State Board of Education
Summary of Action Items
May 22, 2009

Student Performance

The Lake Travis High School Fiddlers from the Lake Travis Independent School District, under the direction of Anna Macias, entertained the board and the audience.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Office of the State Board of Education at (512) 463-9007.

1. Resolutions and Presentations

There were no resolutions or presentations at this meeting.

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2. Approval of Consent Agenda

Any agenda item may be placed on the Consent Agenda by any State Board of Education committee.

(1). Ratification of the Purchases and Sales of the Investment Portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the Months of February and March 2009

The board voted to approve the purchases and sales of securities executed in the portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the months of February and March 2009 in the amount of $572,220,640 and $433,865,793, respectively.

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

ITEMS FOR ACTION BY THE FULL SBOE
(COMMITTEE OF THE FULL BOARD)

3. Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Orientation, Subchapter A, Middle School, and Subchapter B, High School (First Reading and Filing Authorization)

The board approved on first reading revisions to career development Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) based on recommendations from the career and technical education (CTE) review panel.

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

4. Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 130, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career and Technical Education (First Reading and Filing Authorization)

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization revised Career and Technical Education Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), as amended. Based on recommendations from the CTE review panel, the number of CTE courses was reduced from 600 to less than 200. The board did approve a new mathematics course called Advanced Mathematical Decision Making, which was brought to it by the Dana Center at The University of Texas rather than through the CTE review process. This course will be part of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics cluster. If approved on second reading, the new TEKS would be implemented during the 2010-2011 school year. Decisions will be made later about which CTE courses could be counted for a fourth math or science credit.

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

5. Update on Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) Review

The board voted not to appoint experts to review proposed revisions to English language arts elective courses. In an effort to improve and clarify its TEKS adoption process, the board adopted a step-by-step process for reviewing and revising TEKS. They also approved guidelines for expert reviewers to follow. Additionally, the board approved guidelines for TEKS review panels to follow.

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COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

6. Approval of Selection Criteria for College and Career Readiness Online Student Materials

The board approved the selection criteria for College and Career Readiness (CCRS) online student materials. The criteria are broken into three defining categories that include: the purpose of the materials, the quality of the materials, and the functionality of the materials.

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7. Approval of Proposed Personal Financial Literacy Materials

The board approved an expanded list of personal financial literacy materials to be used in high school economics courses.

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COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

8. Approval of a Tactical Plan and Investment Procedures for Real Estate

The board voted 9-4, with one member abstaining, to approve the Real Estate Tactical Plan and the Real Estate Procedures Manual.

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

9. Authorization to Issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Investment Management Services for Real Estate

The board voted to approve the issuance of a request for qualifications for investment management services for real estate. The RFQ designates that eligible firms must have a minimum Assets Under Management (AUM) of at least $200 million.

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10. Consideration of Policies and Procedures for Securities Litigation

The board took no action on a draft of policies and procedures for securities litigation.

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11. Approval of the Selection of a Firm to Provide Investment Counsel for the Permanent School Fund and Authorization for Contract Execution by the Commissioner of Education

The board postponed action on this item.

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12. Authorization to Issue a Request for Proposals for Investment Counsel Services for the Permanent School Fund

The board postponed action on this item.

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13. Authorization to Issue a Request for Proposals for Performance Measurement Services for the Permanent School Fund

The board voted 13-2 to close RFP #701-09-023 and approve the re-issuance of a request for proposals for performance measurement services for the Permanent School Fund.

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COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES

14. Review of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification

The SBOE took no action on a review of the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) rule revising 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification. The revisions reflect current law and add specificity to the requirements relating to assessment of educators; centers for professional development of teachers; certification requirements for classroom teachers; certification requirements for educators other than classroom teachers and educational

aides; certification of educators in general; certificate issuance procedures; Texas educator certificates based on certification and college credentials from other states or territories of the United States; requirements for standard certificates and specialized assignments or programs; permits; educational aide certificate; assignment of public school personnel; continuing education; and definitions.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of Educator Certification and Standards at (512) 463-9575.

15. Review of Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 231, Assignment of Public School Personnel, §231.1, Criteria for Assignment of Public School Personnel

The SBOE took no action on a new SBEC rule that provide guidance to school districts with regard to the certificates required for specific assignments of public school educators.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of Educator Certification and Standards at (512) 463-9575.

16. Review of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates, §§233.2, Generalist; 233.4, Mathematics; Science; 233.6, Bilingual Education; 233.7, English as a Second Language; 233.12, Career and Technical Education (Certificates not requiring experience and preparation in a skill area); and 233.14, Career and Technical Education (Certificates requiring experience and preparation in a skill area)

The SBOE took no action on the review of an SBEC rule that amends 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates. The amendments update the rule to establish a deadline of Sept. 1, 2011, for issuing the Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 4 certificate, the Bilingual Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 4 certificate, the Bilingual Education Supplemental: Early Childhood-Grade 4 certificate, the Bilingual Education Supplemental: Grades 4-8 certificate, and the English as a Second Language Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 4 certificate. The amendments also include a Bilingual Education Supplemental certificate and clarify the specific assignment eligibility for the holder of a mathematics and science certificate.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Division of Educator Certification and Standards at (512) 463-9575.

17. Review of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 249, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases, §249.16, Eligibility of Persons with Criminal Convictions for a Certificate under Articles 6252-13c and 6252-13d, Revised Civil Statutes, including technical edits to 19 TAC §249.3, Definitions, §249.15, Disciplinary Action by State Board for Educator Certification, and §232.830, Requirements for Certificate Renewal

The board took no action on the review of the SBEC rule amending 19 TAC Chapter 249, Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases, Subchapter B, Enforcement Actions and Guidelines, §249.16, Eligibility of Persons with Criminal Convictions for a Certificate under Articles 6252-13c and 6252-13d, Revised Civil Statutes. The amendment reflects current law and delineates crimes other than those listed in the Texas Education Code (TEC), §21.060, as being related to the duties and responsibilities of the education profession. In addition, this item provides the SBOE an opportunity to review the SBEC rule actions that would amend 19 TAC §249.3, Definitions, §249.15, Disciplinary Action by State Board for Educator Certification, and §232.830, Requirements for Certificate Renewal. The amendments are necessary to update the current rules to reflect the proposed section title for 19 TAC §249.16.

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