



THE WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Board Meeting Highlights

May 13-14, 2015 Pasco, Washington

The following is a review of topics discussed and actions taken during the meeting of the State Board of Education (SBE) held May 13-14, 2015, at ESD 123 in Pasco, WA. You can find the packet materials associated with each topic by clicking on the title, or review all [meeting materials](#) online.

State Board of Education Actions

SBE approved/adopted the following:

Approval of designation of Soap Lake School District to remain in Required Action District Level I Status

Approval of release of Morton School District, Renton School District and Onalaska School District from Required Action Status

Approval of [Career and Technical Education Course Equivalencies](#)

Approval of Option One Basic Education Act waiver requests from Tacoma Public Schools and Kelso School District

Approval of temporary waivers of 24-Credit Graduation Requirements

Approval of Option Two Basic Education Act waiver request from Paterson School District

Approval of [emergency rules](#) to change the timeline for approval of Required Action Plans

Approval of [Private Schools for 2015-2016](#)

Approval of CR-102 to amend [WAC Chapter 180-90, Private Schools](#)

Approval of date and location change for the 2015 Board retreat to July 7-9, 2015 in Seattle

Approval of date change for the special board meeting from August 25, 2015 to August 5, 2015

Approval of [WA-AIM Cut Scores process](#)

Community Forum discussion

The Board discussed outcomes and expectations to continue community forums, and how to formalize the process and incorporate feedback into policy-making. [PowerPoint](#) ▪ [Video](#)

Educational Data Spotlight

Staff presented on overall data about students with a disability and migrant student populations. The first presentation reviewed changes in numbers and percentages of disability types and beginning research on associated factors that may affect how schools serve these groups.

[PowerPoint](#) ▪ Video [Part 1](#) [Part 2](#) [Part 3](#)

The second spotlight highlighted data regarding migrant student populations and performance in the state. [PowerPoint](#) ▪ [Video Part 1](#) [Part 2](#)

Budget and Legislative Update

Staff provided a brief update on priority bills from regular session and in special session, particularly HB 2214 and how it will affect the class of 2016. The Board spoke further about HB 2214, concerning assessment requirements for high school students, during discussion. Staff also provided and reviewed comparisons of House and Senate budget proposals to meet the *McCleary* mandate.

[PowerPoint](#) ▪ Video [Part 1](#) [Part 2](#) [Part 3](#)

CTE Course Equivalency Frameworks

The Board reviewed the process to develop the 21 CTE Course Equivalency frameworks and how school districts can use the CTE course equivalencies. The Board reviewed early results from a survey of practitioners about CTE Course Equivalencies. Video [Part 1](#) [Part 2](#) [Part 3](#)

Rule Amendments Public Hearing

Staff presented on an emergency rule with a proposed timeline change to modify the schedule for Required Action Districts. Video [Part 1](#) [Part 2](#) [Part 3](#)

Teacher Equity Plan

Staff presented background on the state teacher equity plan requirements and research associated with the distribution of teachers. A panel of presenters from the Pasco School District, led by Superintendent Hill, described challenges and strategies for recruiting and retaining excellent educators in their district. A guest presenter from OSPI presented on the agency's state teacher equity plan process and led board members in focus groups to discuss data on teacher distribution, potential causes for inequities, and strategies for addressing inequities. Video [Part 1](#) [Part 2](#) [Part 3](#) [Part 4](#) [Part 5](#) [Part 6](#)

24 Credit Graduation Requirement Implementation

Staff presented on how districts are addressing 24-Credit Graduation Requirement implementation, including a summary of changes, challenges in implementation, and credit accumulation and retrieval. Board members discussed potential opportunity gaps. [PowerPoint](#) ▪ Video [Part 1](#) [Part 2](#) [Part 3](#)

BEA Waivers

SBE received waiver requests from Kelso School District and Tacoma Public Schools (Cascade School District application withdrawn before May meeting). Paterson School District, a K-8 district in Benton County, requested renewal for three years of an Option Two waiver for economy and efficiency of 34 days. Representatives of Kelso and Paterson school districts responded to questions from members about their waiver requests. The SBE approved the request for only two years because the statute authorizing the waiver expires in 2017. Video [Part 1](#) [Part 2](#)

Site Visits

The Board visited Tri-Tech Skills Center to better understand CTE Course Equivalencies. [Photos](#) are on the SBE Facebook page.

Student Presentation

Western Washington student member Mara Childs gave her final presentation to the Board, highlighting her experiences as a student board member and in high school, and shared her **college plans** with board members. Video [Part 1](#) [Part 2](#) [Part 3](#)

Executive Director Update

Achievement Index Update: The SBE will work with stakeholder groups to review possible changes to the Index. Video Achievement Index Update [Part 1](#) ▪ Action Items Overview [Part 1](#) [Part 2](#) ▪ [ESEA Update](#)

NEXT BOARD MEETING

July 7-9 at the Museum of Flight in Seattle.

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