



September 9-11, 2014

Board Meeting and Planning Retreat Highlights

The following is a review of topics discussed and actions taken during the meeting and planning retreat of the State Board of Education (SBE) held September 9-11, 2014, at the North Central Educational Service District in Wenatchee, Wash. You can find the materials associated with each topic by clicking on the title, or all the meeting materials at: <http://www.sbe.wa.gov/materials.php#sept>.

1. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTIONS

SBE approved/adopted the following:

- *McCleary* Funding Resolution
- Proposed Charter Rules
- 2015 Legislative Priorities
- Executive Committee Members
- Private School for the 2014-2015 School Year
- Fiscal Year 2015 Operational Budget

The Board also directed staff to complete work on the following items for full consideration at the November 2014 meeting:

- Board's report to the Legislature on the status of the statewide indicators of educational system health
- SBE's proposed strategic plan

2. [ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION](#)

Michael Middleton and Cinda Parton from OSPI gave a presentation on the current assessment system and the transition to assessments aligned with the Common Core State Standards and Next Generation Science Standards. The Board also heard about challenges for districts as the state transitions to new assessments from Dr. Doug Kernutt, Retired Deputy Superintendent for Clover Park School District.

3. [EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM HEALTH INDICATORS](#)

Under ESSB 5491 (2013), the SBE is tasked with identifying system-wide performance goals and measurements for the six statewide indicators, in addition to submitting biennial reports on the status of each indicator. The Board considered revising the adequate growth and language acquisition indicators and adding additional indicators of student discipline and access to early childhood education. Potential future indicators of teacher and family characteristics were also discussed.

4. [HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND PLAN \(HSBP\)](#)

The Board, after having sought input from practitioners, partner agencies and associations, and other stakeholders, discussed elements of a high-quality HSBP, identified barriers to implementing these plans, and identified ways to address those barriers.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING – CHARTER SCHOOL RULES**

SBE has adopted 16 sections of rule to eight sections of Washington’s charter school law. The Board reviewed proposed amendments to seven sections of rule that:

- Alter dates in rule to ensure sufficient time for each party in a charter cycle to carry out its work in a high-quality way.
- Bring the SBE’s process for evaluation of authorizer applications into rule as amended WAC 180-19-040.
- Clarify the use of a lottery to determine certification of approved charter schools as within the limits on the maximum number of schools that may be established.
- Clean up obsolete language and make corrections and technical improvements.

The Board held a public hearing (no one testified), OSPI presented a fiscal impact statement, and three written comments on the proposed rule amendments were received.

6. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS**

There were four positions open for election: Chair, two Members at Large, and a replacement for the Immediate Past Chair position starting in January 2015. Elections Chair Bob Hughes asked for additional nominations. Ballots were cast and votes counted. The new Executive Committee members are: Chair – Isabel Muñoz-Colón and Member at Large – Kevin Laverty. After a couple of votes with no candidate receiving a majority of the votes, the Board decided to postpone the vote on the other Member at Large and Immediate Past Chair replacement until the next meeting.

7. **LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

Members discussed potential priorities for the 2015 Legislative session, including a robust response to the order of the Supreme Court to the Legislature for actions to meet the requirements for funding of basic education set out in the *McCleary* decision, career and college-ready assessment requirements, high school and beyond plans, ESEA flexibility waiver, and educator professional learning.

8. **STRATEGIC PLAN**

Staff presented data on achievement gaps in the K-12 system to provide a snapshot of the current health of the education system in Washington. Board members reviewed public input on the SBE strategic plan and discussed the vision, mission and strategic plan goals for the next four years.

9. **WENATCHEE SCHOOL VISITS**

Wenatchee Superintendent Brian Fiones provided a tour of several Wenatchee School District programs and classrooms. The itinerary included stops at Washington Elementary, Wenatchee High School, Wenatchee Learns Connect Center, and Wenatchee Valley Technical Skills Center. Members had the opportunity to engage with educators and students, observing firsthand the career and college readiness opportunities available in the Wenatchee School District.

10. **FORMER STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS**

Former student board members Jared Costanzo and Matthew Spencer joined the meeting via teleconference and updated board members on their lives and achievements.

11. **STUDENT PRESENTATION**

In her first presentation, student board member Madaleine Osmun spoke about her experiences as a student.

12. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS**

New student board member Madaleine Osmun was sworn in on September 10. Dr. Kristina Mayer was thanked for her great work as the Chair of the Board over the last year. Assistant Attorney General Collen Warren was recognized for her eight years of service as the Board's legal counsel.

The Board received public comment from a parent and two teachers from the Wenatchee School District, and representatives of the Washington Education Association and Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board.

13. **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Board Meeting – November 13-14, 2014, at ESD 112 in Vancouver, Wash.

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