



March 11-12, 2015 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 March 11-12, 2015, at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wa. You can find the packet materials associated with each topic by clicking on the title, or review all [meeting materials](#) online. Powerpoints and video are also available on most topics.

1. [State Board of Education Actions](#)

SBE approved/adopted the following:

1. Approval of [letter](#) to congressional delegation on ESEA reauthorization
2. Approval of Executive Director drafting a letter to the Educational Accountability System Oversight Committee for the Chair's signature
3. Approval of Option One Basic Education waiver requests from Newport School District, Shoreline School District, and South Bend School District
4. Approval of two-year Option Two Basic Education waiver request renewal from Bickleton School District
5. Approval of four-year credit-based graduation requirements waiver request from Highline School District for Highline Big Picture School for four years, expiring 2019-2020.
6. Approval of Achievement Award categories ([ELA](#) and [Gap Reduction](#))
7. Approval of CR-102 for rule modifying the [date by which Required Action Districts are approved](#)
8. Approval of a special meeting for the Graduation Threshold Score on August 25, 2015
9. Approval of the process for setting the [Graduation Threshold Score](#)
10. Granted temporary waivers of high school [graduation requirements](#) for 23 school districts.

2. [Career and Technical Course Equivalencies](#)

The board considered an update on development of the CTE course equivalency list and frameworks, and will vote at the May 2015 meeting. A panel presented on the process of developing course equivalencies. A [powerpoint from the presentation](#) is available online, or you can watch the [video](#) (beginning after 0:32:00).

3. [Exploration of Assessment Alternatives for Graduation](#)

The Board explored several assessment alternatives, including the SBAC in tenth grade, Bridge to College courses, dual credit, CTE courses, and other assessments. The presentation reviewed current approved alternatives and evaluated other alternatives. You can view Linda Drake and Doug Kernutt's [powerpoint](#) online. Video is also available – the [Assessment Alternatives presentation](#) starts at 1:19:30.

4. [Elementary and Secondary Education Act \(ESEA\) Reauthorization](#)

The Board reviewed a panel presentation by Alan Burke of WSSDA, Gayle Pauley of OSPI, Jack Archer of SBE, and Erin Jones of Tacoma Public Schools to consider a position letter regarding ESEA reauthorization. The [letter](#) was approved by the Board at the meeting and sent Monday, March 16.

5. [Rule Amendment and Repeals](#)

The Board held a public hearing on the proposed repeal of rules: WAC 180-16-225 (Waiver – Substantial lack of classroom space), Chapter 180-44 WAC (Teachers' Responsibilities), and WAC

180-51-001 (Education reform vision). According to OSPI, there is no fiscal impact associated with the repeal of these rules. [Video](#) is online.

6. [Achievement Index Update](#)

Staff presented on the inclusion of Dual Credit participation data in the Achievement Index categories, the English language acquisition award criteria, performance gap reduction award criteria, and weighting of high school achievement indicators. [Video](#) discussion begins at 0:20:00, and the [powerpoint](#) is online. Staff presented [additional information](#) on day two (begins after 0:28:00).

7. [Required Action Districts Update](#)

The Board considered releasing districts from required action status, based on recommendations from OSPI. Linda Drake presented on the [process for exiting schools from RAD](#), and Andy Kelly from OSPI presented on the [status of RAD Cohort 1](#). All schools in Cohort 1 have made significant progress. The Board tabled the vote to release schools from Required Action until the May meeting – after the board will have received complete information on the Persistently Lowest Achieving schools list from OSPI. The complete list is necessary to ensure that all the criteria for release from required action have been met. [Video](#) is online (presentation begins after 1:20:00).

8. [Option One and Option Two Basic Education Act Waiver Applications](#)

Three school districts submitted requests for Option One waivers: Newport, Shoreline, and South Bend. These applications request the districts be able to reduce the number of school days by up to five per year. Bickleton School district requested an Option Two waiver to reduce the number of school days by 30 each year. The Board voted to approve all applications. Video of the initial [presentation](#) begins after 2:04:00. Further discussion on Day Two [video](#) begins after 0:09:30.

9. [Credit-based waiver](#)

Highline School District requested a waiver of the credit-based graduation requirements for Highline Big Picture School to offer a competency-based diploma. The Board voted to approve the waiver application. Video of the [presentation](#) begins after 2:34:40. Additional discussion on Day Two [begins after 0:41:30](#).

10. [Student Presentation](#)

The student members of the Board presented on the High School and Beyond Plan and life skills training options in high school. The complete presentation is available on [YouTube](#).

11. [Legislative Update](#)

The board heard a presentation on bills the Board is currently tracking in the Washington legislature, including summaries of the bills and their [status in the legislative process](#).

12. [Education Data Spotlight: Advanced Course-Taking Trends](#)

Staff presented on [Graduation Rates and Advanced Placement Coursetaking](#), [Course-taking Opportunity Gaps](#), and the [Advanced Course-taking in Washington State](#). Video of part of the [presentation](#) and discussion is available online.

13. [NEXT BOARD MEETING](#)

May 13-14 at ESD 123 in Pasco.

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