



THE WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Board Meeting Highlights July 7-9, Seattle Washington

The following is a review of topics discussed and actions taken during the meeting and annual retreat of the State Board of Education (SBE) held July 7-9, 2015, at the Museum of Flight in Seattle, 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:

1. Approval of Date Changes for the 2015-2018 Board Meeting Calendars.
2. Adoption of Amendments to WAC Chapter 180-90 Private Schools.
3. Approval of Soap Lake Required Action Plan.
4. Approval of Option One Basic Education Act Waiver Requests from Auburn School District, Cusick School District and Tacoma Public Schools.
5. Approval of Temporary Waivers of 24-Credit Graduation Requirements from Toledo School District, Hoquiam School District, Lake Stevens School District, Ridgefield School District, Mossyrock School District, Aberdeen School District, Eatonville School District, White Pass School District, Rochester School District, Darrington School District, Chimacum School District, Franklin Pierce School District and West Valley School District.
6. Approval of Position Statement on the Accountability System during the Transition to the Smarter Balanced Assessment.
7. Approval of Private Schools for 2015-2016.
8. Adoption of Amendments to WAC 180-17-010, Changing Timeline for Designation of Required Action Districts.
9. Approval of COLA for SBE staff.
10. Approval of additional salary increase for SBE Executive Director.

Site Visits

Board members [visited three summer learning programs](#) at two schools: Aki Kurose Middle School and Cleveland High School.

Race and Social Justice Training

Board members and staff participated in training offered by the City of Seattle [Race and Social Justice Initiative](#).

Board Work Session: Review of [Strategic Plan and Board Priorities](#) for the Next Year

Executive Director Ben Rarick reviewed ideas from the Executive Committee Retreat. The Board discussed feedback received at Community Forums. Board members participated in three discussion groups to discuss the Board's statutory authority, its role in closing achievement and opportunity gaps, and several potential future areas for Board focus.

Update from Current RADs and Soap Lake Required Action Plan

The Board was updated on [progress of five required action districts](#) (four were designated in 2014, and Soap Lake district was re-designated at the last Board meeting). The Board also heard from Soap Lake district about their required action plan.

Public Hearing - Amendment of Rules for Private Schools

The Board held a public hearing regarding [proposed changes to private school rules](#) and heard a presentation from OSPI on the fiscal impact of the proposed changes.

Basic Education Act Waiver Requests

The Board reviewed requests for [waivers of the basic education program requirement](#) of a minimum 180-day school year from three school districts: Auburn School District, Cusick School District, and Tacoma Public Schools.

Budget Update and Legislative Update

Staff [presented](#) on the [budget as enacted on June 30](#), and legislative updates up to the day of the meeting.

Student Presentation

Eastern Washington student member Madaleine Osmun [presented on lost learning opportunities](#).

Executive Committee Election: Vice Chair

Three board members were nominated for the position of Vice Chair to the executive committee. Board member Holly Koon withdrew before the election; board member Kevin Laverty was elected.

Achievement Index Transition Position Statement

Staff member Andrew Parr presented a summary of the Achievement and Accountability Workgroup meeting on June 10, and a proposed position statement about school accountability during the transition to Smarter Balanced Assessments in the 2015-2016 school year.

Review of Smarter Balanced Assessment Experiences from Districts

A panel presentation on [implementation of the Smarter Balanced Assessments](#). Panel members included Robin Munson, Asst. Superintendent, OSPI ; Sarah Rich, Director of Assessments, North Thurston School District; Eric Anderson, Director, Research, Evaluation & Assessment, Seattle Public Schools; Wendi Walsh—Project Manager, Seattle Public Schools; and Anne Wolfley, Director of Teaching & Learning, Riverside School District. The Board will set the graduation threshold score on new assessments at a special meeting [August 5 in Olympia](#).

NEXT BOARD MEETING

August 5 at ESD 113 in Tumwater.

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