**State Board of Education**
**Summary of Action Items**
**July 22, 2011**

## 1. Resolutions and Presentations

There were no resolutions or presentations at this 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 Repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 113, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Social Studies, Subchapter A, Elementary, §§113.1-113.7, Subchapter B, Middle School, §§113.21-113.24, and Subchapter C, High School, §§113.31-113.39, 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, §118.1 and §118.2, and Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 113, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Social Studies, §§113.10, 113.17, and 113.40, and 19 TAC Chapter 118, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Economics with Emphasis on the Free Enterprise System and Its Benefits, §118.3 (First Reading and Filing Authorization) (Committee on Instruction)

The board approved for first reading the repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 113, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Social Studies for elementary, middle school and high school. The repeal will remove the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) that became effective in 1998 and that will be superseded by the revised social studies TEKS to be implemented in the 2011-2012 school year.

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

### (2). Recommendations Regarding Readoption of Instructional Materials (Committee on Instruction)

The board approved the readoption of instructional materials with contracts that were 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 Instructional Materials and Educational Technology at (512) 463-9601.

### (3). Adoption of an Annual Report on the Status of the Bond Guarantee Program (Committee on School Finance/PSF)

The board adopted the annual report on the status of the Bond Guarantee Program as of Aug. 31, 2010.

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

**(4). Ratification of the Purchases and Sales of the Investment Portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the Months of March, April and May 2011 (Committee on School Finance/PSF)**

The board ratified the purchases and sales for the months of March, April and May 2011 in the amount of $1,911,206,417 and $2,113,430,186 respectively.

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

**(5). Recommendation for Appointment to the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees (Committee on School Initiatives)**

The SBOE approved the appointment of Jimmy D. Cornelius to a two-year term on the Randolph Field ISD Board of Trustees. Cornelius will serve from July 22, 2011 through July 21, 2013.

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

**(6). Recommendation for Appointments to the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees (Committee on School Initiatives)**

The SBOE approved the reappointments of Keith Toney and Deborah Seabron and the appointment of Col. Randall Anderson to two-year terms on the Fort Sam Houston ISD Board of Trustees. All three will serve from July 22, 2011 through July 21, 2013.

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

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

The SBOE approved the reappointments of George Owen and Suzanne Wright to a two-year term on the Boys Ranch ISD Board of Trustees. Both trustees will serve from July 22, 2011 through July 21, 2013.

**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. Report and Recommendations from the Commissioner of Education Regarding Instructional Materials Offered for Adoption under Midcycle 2011 Proclamation**

The board adopted Career and Technical Education instructional materials that will be available to districts through the Midcycle 2011 Proclamation. All identified factual errors will be corrected before the material goes into the classroom.

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

**4. Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 126, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Technology Applications, Subchapter C, High School, §§126.32-126.35, 126.37, and 126.48**
**(Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

The board gave final approval to Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for six new technology applications classes. The classes are Computer Science I, II and III; Fundamentals of Computer Science; Discrete Mathematics and Web Game Development. The implementation date for the new TEKS is the 2012-2013 school year.

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

**5. Report and Recommendations from the Commissioner of Education Regarding Instructional Materials Offered for Adoption under The Request for Supplemental Science Materials**

Ninety-two online supplemental science products were approved by the state board. The instructional materials, which will be used in addition to textbooks already in the classroom, cover science, grades 5-8; Biology; Chemistry; Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC); and Physics. Districts will be able to order this material beginning Aug. 8.

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

## COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

**6. Adoption of Review of 19 TAC Chapter 102, Educational Programs, Subchapter A, Grants**
**(Adoption of Review)**
**(Moved to Consent Agenda)**

The board approved the review of Chapter 102, Subchapter A, Grants. Although the grant program is not currently funded, authority for the rule is still in statute.

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

## COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

**7. Per Capita Apportionment Rate for the 2010-2011 School Year (Moved to Consent Agenda)**

The board adopted a per capita apportionment rate of $466 for the 2010-11 school year. The rate is based on an estimate of the amount available for expenditures from the Available School Fund.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of School Finance (512) 463-9238.

**8. Approval of a Pool of Qualified Respondents to the RFQ for Real Estate Investment Managers for the Permanent School Fund and Approval of Investments in Real Estate Funds**

The board approved 10 qualified respondents to the RFQ for Real Estate Investment Managers for the Permanent School Fund, including approval of waivers of the requirement for firms to be a registered investment advisor as applicable. The board also approved making an investment commitment of up to $50 million in Blackstone Real Estate Partners Fund VII, 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.

**9. Approval of Implementation and Investment in Inflation Linked Bonds as Part of the Real Return Allocation**

The board approved implementation of investment in inflation linked bonds as part of the real return allocation. There will be a 2.75 percent allocation to U.S. Treasury Inflation Protected Securities to be managed by the internal PSF staff.

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

**10. Proposed Amendments to the Investment Procedures Manual (Moved to Consent Agenda)**

The board adopted amendments to the Investment Procedures Manual.

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

**11. Presentation and Review of the Absolute Return Portfolios Managed for the Permanent School Fund**

The board heard presentations from Mesirow Advanced Strategies Inc., K2 Advisors and Grosvenor Capital Management, L.P., on the status of the absolute return program for the Permanent School Fund. The presentations focused on potential structural and allocation changes within the investments.

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

## COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES

### 12. Proposed Guidelines and Application for Open-Enrollment Charters

The board unanimously approved the Seventeenth Generation Open-Enrollment Charter Guidelines and Application.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of Charter School Administration at (512) 463-9575.

### 13. Adoption of Governance Reporting Form for Open-Enrollment Charter Schools

The board adopted the 2011-2012 Governance Reporting Form for Open-Enrollment Charter Schools.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of Charter School Administration at (512) 463-9575.

### 14. Proposed Guidelines and Application for Public College or University Charters

The board approved the College or University Charter Guidelines and Application.

**Staff Contact:** Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of Charter School Administration at (512) 463-9575.