

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee of the Full Board
November 17, 2011**

The State Board of Education Committee of the Full Board met at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, November 17, 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 committee were present, as follows:

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

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 of the Full Board heard public testimony on agenda items #3 and #4. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

The Committee of the Full Board considered items in the following order: #1, #2, #3, #4 (public testimony), #5, and continued #4.

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Commissioner's Comments Regarding the SBOE Agenda
(Board agenda page I-19)

Commissioner of Education Robert Scott encouraged board members to talk with the consulting company that is preparing a job description for a new position called deputy commissioner of the Texas Permanent School Fund. He asked them to provide candid information about the characteristics or experience they would like the new deputy commissioner to possess. Commissioner Scott said he hopes to have the new staff member on board by spring. The commissioner also responded to questions on a variety of topics from several board members.

ACTION ITEM

2. Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum, §74.1, Essential Knowledge and Skills, and §74.3, Description of a Required Secondary Curriculum, and Proposed New Chapter 74, Subchapter G, Graduation Requirements, Beginning with School Year 2012-2013

(First Reading and Filing Authorization)

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[Official agenda item #3]

Monica Martinez, managing director, curriculum division, explained that proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Subchapter A, and proposed new Chapter 74, Subchapter G, would update rules to align with recently passed legislation and provide additional clarification regarding the required curriculum and graduation requirements.

MOTION: *It was moved by Mr. Craig and seconded by Mrs. Knight to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum, §74.1, Essential Knowledge and Skills, and §74.3, Description of a Required Secondary Curriculum.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Craig, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education amend §74.3(b)(4), as follows:*

“(4) The school district must provide each student the opportunity to participate in all courses listed in subsection (b)(2) of this section. The district must provide students the opportunity each year to select courses in which they intend to participate from a list that includes all courses required to be offered in subsection (b)(2) of this section. If the school district will not offer the required courses every year, but intends to offer particular courses only every other year, it must notify all enrolled students of that fact. A school district must teach a course that is specifically required for high school graduation at least once in any two consecutive school years. For a subject that has an end-of-course assessment, the district must either teach the course every year or employ options described in Subchapter C of this chapter (relating to Other Provisions) to enable students to earn credit for the course and must maintain evidence that it is employing those options.”

VOTE: *A vote was taken on the motion to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum, §74.1, Essential Knowledge and Skills, and §74.3, Description of a Required Secondary Curriculum, as amended. The motion carried unanimously.*

MOTION: *It was moved by Mr. Craig and seconded by Mr. Clayton to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter G, Graduation Requirements, Beginning with School Year 2012-2013.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Ratliff, seconded by Mr. Garza, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education amend §74.72(b)(1) and §74.72(b)(2)(B), as follows:*

“The final credit may be selected from one full credit or a combination of two half credits of the following courses:”

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Garza and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education amend §74.72(b)(8), as follows:*

“Fine Arts--one credit. The credit may be selected from one full credit or a combination of two half credits of the following courses:”

MOTION: *It was moved by Mr. Clayton to recommend that the State Board of Education amend §74.73(b)(2), as follows:*

“Mathematics--four credits. Three of the credits must consist of Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry. A student who is enrolled in Mathematical Models with Applications may not begin an Algebra II course until after having completed Math Models with Applications.”

Mr. Clayton withdrew his motion.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mr. Ratliff and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education amend §74.73(b)(8) and §74.74(b)(8), as follows:*

“Fine Arts--one credit. The credit may be selected from one full credit or a combination of two half credits of the following courses:”

VOTE: *A vote was taken on the motion to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization proposed new 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter G, Graduation Requirements, Beginning with School Year 2012-2013, as amended. The motion carried unanimously.*

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 3. Discussion of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 111, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Mathematics, Subchapter A, Elementary, Subchapter B, Middle School, Subchapter C, High School, and Subchapter D, Other High School Mathematics Courses**
(Board agenda page I-21)

Public testimony was provided by the following individual:

NAME: Nakonia Hayes
AFFILIATION: Self

Ms. Martinez discussed the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) review committee's final recommendations for revisions to the mathematics TEKS. She summarized activities from the October TEKS review committee meeting and provided an overview of the draft recommendation documents.

The committee discussed the possibility of convening an additional TEKS review committee meeting. Ms. Martinez explained that the board would need to amend the current TEKS review process to allow additional committee work. The board chair directed staff to make all introductions K-12 consistent and make any necessary technical and grammatical edits when preparing draft rule text. The board asked staff to look at the alignment between the proposed mathematics TEKS and the current science TEKS. The board also requested a side by side showing the number of student expectations in the proposed TEKS compared to the current TEKS. The board chair instructed staff to prepare language to direct the additional TEKS review committee work and present that language to the SBOE members in January.

4. Review of 19 TAC Chapter 66, State Adoption and Distribution of Instructional Materials, and Discussion of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 66, State Adoption and Distribution of Instructional Materials
(Board agenda page I-27)

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Sharon Kamas
AFFILIATION: President-Elect, Science Teachers Association of Texas

John Lopez, managing director of instructional materials and educational technology, introduced the item and explained that this review is part of the mandatory four-year review cycle for administrative rules. He presented for discussion a side-by-side comparison of proposed revisions to 19 TAC, Chapter 66 and citations from Senate Bill 6, 82nd Texas Legislature, that are the basis for the proposed revisions. He further explained that these rules are scheduled to be brought before the SBOE in January 2012 for first reading and filing authorization. Committee members provided guidance on rule language to be presented for first reading.

Mr. Lopez also presented a summary of the Instructional Materials Allotment expenditures for adopted and non-adopted instructional materials as of November 2011.

5. Discussion of Pending Litigation
(Board agenda page I-57)

At 1:28 p.m., Mrs. Cargill announced that the Committee of the Full Board would go into executive session in Room 1-103 to discuss pending litigation. This discussion was held in accordance with the Texas Government Code, §551.071(1)(A).

The Committee of the Full Board reconvened at 1:46 p.m.

Mrs. Cargill adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.