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The State Board of Education (SBE) met January 6-7. The pages that follow summarize the Board's actions for this month. For complete SBE information, visit their Web site:

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/stateboard/>

BOARD HEARS REPORT ON 2010-11 BUDGET

In a report to the State Board of Education (SBE), Philip Price, chief financial officer of the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), warned that additional cuts may be coming to public schools. The legislature has already approved \$1 billion in cuts to public schools for 2010-11, and according to Price, the Office of State Budget and Management has asked to see proposals for additional cuts.

Price addressed the board Thursday to discuss future budget needs in order to construct the SBE's 2010-11 supplemental budget request, which must be finalized and submitted to the Governor in February.

He reported that tax revenue is down and he anticipates an announcement lowering economic growth projections, likely leading to additional reductions to public education funding. The budget office has requested recommendations showing 3, 5 and 7 percent cuts. According to Price, a 7 percent cut would equal \$528 million.

The state budget office has also limited the public school expansion request for the 2010-11 fiscal year to 3 percent more than the current year's budget or \$228 million. In addition, any expansion funding requests included in that amount must be limited to continuing items, including student enrollment increases, and cannot be requested for new programs or services.

"I don't know how to even approach or even determine if there could be additional cuts," said Price.

After hearing the report, State Board Chairman Bill Harrison said he, Price and State Superintendent June Atkinson will schedule a meeting with the state budget office immediately.

CONSENT AGENDA

GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE STUDENTS COMMITTEE

GCS 5- Report to Governor and JLEOC on Plan for Restructuring ABCs Accountability System

*Recommendations: The SBE is asked to approve this report before it is submitted to the Governor and to the JLEOC. **APPROVED***

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/stateboard/meetings/2010/01/gcs/01gcs05.pdf>

BUSINESS/FINANCE AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

TCS 1 - Approval of Grant: Reading First Educational Grant to Lenoir County

*Recommendations: DPI requests approval of this request. **APPROVED***

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/stateboard/meetings/2010/01/tcs/01tcs01.pdf>

ACTION ITEMS

GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE STUDENTS COMMITTEE

Action

GCS 1 - Changes to NC's NCLB Consolidated State Application Accountability Workbook

*Recommendations: It is recommended that the Board approve the revisions to the North Carolina Accountability Workbook and the amendments to TCS-I-005. **APPROVED***

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/stateboard/meetings/2010/01/gcs/01gcs01.pdf>

Action on First Reading

GCS 2 - 2009-10 Title III Addendum to the NCLB Consolidated State Plan

*Recommendations: It is recommended that the SBE accept the 2009-10 Title III addendum to the NCLB Consolidated State Plan. **APPROVED***

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/stateboard/meetings/2010/01/gcs/01gcs02.pdf>

21st CENTURY PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

Action

TCP 1 - Revised Mentor Standards and Training

*Recommendations: It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the proposed mentoring and education program standards. **APPROVED***

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/stateboard/meetings/2010/01/tcp/01tcp01.pdf>

TCP 2 - Accrual of CEUs for Retired Teachers

*Recommendations: It is recommended that the Board approve the proposed changes to TCP-A-005. **APPROVED***

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/stateboard/meetings/2010/01/tcp/01tcp02.pdf>

TCP 3 - Adding Teaching Areas Based on 24 Semester Hours of Coursework

*Recommendations: It is recommended that the Board approve the proposed changes to policies TCP-A-001 and TCP-A-003. **APPROVED***

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/stateboard/meetings/2010/01/tcp/01tcp03.pdf>

Action on First Reading

TCP 4 - Recommendations from the Advisory Board on Requests for Exception from Teacher Licensing Requirements **APPROVED**

Recommendations: It is recommended that the actions related to each request be approved.

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/stateboard/meetings/2010/01/tcp/01tcp04.pdf>

TCP 5 - Final Decision in Contested Cases

*Recommendations: The State Board shall issue a Final Agency Decision in each of the contested cases. **APPROVED** (Discussed in Closed Session)*

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/stateboard/meetings/2010/01/tcp/01tcp05.pdf>

LEADERSHIP FOR INNOVATION COMMITTEE

Action

LFI 1 - Enrollment Increase Requests Above 10% and Charter School Grade Expansion

Recommendations: It is recommended that the Leadership for Innovation Committee approve the enrollment increase and grade expansion request as recommended by the Office of Charter Schools.

APPROVED WITH EXCEPTIONS; A motion was approved to accept the recommendations, excluding the requests from The Children's Village Academy and Sallie B. Howard School of the Arts. A separate motion to deny the requests from these two schools was made and approved.

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/stateboard/meetings/2010/01/lfi/01lfi01.pdf>

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