Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on Instruction
April 18, 2012

The State Board of Education Committee on Instruction met at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, in Room #1-104 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. The following members of the committee were present:

Presiding: George Clayton, chair; Barbara Cargill; Terri Leo

Absent: Marsha Farney, vice chair; Mary Helen Berlanga

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=2147497741** or in the information section (yellow pages) of the agenda.

The Committee on Instruction heard public testimony on agenda item 4. Information regarding the individuals who presented public testimony is included in the discussion of that item.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.36, Requirements for Elective Courses on the Bible's Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and New Testament and Their Impact on the History and Literature of Western Civilization**
   (First Reading and Filing Authorization)
   (Board agenda page II-1)
   [Consent agenda item #(1)]

   Monica Martinez, managing director, curriculum division, explained that the proposed amendment would remove the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and related implementation language for elective courses on the Bible's Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and New Testament and Their Impact on the History and Literature of Western Civilization that were superseded by the TEKS in 19 TAC §74.36(e) beginning with the 2011-2012 school year.

   MOTION AND VOTE: *It carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.36, Requirements for Elective Courses on the Bible's Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and New Testament and Their Impact on the History and Literature of Western Civilization.*

2. **Proposed Repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 126, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Technology Applications, Subchapter A, Elementary, §§126.1-126.3, Subchapter B, Middle School, §126.11 and §126.12, and Subchapter C, High School, §§126.21-126.29**
(First Reading and Filing Authorization)
(Board agenda page II-13)
[Consent agenda item #(2)]

Monica Martinez, managing director, curriculum division, explained the repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 126 would remove the original Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for technology applications that were adopted effective in 1998 and that will be superseded by the revised technology applications TEKS beginning with the 2012-2013 school year.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for first reading and filing authorization the proposed repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 126, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Technology Applications, Subchapter A, Elementary, §§126.1-126.3, Subchapter B, Middle School, §126.11 and §126.12, and Subchapter C, High School, §§126.21-126.29.*

3. **Recommendations Regarding Readoption of Instructional Materials**
(Board agenda page II-17)
[Consent agenda item #(3)]

Christopher Lucas, review and adoption director in the division of instructional materials and educational technology, explained that readoption is recommended to ensure that the currently adopted instructional materials continue to be available for distribution to school districts until new materials are adopted.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education readopt instructional materials currently under contract in the subject areas and for the periods and pricing indicated in the attachment.*

DISCUSSION ITEM

4. **Discussion of Standardized Testing in Texas**
(Board agenda page II-23)

Public testimony was provided by the following individuals:

NAME: Jeanmarie Stevenson
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Susan Schultz
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Dineen Majcher
AFFILIATION: Self

NAME: Edy Chamness
AFFILIATION: Self

The meeting of the Committee on Instruction adjourned at 10:35 a.m. Immediately upon adjournment, the chair was notified that an individual registered to testify on agenda item 4 was in the chamber. The chair reconvened the Committee on Instruction at 10:39 a.m. to hear public testimony by the following individual:

NAME: Theresa Trevino
AFFILIATION: Self

The meeting of the Committee on Instruction adjourned at 10:45 a.m.