Report of the State Board of Education
Committee of the Full Board
January 21, 2009

The State Board of Education Committee of the Full Board met at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2009, 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: Don McLeroy, chair, Rick Agosto, Lawrence A. Allen, Jr., Mary Helen Berlanga, David Bradley, Barbara Cargill, Bob Craig, Cynthia Noland Dunbar, Pat Hardy, Mavis B. Knight, Terri Leo, Gail Lowe, Ken Mercer, Geraldine Miller, Rene Nuñez

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/sboe/op_rules.html** or in the information section (yellow pages) of the agenda.

The Committee of the Full Board operated under the current State Board of Education rules.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 112, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science, Subchapter A, Elementary, Subchapter B, Middle School, and Subchapter C, High School
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The following individuals presented oral testimony:

1. NAME: Sharon Sparlin
   AFFILIATION: Self

2. NAME: Kevin Fisher
   AFFILIATION: Self

3. NAME: Patty Quinzi
   AFFILIATION: Texas American Federation of Teachers

4. NAME: Sandra West
   AFFILIATION: Grade 6 Science TEKS Committee

5. NAME: Christopher Mittal
   AFFILIATION: Self

6. NAME: Cristopher Marshall
   AFFILIATION: Self

7. NAME: Rose Banzhas
   AFFILIATION: Self

8. NAME: Loresa Loftin
   AFFILIATION: Self

9. NAME: Helen Holdsworth
   AFFILIATION: Texas Wildlife Association

10. NAME: Lorna Shepherd
    AFFILIATION: Self

11. NAME: Royal Smith
    AFFILIATION: Self

12. NAME: Angela Weissgarber
    AFFILIATION: Self

13. NAME: Arthur Dickerson
    AFFILIATION: Self

14. NAME: Arturo De Lozanne
    AFFILIATION: The University of Texas at Austin

15. NAME: Amiel Jarstfer
    AFFILIATION: LeTourneau University

16. NAME: Cory Cunningham
    AFFILIATION: Self

17. NAME: Eric Hennenhoefer
    AFFILIATION: Business Community Member

18. NAME: Sherry Taft
    AFFILIATION: Self

19. NAME: Eugenie Scott
    AFFILIATION: Self

20. NAME: C. Steven McDaniel
    AFFILIATION: Reactive Surfaces, LTD, LLP

21. NAME: Cyndi Crews
    AFFILIATION: Self

22. NAME: Paul Lively
    AFFILIATION: Self

23. NAME: Peter Johnston
AFFILIATION: Self

24. NAME: John Heffner
AFFILIATION: Kilgore High School

25. NAME: Ide Trotter
AFFILIATION: Texans for Better Science Education

26. NAME: Ryan Valentine
AFFILIATION: Self and Texas Freedom Network

27. NAME: Chad Smith
AFFILIATION: Self

28. NAME: Michael Keas
AFFILIATION: Discovery Institute

29. NAME: Steve Lyons
AFFILIATION: Self

30. NAME: Daniel Bolnick
AFFILIATION: U.T. Austin

31. NAME: Lynette Buscheme
AFFILIATION: Humble ISD

32. NAME: Ronald Johnson
AFFILIATION: Paradigm Accelerated Charter School

33. NAME: David Schormann
AFFILIATION: Math/Science Software Company Owner

34. NAME: Jonathan Saenz
AFFILIATION: Free Market Foundation

35. NAME: Laura Ewing
AFFILIATION: Self

36. NAME: David Muralt
AFFILIATION: Self

The Committee of the Full Board recessed at 2:15 p.m. At 2:16 p.m., the Review and Adoption of State Board of Education Operating Rules was considered by the board at its general board meeting.

The Committee of the Full Board reconvened at 3:15 p.m.

2. Invited Testimony Regarding Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 112, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science, Subchapter A, Elementary, Subchapter B, Middle School, and Subchapter C, High School
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The following individuals presented invited oral testimony:

NAME: Stephen C. Meyer
AFFILIATION: Discovery Institute

NAME: Gerald Skoog
AFFILIATION: Texas Tech University

NAME: Ralph Seelke
AFFILIATION: University of Wisconsin-Superior

NAME: Ronald K. Wetherington
AFFILIATION: Southern Methodist University

NAME: Charles M. Garner
AFFILIATION: Baylor University

NAME: David M. Hillis
AFFILIATION: The University of Texas at Austin

Dr. McLeroy adjourned the meeting of the Committee of the Full Board at 8 p.m.