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The State Board of Education met September 2-3. 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/>

STATE BOARD PLANS FOR YEAR AHEAD

Prior to this month's regular meeting, the State Board of Education (SBE) held a planning and work session, setting goals for special emphasis in 2009-10. Chairman Bill Harrison outlined the goals at Thursday's Board meeting. They include: rigor and relevance, 21st century accountability system (ACRE), school leaders and leadership development, teachers skilled to deliver 21st century content, inviting and respectful learning environments and financial planning aligned with maximizing student achievement. Dr. Harrison also indicated that the Race to the Top Fund will be a main focus between now and December.

Another outcome of this week's planning retreat included a change in the SBE committee structure. The Globally Competitive Students (GCS) and Healthy, Responsible Students (HRS) committees will be combined, as will the 21st Century Professionals (TCP) and Leadership for Innovation (LFI) committees. All committee meetings will be held on the first day of the SBE monthly meeting (Wednesday) and no committees will meet simultaneously, allowing all Board members to sit in on any meeting.

In addition to the changes in committees, Dr. Harrison announced that the Framework for Change/Accountability and Curriculum Reform Effort (ACRE) reports will be moved to the top of the agenda each month to assure these efforts are allowed proper time and the Board's full attention. The SBE will also work to utilize 21st century tools to become a paperless board during the next year.

STATE'S STANDARD COURSE OF STUDY RECEIVES FIRST MAJOR REVISION THROUGH PASSAGE OF ESSENTIAL STANDARDS

After numerous face-to-face and virtual meetings, thousands of comments and three rewrites, the State Board of Education approved the essential standards for K-12 Mathematics, English 10, the Occupational Course of Study and K-12 Information and Technology Thursday. This first group of essential standards, which become effective in the 2011-12 school year, are an integral part of the statewide Accountability and Curriculum Reform Effort (ACRE) approved by the State Board of Education as part of its "Framework for Change." To read more, please visit the NCDPI Web site at www.ncpublicschools.org and click on the appropriate link under "News."

SUPERINTENDENT AND PRINCIPAL ADVISORS INTRODUCED

Chairman Bill Harrison began Thursday's State Board of Education (SBE) meeting by recognizing this year's superintendent and principal advisors. Dr. Jack Hoke and Vann Pennell each begin a one-year term as State Board of Education advisors. Dr. Hoke, superintendent of Alexander County Schools and president of the North Carolina School Superintendents' Association will serve as the 2009-10 SBE

superintendent advisor and Mr. Pennell, principal of South Brunswick High School and 2009 Wachovia North Carolina Principal of the Year will serve as principal advisor. Harrison commended both on their leadership and service to the children of North Carolina.

ACTION ITEMS

Action was taken on the following items:

GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE STUDENTS COMMITTEE

GCS 1–High School Courses Taken in the Middle School: Considerations for English I

*Recommendations: State Board of Education members are requested to approve the expansion of the existing policy to include English I. **NO ACTION TAKEN (Tabled for language changes; will be voted on in October)***

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/stateboard/meetings/2009/09/gcs/09gcs01.pdf>

GCS 2–K-12 Mathematics, English 10, Occupational Course of Study, and K-12 Information and Technology Essential Standards

*Recommendations: State Board of Education members are requested to approve the new Essential Standards for K-12 Mathematics, English 10, Occupational Course of Study, and K-12 Information and Technology. The Board is also requested to accept the technical changes to policies GCS-F-002 and GCS-F-004, and the deletion of policy GCS-F-006, as the North Carolina Standard Course of Study for Computer and Technology Skills and Information Skills have now merged. **APPROVED***

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/stateboard/meetings/2009/09/gcs/09gcs02.pdf>

GCS 3–Approval of Providers for Supplemental Educational Services (SES) for 2009-10

*Recommendations: The State Board is requested to approve the proposed attached list of providers as SES providers. **APPROVED***

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/stateboard/meetings/2009/09/gcs/09gcs03.pdf>

GCS 7–Changes to Policy Delineating the Components of the ABCs Accountability Program for the 2009-10 School Year **APPROVED (Moved from Discussion item to Action on First Read)**

Recommendations: The Department recommends that the amendments to GCS-C-020 be approved.

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/stateboard/meetings/2009/09/gcs/09gcs07.pdf>

GCS 8–Changes and Clarifications to Policy GCS-A-012: Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives for NCLB Title III (LATE ITEM)

*Recommendations: The Department requests that the State Board of Education approve the amendments to policy GCS-A-012. **APPROVED***

http://www.ncasa.net/associations/2410/files/GCS8_LateItem_Sept2009.pdf

HEALTHY, RESPONSIBLE STUDENTS COMMITTEE

HRS 1–Schools At-Risk of Being Labeled Persistently Dangerous

*Recommendations: It is recommended that the State Board place these two schools on probationary status and that the Program Monitoring and Exceptional Children Divisions monitor during the 2009-10 school year. **APPROVED***

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/stateboard/meetings/2009/09/hrs/09hrs01.pdf>

BUSINESS/FINANCE AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

TCS1–Approval of Grants

*Recommendations: It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the grants. **APPROVED***
<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/stateboard/meetings/2009/09/tcs/09tcs01.pdf>

TCS 2–Requests for Waiver of the Repayment Obligation of the National Board Certification Participation Fee

*Recommendations: It is recommended that the Board approve the recommendations of the appeals panel. **APPROVED***
<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/stateboard/meetings/2009/09/tcs/09tcs02.pdf>

TCS 3–Governor’s School Board of Governors

*Recommendations: The State Board of Education is recommended to appoint Reginald Mathis to represent District 2 on the Governor's School Board of Governors with a first term expiring on June 30, 2012. **APPROVED***
<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/stateboard/meetings/2009/09/tcs/09tcs03.pdf>

TCS 4- Educational Value Added Assessment System (EVAAS) Teacher Module Policy Modification (LATE ITEM)

*Recommendations: It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the modification request for this policy. **APPROVED***
<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/stateboard/meetings/2009/revisions/09tcs04-late.pdf>
<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/stateboard/meetings/2009/revisions/09tcs04-late-attachment.pdf>

21st CENTURY PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

TCP 1–Addition of Elementary (K-6) Content Area Concentrations as License Areas

*Recommendations: It is recommended that the Board approve the addition of the elementary (K-6) content area as license areas based on the completion of 18 of graduate coursework that will be offered by approved NC universities. **NO ACTION TAKEN (Will be voted on in October)***
<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/stateboard/meetings/2009/09/tcp/09tcp01.pdf>

TCP 2–Proposed Qualifying Score for the Revised School Leaders Licensure Assessment School Leadership Series

*Recommendations: It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve a qualifying scaled score of 163 for the revised SLLA School Leadership Series as the equivalent of the current score of 155. The revised SLLA test will be administered beginning in September, 2009. Upon the Board's approval of the recommended score, and during the interim of implementation of revised IHE approved programs, policy will be developed to align licensure requirements for out of-state and in-state School Executive applicants. **APPROVED***
<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/stateboard/meetings/2009/09/tcp/09tcp02.pdf>

TCP 3–Clarification of the Effective Date of the Adjusted Praxis II Score for Physical Education

*Recommendations: The Board is asked to establish an effective date of May 2, 2009 with the clarification that applicants for a physical education license with a score of 152 or higher on the required Praxis II exam for Physical Education will be deemed to have satisfied the testing requirement regardless of when the test was taken. **APPROVED (Discussed in closed session)***
<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/stateboard/meetings/2009/09/tcp/09tcp03.pdf>

TCP 4–Final Decision in Contested Cases:

Recommendations: The State Board shall issue a Final Agency Decision in each of the contested cases.

APPROVED

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/stateboard/meetings/2009/09/tcp/09tcp04.pdf>

TCP 5–Recommendations from the Advisory Board on Requests for Exception from Teacher Licensing Requirements **APPROVED (Discussed in closed session)**

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

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/stateboard/meetings/2009/09/tcp/09tcp05.pdf>

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