



July 9-10, 2014 Board Meeting Highlights

The following is a review of topics discussed and actions taken during the meeting of the State Board of Education (SBE) held July 9-10 2014, at the Educational Service District 101 conference center in Spokane, 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#july>.

1. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTIONS

SBE approved/adopted the following:

- Approval of Date Change for the August 25, 2014 Special Board Meeting
- Adoption of Proposed [Rules to Implement Chapter 217, Laws of 2014 \(E2SSB 6552\)](#)
- Approval of Basic Education Waiver Requests from Auburn, Grand Coulee Dam, Mount Baker, Onion Creek, Cle Elum-Roslyn, Wahkiakum and Selkirk School Districts
- Approval of Filing for CR-102 for [Charter School Rules](#)
- Approval of Required Action Plans from Marysville, Tacoma, Wellpinit, and Yakima School Districts
- Approval of [Private Schools](#) for the 2014-2015 School Year
- Approval of Bob Hughes as Nominations Chair for the Executive Committee Election Process

2. [PUBLIC HEARING ON RULES TO E2SSB 6552](#)

SB 6552 requires the SBE to adopt rules to implement the career and college ready graduation requirements adopted under board resolution on November 10, 2010 and revised January 9, 2014, to take effect, with certain modifications, with the graduating class of 2019. The act also revised instructional hour requirements for basic education and established new provisions on Career and Technical Education (CTE) course equivalencies. The Board heard testimony from 30 people and received a large amount of written comment.

The Board adopted amendments to WACs 180-16-200 (instructional hours), 80-51-066 (graduation requirements), 180-51-067 (graduation requirements), and 180-90-160 (private schools); and adopted new WACs 180-18-100 (CTE waiver), 180-51-068 (graduation requirements).

3. [REVIEW OF RAD PLANS](#)

Each of the recently identified Required Action Districts (RAD) - Marysville, Tacoma, Wellpinit, and Yakima school districts presented their required action plans to the Board. The Board reviewed and considered approval of the plans. Criteria for approval is outlined in statute, and includes the requirements that plans address the findings of the academic performance audit, describe changes to policies, practices, structures and agreements that are intended to increase student achievement, and other requirements.

The Board approved all four RAD plans.

4. TPEP UPDATE

The Board discussed the current status of the Teacher and Principal Evaluation Program (TPEP) implementation in the context of the professional development needs of Washington state educators. Dr. Helene Paroff, Assistant Director for Professional Development at the Washington Association of School Administrators, updated the Board on the status of TPEP implementation in the ESD 101 region (reflecting her recent role as ESD 101 Assistant Superintendent and TPEP coordinator) and drew policy connections between the state's work in TPEP and the implementation of Common Core State Standards.

The Board also heard from Wendy Rader-Konofalski, Lobbyist for the Washington Education Association, on the need to fund professional development around TPEP and other new initiatives.

5. STUDENT DISCIPLINE

Maria Flores, Program Manager: Accountability Policy and Research at the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), provided a review of the progress of the Student Discipline Data Task Force. The Board also heard a report on members' recent visits to schools implementing the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) framework.

6. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) COURSE EQUIVALENCY

SB 6552 increased the responsibility of districts to provide students access to CTE course equivalency credit. In addition, the bill directed SBE to review a list of equivalent CTE courses developed by OSPI, provide an opportunity for public comment, and approve the list. The Board received an update on the development of the CTE course equivalency list.

7. BEA WAIVERS

The Board considered requests from seven school districts for Option One waivers from the basic education requirement of a minimum 180-day school year. Requests from Auburn, Cle Elum-Roslyn, Grand Coulee Dam, Mount Baker, Onion Creek, Wahkiakum, and Selkirk school districts were approved.

8. CHARTER RULES AMENDMENTS

SBE has adopted 16 sections of rule to eight sections of Washington's charter school law. The Board reviewed the adopted rules and considered draft amendments that:

- Alter dates in rule to provide 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 draft amendments were approved for public hearing.

9. **STUDENT PRESENTATION**

Student board member Mara Childs spoke about lessons learned from school and life, including: don't be self-centered, find a balance between work and play, aim for greatness, and develop good habits.

10. **STRATEGIC PLAN**

Staff shared major board accomplishments from the last seven years and outlined the process for development of the new strategic plan. The Board broke into small groups to discuss the strategic plan, legislative priorities, and communications and engagement.

11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS**

The Board chose Bob Hughes as the nominations chair to oversee the nominations process for the Executive Committee. The election will take place at the September board meeting.

The Board received public comment from two parents of students with special needs, an education consultant, a teacher, and representatives of the Association of Washington School Principals, Grand Coulee Dam School District, Spokane Public Schools, Freeman School District, and League of Education Voters.

12. **NEXT BOARD MEETINGS**

Special Board Meeting – August 22, 2014, at OSPI in Olympia, Wash.

Board Meeting and Retreat – September 9-11, 2014, at North Central ESD in Wenatchee, Wash.

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