

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Summary of Action Items
September 15, 2017

Student Performance

The student presentation was provided by the Brownsville Independent School District Ballroom Dance Company

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

1. Resolutions and Presentations

Resolution honoring the 2017 National Geographic Bee Winner

The State Board of Education, by unanimous vote, adopted a resolution recognizing Pranay Varada as the 2017 National Geographic Bee Winner. Varada was an eighth-grade student in Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD at the time he won the bee.

Heroes for Children, State Board of Education Districts 1–15

The State Board of Education, by unanimous vote, adopted a resolution recognizing Olga Charles, Maria Vega, Ian C. Hemmings, Carol Ann Youens, Chelsea Elliott, Cyndi Matteson, Frederick Jefferson, Stacie Jahn, Amanda Rogers, Mike Senchack, Thomas J. French, Teresa Cook, Mary Pencis, Charles Lyons, and Evelyn Lyles as Heroes for Children.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the State Board of Education Support Division 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. The State Board of Education may elect to take separate action on any item on the consent agenda.

The State Board of Education approved the following items on the consent agenda.

**(1) Per Capita Apportionment Rate for the 2017-2018 School Year
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The State Board of Education approved a per capita apportionment rate of \$206.566 for the 2017-2018 school year.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the State Funding Division at (512) 463-9238.

(2) Ratification of the Purchases and Sales of the Investment Portfolio of the Permanent School Fund for the Months of May, June and July 2017 (Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)

The State Board of Education approved the purchases and sales for the months of May, June and July 2017 in the amount of \$1,313,244,900 and \$1,279,125,889, respectively.

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

(3) Determination as to Whether Transfers May be Made from the Permanent School Fund to the Available School Fund (Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)

The State Board of Education approved a distribution of approximately \$1.236 billion for fiscal year 2018 as is permitted under the Texas Constitution.

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

(4) Decision on Real Estate Investments (Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)

The State Board of Education voted to execute an agreement with BREP Asia II, L.L.C., its general partner, necessary to make an investment of up to \$75 million in Blackstone Real Estate Partners Asia II, L.P., subject to continued due diligence and negotiation of fund terms, and authorized the commissioner of education to execute the contract.

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

(5) Implementation of SB 1480 Related to the Bond Guarantee Program and Charter Schools (Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)

As authorized by SB 1480, the State Board of Education established the Bond Charter Capacity increase for FY 2018 at the full 20 percent allowed under the law.

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

**(6) Presentation on the Commodities Asset Class for the Permanent School Fund
(Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund)**

The State Board of Education directed staff and NEPC to explore the possibility of managing a portion of the commodity strategy in-house.

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

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

The State Board of Education approved the appointments of Deborah Seabron, Willie E. White and Kevin Anderson to serve a term of office from Sept. 15, 2017 to Sept. 14, 2019 on the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Governance and Investigations Division at (512) 463-9623.

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

The State Board of Education approved the appointment of CMSgt Rachelle Slater to serve a term of office from Sept. 15, 2017 through Nov. 16, 2018 on the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Governance and Investigations Division at (512) 463-9623.

COMMITTEE OF THE FULL BOARD

3. Approval of Clarification Questions and Answers for *Proclamation 2019 Questions and Answers*

The board approved two additional questions and answers that are to be added to the *Proclamation 2019 Questions and Answers* document.

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

4. Review and Revision of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for Health Education

The board approved a request to the commissioner of education, asking that he have staff prepare a study of current health education research and standards, including national best practices, that could be used as the board begins the revision of the health Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. The commissioner's recommendations would include the following:

- A framework for what the strands should be for kindergarten through 12th grade.
- Distinctions regarding grade levels and/or grade bands at which health concepts are most appropriately taught.
- A summary of all statutory requirements related to health education and suggestions regarding the most appropriate way to integrate those requirements into the framework.

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

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

5. Proposed Repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 112, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science, Subchapter D, Other Science Courses, §112.71, Principles of Technology (One Physics Credit), and §112.72, Other Courses for Which Students May Receive Science Credit (First Reading and Filing Authorization)

The board suspended its operating rules and approved for first reading and filing authorization the repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 112, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science, Subchapter D, Other Science Courses, §112.71, Principles of Technology (One Physics Credit), and §112.72, Other Courses for Which Students May Receive Science Credit.

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

6. Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 130, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career and Technical Education, Subchapter C, Arts, Audio/Video Technology, and Communications, §130.121, Extended Practicum in Fashion Design (Two to Three Credits), Adopted 2015 (First Reading and Filing Authorization)

The board suspended its operating rules and approved for first reading and filing authorization amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 130, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career and Technical Education, Subchapter C, Arts, Audio/Video Technology, and Communications, §130.121, Extended Practicum in Fashion Design (Two to Three Credits), Adopted 2015

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COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE/PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

7. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 105, Foundation School Program, Subchapter A, Definitions, §105.1, Rules for the Definition of Tax Levy and Tax Collection (Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

The board approved for second reading and final adoption amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 105, Foundation School Program, Subchapter A, Definitions, §105.1, Rules for the Definition of Tax Levy and Tax Collection

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Financial Compliance Division at (512) 463-2945.

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL INITIATIVES

8. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 157, Hearings and Appeals, Subchapter D, Independent Hearing Examiners, §157.41, Certification Criteria for Independent Hearing Examiners (First Reading and Filing Authorization)**

The board approved for first reading and filing authorization the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 157, Hearings and Appeals, Subchapter D, Independent Hearing Examiners, §157.41, Certification Criteria for Independent Hearing Examiners.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Legal Services Division at (512) 463-9720.

9. **Review of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter B, General Certification Requirements, §230.11, General Requirements**

The board took no action on proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter B, General Certification Requirements, §230.11, General Requirements. Under Texas law, the State Board of Education may only reject or take no action on a proposed State Board for Educator Certification rule.

Staff Contact: Questions about this item should be directed to the Department of Educator Leadership and Quality at (512) 936-9831.

10. Review of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 232, General Certification Provisions, Subchapter A, Certificate Renewal and Continuing Professional Education Requirements, §232.9, Inactive Status and Late Renewal

The board took no action on Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 232, General Certification Provisions, Subchapter A, Certificate Renewal and Continuing Professional Education Requirements, §232.9, Inactive Status and Late Renewal. Under Texas law, the State Board of Education may only reject or take no action on a proposed State Board for Educator Certification rule.

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