clayton	*Mrs. Lowe*
	Mr. Craig	*Mr. Mercer*
	Dr. Farney	*Dr. Soto*
No:	*Mrs. Berlanga*	*Mr. Ratliff*
	Mrs. Knight	

The State Board of Education recessed at 12:40 p.m., and reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

MOTION: *It was moved by Mr. Ratliff and seconded by Mrs. Knight to amend Step 6 of the Process for Review and Revision of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), as follows:*

The SBOE provides the charge to the TEKS review committees based on expert recommendations to:

-use the current TEKS as the foundation document;
-not increase the total number of student requirements by more than 5%;
-maximize the use of existing instructional materials;
-consider the general course of study, not what might be covered in an Advanced Placement course;
-consider college readiness standards when revising the TEKS;
-ensure revisions are in compliance with all related statutes;
-provide justification for all suggested revisions; and
-track all revisions to show what has been changed.

Any and all documents must be left with TEA staff.

Without objection, Mr. Ratliff withdrew the second proposed new language, "maximize the use of existing instructional materials."

MOTION: *It was moved by Mr. Garza and seconded by Dr. Farney to amend the motion by striking the words "by more than five percent (5%)."*

Mr. Garza withdrew his motion without objection.

VOTE: *A vote was taken on Mr. Ratliff's motion to amend Step 6 by inserting the language "not increase the total number of student requirements by more than 5%." The motion failed, with 6 members voting Aye and 9 members voting No, as follows:*

Aye:	*Mr. Allen*	*Dr. Farney*
	Mrs. Berlanga	*Mrs. Knight*
	Mr. Craig	*Mr. Ratliff*
No:	*Mr. Bradley*	*Ms. Leo*
	Mrs. Cargill	*Mrs. Lowe*
	Mr. Clayton	*Mr. Mercer*
	Mr. Garza	*Dr. Soto*
	Ms. Hardy	

MOTION: *It was moved by Mr. Ratliff and seconded by Dr. Soto to amend Step 15 of the Process for Review and Revision of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), as follows:*

SBOE holds a public hearing and completes first reading and filing authorization (for 30 day official public comment period – Texas Register). SBOE members submit proposed amendments to the board office prior to first reading. The board office shall transmit the submissions to all board members and post them on the TEA website as soon as possible. Amendments must be submitted at least 24 hours prior to being considered by the board.

MOTION: *It was moved by Mrs. Knight and seconded by Mrs. Berlanga to amend the motion by inserting after "Amendments must be submitted at least 24 hours prior to being considered by the board" the following sentence, "This does not preclude amendments based on public testimony."*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mrs. Cargill, and carried to order the previous question and all pending questions.*

VOTE: *A vote was taken on Mrs. Knight's motion to insert after "Amendments must be submitted at least 24 hours prior to being considered by the board" the following sentence, "This does not preclude amendments based on public testimony." The motion carried, with 9 members voting Aye and 5 members voting No, as follows:*

Aye:	*Mr. Allen*	*Mrs. Knight*
	Mrs. Berlanga	*Mrs. Lowe*
	Mr. Clayton	*Mr. Ratliff*
	Dr. Farney	*Dr. Soto*
	Ms. Hardy	
No:	*Mr. Bradley*	*Ms. Leo*
	Mrs. Cargill	*Mr. Mercer*
	Mr. Garza	

(Mr. Craig was absent for the vote.)

VOTE: *A vote was taken on Mr. Ratliff's motion to amend Step 15, as amended. The motion failed, with 6 members voting Aye and 8 members voting No, as follows:*

Aye:	*Mr. Allen*	*Mrs. Knight*
	Mrs. Berlanga	*Mr. Ratliff*
	Dr. Farney	*Dr. Soto*
No:	*Mr. Bradley*	*Ms. Hardy*
	Mrs. Cargill	*Ms. Leo*
	Mr. Clayton	*Mrs. Lowe*
	Mr. Garza	*Mr. Mercer*

(Mr. Craig was absent for the vote.)

MOTION: *It was moved by Mr. Ratliff to amend Step 19 of the Process for Review and Revision of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), as follows:*

SBOE members submit [~~share~~] proposed amendments to the board office [~~with one another~~] prior to second reading and adoption. The board office shall transmit the submissions to all board members and post them on the TEA website as soon as possible. Amendments must be submitted at least 24 hours prior to being considered by the board.

Mr. Ratliff called for the question. There was no objection by the board members.

VOTE: *A vote was taken on Mr. Ratliff's motion to amend Step 19. The motion failed, with 6 members voting Aye and 7 members voting No, as follows:*

Aye:	*Mr. Allen*	*Mrs. Knight*
	Mrs. Berlanga	*Mr. Ratliff*
	Dr. Farney	*Dr. Soto*
No:	*Mr. Bradley*	*Ms. Leo*
	Mrs. Cargill	*Mrs. Lowe*
	Mr. Clayton	*Mr. Mercer*
	Ms. Hardy	

(Mr. Craig and Mr. Garza were absent for the vote.)

(ATTACHMENT 8, page 151)

7. Proposed Approval of Innovative Courses
(Board agenda page II-11)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was recommended by the Committee on Instruction and carried by the State Board of Education to approve for a period of three years the innovative courses that do not fall within any of the subject areas of the foundation or enrichment curriculum. (Mr. Craig and Mr. Ratliff were absent for the vote.)*

(ATTACHMENT 9, page 153)

8. Recommendations Regarding Readoption of Instructional Materials
(Board agenda page II-15)

Action taken on this item by the State Board of Education is addressed under agenda item #2—Approval of Consent Agenda.

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

9. Decision on Real Estate Investments
(Board agenda page III-3)

MOTION AND VOTE: *The State Board of Education approved to execute agreement(s) 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, as recommended by the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund. (Mr. Craig and Mr. Allen were absent for the vote.)*

10. Decision on Absolute Return Investments
(Board agenda page III-5)

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was recommended by the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund and carried by the State Board of Education to approve the following recommendations:*

(1) Place K2 Advisors on the Watch List per Section F(6) in the Investment Procedures Manual.
(2) Execute contract with GAM.
(3) Terminate Goldman Sachs once a new contract with GAM is in place.
(4) Rebalance the absolute return strategy weighting up to 10% of the Permanent School Fund.
(5) Equalize allocations to Mesirow and GAM with each managing at least $300 million.

(Mr. Craig was absent for the vote.)

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES

No action items.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ON COMMITTEE AGENDAS

Committee on Instruction

Mrs. Cargill reported that she was elected chair of the Committee on Instruction and that she appointed Ms. Leo as vice chair.

Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund

Ms. Hardy reported that she was elected chair of the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund. Ms. Hardy did not appoint a vice chair.

Committee on School Initiatives

Mr. Mercer reported that he was elected chair of the Committee on School Initiatives and that he appointed Mr. Garza as vice chair.

REPORTS OF OTHER STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND CONCERNS IN INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS

Mrs. Lowe gave board members an opportunity to provide information regarding agenda items or other relevant information about public education. No information was provided by board members.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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Mary Helen Berlanga, Secretary

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS Texas citizens understand that excellent teachers are essential to a successful system of public education; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education highly values devoted, passionate teachers who inspire their students; and

WHEREAS a teacher must be an educator, a counselor, a mentor and a partner in the learning process; and

WHEREAS Beth Huckabee of the Flour Bluff Independent School District and Daniel Leija of the Northside Independent School District exemplify all the best traits of an educator; and

WHEREAS Beth Huckabee, a science teacher with four decades of teaching experience, has been selected the 2011 Texas Secondary Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS she has so inspired her students that some have gone on to teaching careers and teach beside her today at Flour Bluff High School; and

WHEREAS Beth Huckabee remains excited about each school day and the new adventures it will hold; and

WHEREAS she transfers that love of learning to her students; and

WHEREAS Daniel Leija, who was an instructor during his Air Force career, has become a recognized leader among public school teachers; and

WHEREAS his selection as the 2011 Texas Elementary Teacher of the Year recognizes his exemplary service; and

WHEREAS Daniel Leija teaches not only the children in his classroom, but provides science education to all the students at Esparza Elementary School where he is known as "Dan, Dan, the science man"; and

WHEREAS Daniel Leija's journey has taken him from the transitory life of a migrant worker to a position as one of the state's most honored educators; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education does hereby congratulate Beth Huckabee and Daniel Leija on their selection as the 2011 Texas Teachers of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to Beth Huckabee and Daniel Leija, and that a copy be included in the permanent records of the State Board of Education.

WITNESS our signatures this twenty-first day of January, two thousand and eleven, in Austin, Texas.

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Gail Lowe, Chair

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, Secretary

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS the *Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching* is the highest recognition that a mathematics or science teacher may receive for exemplary teaching in the United States; and

WHEREAS the 2010 *Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching* program recognizes kindergarten through sixth grade mathematics and science teachers in each state and the four U.S. jurisdictions whose innovative methods bring teaching to life in the classroom; and

WHEREAS through state selection committees, three mathematics finalists and three science finalists were nominated as Texas finalists; and

WHEREAS these teachers become candidates for the *Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching* with one mathematics and one science teacher to be named a National Presidential Awardee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education does hereby extend its congratulations to Elizabeth Sarah Hudgins from Eanes Elementary School in the Eanes Independent School District in Austin, Texas; Lorene Marie Wallace from Bryker Woods Elementary School in the Austin Independent School District in Austin, Texas; and Stephanie Weaver from Shadycrest Elementary School in the Pearland Independent School District in Pearland, Texas, for being named Texas finalists in the mathematics category for the 2010 *Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching*; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education does hereby extend its congratulations to Nancy Douglas from Andrews Elementary School in the Austin Independent School District in Austin, Texas; Martha McLeod from Fulton 4-5 Learning Center in the Aransas County Independent School District in Rockport, Texas; and Kenton Page from Carnahan Elementary School in the Northside Independent School District in San Antonio, Texas, for being named Texas finalists in the science category for the 2010 *Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching*; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to the aforementioned teachers for being identified as state and national finalists for the 2010 *Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching* program, and that a copy be included in the permanent records of the State Board of Education.

WITNESS our signatures this twenty-first day of January, two thousand and eleven, in Austin, Texas.

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Gail Lowe, Chair

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Mary Helen Berlanga, Secretary