



## II. Action Items (First Reading)

### A. *Charter School Authorizer Policy – 6.110: Charter School Revocation*

**Ms. Tess Stovall and Ms. Angela Sanders**, State Board of Education, presented this item. **Ms. Stovall** explained that a new policy is needed in the area of revocation of a charter agreement, and this is a part of the State Board’s suite of policies around its role as an appellate authorizer of charter schools. She stated that this policy sets forth the process and criteria the State Board will use when considering the appeal of an LEA’s decision to revoke a charter agreement and when considering the revocation of a charter agreement where the State Board serves as the chartering authority. She stated that this policy is in agreement with national standards for authorizing and was developed in conjunction with NACSA.

**Ms. Tucker** stated that she had a conversation with staff about clarifying the language in the policy when a school has been identified as a priority school and must be automatically closed according to the automatic closure law that is currently in place. She asked if there was any way to bring clarity to the language of “such revocation shall take effect” and suggested “has to close that year or has to close the next year” as an example of improved language.

**Ms. Sanders** responded that the language used in the policy is the exact language from the statute, and the State Board staff has currently interpreted the language to mean that the school would close the same school year after being placed on the priority schools list. She also stated that there have been a number of bills filed to change this language so for now it is appropriate to keep it in alignment with the statute. If the Attorney General issues an opinion or a bill passes that changes the interpretation, the policy language can change, but **Ms. Sanders** stated that the Board should wait for more clarity after this legislative session.

**Mr. Edwards** asked for the current interpretation. **Ms. Sanders** responded that the school would close at the end of the school year that it is identified as a priority school.

**ACTION:** **Ms. Tucker** moved acceptance on first reading. **Mr. Johnson** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Chairman Rolston** then stated that **Items II.B., II.C.** and **II.D.** would be considered a block.

**B. *Architecture and Construction Course Standards***

**C. *Business Management and Administration Course Standards***

**D. *Marketing Course Standards***

**Dr. Danielle Mezera**, Department of Education, presented these items for first reading. She stated that this concluded the review of all CTE course standards. She also stated that these items include new courses within these career clusters that are now better aligned with postsecondary pathways, incorporate added instructional rigor by embedding Tennessee State Standards and reflect the competitive employment demands of our state.

**ACTION:** **Vice Chair Pearre** moved acceptance on first reading. **Ms. Tucker** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**E. *Career & Technical Education Course Lists in Board Policy 3.205***

**Dr. Mezera** presented this item and stated that this item would update sections 6 and 12-29 in State Board Policy 3.205 (Approved High School Courses) to reflect new, renamed and revised courses that are being proposed by career cluster, as well as the removal of courses that are being retired or replaced. In addition, the item will also update the course list with course additions to both Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) programs.

**ACTION:** **Mr. Roberts** moved acceptance on first reading. **Vice Chair Pearre** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**F. *Cambridge International Education Programme***

**Ms. Emily Freitag**, Department of Education, presented this item and stated that Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) is an internationally recognized provider of international education for students ages 5 to 19, offering a continuum of studies from primary levels to upper secondary levels. The courses are comparable in rigor to those offered by the International Baccalaureate (IB) and College Board's Advanced Placement programs. She stated that the Cambridge International Examinations Programme is flexible, can be tailored to student interests, and can allow for enrollment in additional programs.

**Ms. Freitag** said that the Department of Education has reviewed the Cambridge courses and agree that the program meets the current Tennessee State Standards and graduation requirements for English language arts, science, mathematics, fine arts, and foreign language. The Department has created a 'Cambridge Programme Pathways to TN Diploma' document that outlines what courses students enrolled in the Cambridge Programme will need to take in order to receive a Tennessee high school diploma.

Students who complete the Cambridge Programme should be recognized as graduating with "state distinction."

**ACTION:** **Mr. Edwards** moved acceptance on first reading. **Ms. Hartgrove** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**G. High School Math Pilot**

**Dr. Heyburn**, State Board of Education, presented this item. She stated that, prompted by a request from Hawkins County School System and several industry partners at the Board’s October 2014 workshop, this item is for approval of a limited pilot to explore ways to improve connections between secondary, post-secondary and career preparation with respect to math course offerings. If approved, the pilot would involve development of a new Algebra II-based course, as well as an additional senior year math course designed to bridge students into post-secondary work or study.

In order to establish standards for this new pilot course sequence, this item also recommends that a work group be established comprised of state and regional representatives including higher education and workforce representatives. This work group would be charged with providing information and data to the Board over the course of development, implementation and ongoing study of the standards and assessment implications for the new pilot courses. Through their work, this group will also consider the implication of recent changes made at TBR (with similar review underway at UT) to offer additional math offerings beyond the traditional requirements of College Algebra.

**Mr. Johnson** stated that he would like to see all areas of the state incorporated into the task force.

**ACTION:** **Mr. Edwards** moved acceptance on first reading. **Mr. Johnson** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. Action Items (Final Reading)**

**A. Automatic Revocation, Rule**

**Ms. Joanna Collins**, State Board of Education, presented this item for final reading. She stated that this rule change aligns State Board rules on automatic revocation with Public Chapter 844 of the 108<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. She noted that there have been no changes since first reading.

**ACTION:** **Mr. Johnson** moved approval. **Vice Chair Pearre** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Allison Chancey</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Mike Edwards</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Lillian Hartgrove</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Cato Johnson</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Carolyn Pearre</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Lonnie Roberts</b>	<b>X</b>		

	Yes	No	Absent
<b>Fielding Rolston</b>	X		
<b>William Troutt</b>			X
<b>Wendy Tucker</b>	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

**B. *Uniform Grading Policy***

**Mr. Nathan James**, State Board of Education, presented this item and stated that Public Chapter 723 of the 108th General Assembly directed the State Board to adopt a grading scale for grades kindergarten through eight. The legislation is clear that the use of the grading scale is permissive and local education agencies may adopt scales for non-high school grades that either align with the State Board’s Uniform Grading System or deviate from it. After discussions with school district representatives, it was determined that permissive language regarding the use of the Uniform Grading System grading scale for lower grades does not limit a local district’s creativity in crafting a meaningful academic reporting system for students and their families.

**ACTION:** **Mr. Johnson** moved approval. **Mr. Edwards** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
<b>Allison Chancey</b>	X		
<b>Mike Edwards</b>	X		
<b>Lillian Hartgrove</b>	X		
<b>Cato Johnson</b>	X		
<b>Carolyn Pearre</b>	X		
<b>Lonnie Roberts</b>	X		
<b>Fielding Rolston</b>	X		
<b>William Troutt</b>			X
<b>Wendy Tucker</b>	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

**C. *Tennessee Community Schools Act Support***

**This item was removed from the agenda.**

**D. *Charter School Authorizer Policies – 6.800 and 6.900***

**Ms. Stovall** presented two policies involved in the State Board’s role as an appellate authorizer of charter schools. She outlined the non-substantive changes to Policy 6.800 on Charter School Renewal since first reading that clarified that the policy covers the process for handling appeals from a governing board when denied renewal from an LEA, when

a governing body is applying directly to the State Board for renewal, and when a governing body of a State Board authorized school applies for renewal to an LEA and appeals the decision to deny renewal.

**Ms. Stovall** also outlined the only substantive change made to Policy 6.800 since first reading which was in Section 2(e)(iii) with regard to public hearings in the event that the State Board is the authorizer. She explained that this change clarified the process to be followed during this type of public hearing since an LEA is not involved. **Ms. Stovall** stated that the policy has been updated to clarify that a State Board staff member will first present the preliminary renewal recommendation, and the governing body will then have the chance to address the preliminary renewal recommendation. She stated that the only change to Policy 6.900 on LEA as a sponsor since first reading was to clarify that that the decision of the State Board to deny a charter application shall be final and not subject to appeal when an LEA is the sponsor of a charter school.

**Chairman Rolston** stated that it seems that the Board is moving toward working out all of these policies. **Ms. Stovall** confirmed that was the case.

**ACTION:** **Ms. Tucker** moved approval. **Vice Chair Pearre** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**E. Basic Training High School Course Credit, Policy and Rule**

**Ms. Freitag** presented this item and stated that in February 2014, the legislature enacted a new law, Public Chapter No. 487 that states:

If, during high school, a student enlists in a branch of the United States military and completes basic training before graduation from high school, then the student shall receive high school credit towards graduation for basic training. Credit for basic training may be substituted, upon the choice of the student, for the required credit in lifetime wellness and credit in one (1) elective course or for credit in two (2) elective courses.

**ACTION:** **Mr. Edwards** moved approval. **Ms. Hartgrove** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
<b>Allison Chancey</b>	X		
<b>Mike Edwards</b>	X		
<b>Lillian Hartgrove</b>	X		
<b>Cato Johnson</b>	X		
<b>Carolyn Pearre</b>	X		
<b>Lonnie Roberts</b>	X		

	Yes	No	Absent
<b>Fielding Rolston</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>William Troutt</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>Wendy Tucker</b>	<b>X</b>		

The motion passed unanimously.

**Chairman Rolston** stated that **Items III.F. – III.N.** would be acted upon as a block.

**Dr. Mezera** stated that no changes had been made since first reading.

- F. Career Exploration Course Standards**
- G. Finance Course Standards**
- H. Transportation, Distribution & Logistics Course Standards**
- I. Arts, Audio/Visual Technology & Communications Course Standards**
- J. Architecture & Construction Course Standards**
- K. Hospitality & Tourism Course Standards**
- L. Health Science Course Standards**
- M. Information Technology Course Standards**
- N. Advanced Manufacturing Course Standards**

**ACTION:** **Mr. Johnson** moved approval. **Ms. Tucker** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**O. Work-Based Learning Course Standards**

**Dr. Mezera** presented this item. This item includes a revised course for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students consistent with the Work-Based Learning Framework and postsecondary pathways, and is designed to reinforce Tennessee State Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy in Technical Subjects and, where applicable, Mathematics. It is also reflective of the competitive employment demands of our state.

**Mr. Roberts** stated that this has been needed for a long time.

**ACTION:** **Mr. Edwards** moved approval. **Mr. Johnson** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**P. Planning Time, Rule**

**Ms. Collins** presented this item for final reading. She stated that this rule change tracks legislation which clarifies that teachers shall be provided “individual” duty-free planning periods. She noted that there have been no changes since first reading.

**ACTION:** **Vice Chair Pearre** moved approval. **Ms. Chancey** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Q. Professional Education Unit and Specialty Area Program Approvals**

**Dr. Paul Fleming**, Department of Education, presented this item. He stated that the Department of Education is responsible for periodically reviewing each Professional Education Unit and the Specialty Area Programs it offers. Action recommendations made by the Department must be approved by the State Board of Education. **Dr. Fleming** recommended approval of Professional Education Units and Specialty Area Programs from five institutions of higher education.

**Dr. Fleming** stated that the Department of Education recommended adoption of this item on final reading.

**ACTION:** **Vice Chair Pearre** moved approval. **Mr. Johnson** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**R. Instructional Leader Preparation Program Approvals**

**Dr. Fleming** presented recommendations for approval or conditional approval for 20 instructional leader preparation programs.

He stated that the Department of Education recommends adoption of this item on final reading.

**ACTION:** **Mr. Edwards** moved approval. **Vice Chair Pearre** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) Default Actions**

**A. TSAC Defaults**

**Ms. Collins** presented this item. She explained that these educators have defaulted on student loans and have been notified by the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC). TSAC provides 90 days' notice for educators to come into compliance, and the State Board of Education provides another 30 days' notice to make arrangements with TSAC. Thus, educators have at least 120 days' notice before their licenses are suspended. Upon notification of compliance, the State Board of Education requests reinstatement of the educator's license. **Ms. Collins** noted that the Board was voting on the amended list that the members received at the workshop.

**Chairman Rolston** pointed out that the Board does not really have a choice on these because this action is required by law. He also noted that we approve a lot of suspensions and asked if we continue to get more of them.

**Ms. Collins** responded that we do receive new defaults on a weekly basis, but we also receive new notifications of compliance.

**Chairman Rolston** asked if these individuals are teaching.

**Ms. Collins** indicated that many of them are teaching, and we often get calls from school districts about them.

**Mr. Edwards** noted that it does seem like a long list of teachers, but it is a very small number compared to all of the teachers across the state.

**ACTION:** **Mr. Edwards** moved approval. **Vice Chair Pearre** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Allison Chancey</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Mike Edwards</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Lillian Hartgrove</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Cato Johnson</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Carolyn Pearre</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Lonnie Roberts</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Fielding Rolston</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>William Troutt</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>Wendy Tucker</b>	<b>X</b>		

The motion passed unanimously.

**V. *Teacher License Actions***

**Ms. Collins** presented this item. She explained that under State Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b), the State Board may revoke, suspend, formally reprimand or refuse to issue or renew a license for good cause. She stated that the State Board review committee recommends licensure action for the individuals in this item.

**Chairman Rolston** noted that the Board depends on the staff to do its due diligence and ensure that we are in line with past actions in similar cases.

**Ms. Tucker** stated that she had a few questions about these actions prior to the meeting, and that the staff was very receptive to answering them so she did not have any additional questions.

**A. *Ronnie Bray – Formal Reprimand***

**ACTION:** **Vice Chair Pearre** moved approval. **Mr. Roberts** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Allison Chancey</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Mike Edwards</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Lillian Hartgrove</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Cato Johnson</b>	<b>X</b>		

	Yes	No	Absent
<b>Carolyn Pearre</b>	X		
<b>Lonnie Roberts</b>	X		
<b>Fielding Rolston</b>	X		
<b>William Troutt</b>			X
<b>Wendy Tucker</b>	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Robert Campbell – Suspension, two (2) years retroactive**

**ACTION:** **Vice Chair Pearre** moved approval. **Mr. Roberts** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
<b>Allison Chancey</b>	X		
<b>Mike Edwards</b>	X		
<b>Lillian Hartgrove</b>	X		
<b>Cato Johnson</b>	X		
<b>Carolyn Pearre</b>	X		
<b>Lonnie Roberts</b>	X		
<b>Fielding Rolston</b>	X		
<b>William Troutt</b>			X
<b>Wendy Tucker</b>	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

**C. Rebecca Cassel – Suspension, one (1) year**

**ACTION:** **Vice Chair Pearre** moved approval. **Mr. Roberts** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
<b>Allison Chancey</b>	X		
<b>Mike Edwards</b>	X		
<b>Lillian Hartgrove</b>	X		
<b>Cato Johnson</b>	X		
<b>Carolyn Pearre</b>	X		
<b>Lonnie Roberts</b>	X		
<b>Fielding Rolston</b>	X		
<b>William Troutt</b>			X
<b>Wendy Tucker</b>	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

**D. Dustin Cox – Suspension, concurrent**

**ACTION:** **Vice Chair Pearre** moved approval. **Mr. Roberts** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
<b>Allison Chancey</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Mike Edwards</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Lillian Hartgrove</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Cato Johnson</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Carolyn Pearre</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Lonnie Roberts</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Fielding Rolston</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Teresa Sloyan</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>William Troutt</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>Wendy Tucker</b>	<b>X</b>		

The motion passed unanimously.

**E. Angie Dickerson – Formal Reprimand**

**ACTION:** **Vice Chair Pearre** moved approval. **Mr. Roberts** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
<b>Allison Chancey</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Mike Edwards</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Lillian Hartgrove</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Cato Johnson</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Carolyn Pearre</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Lonnie Roberts</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Fielding Rolston</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Teresa Sloyan</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>William Troutt</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>Wendy Tucker</b>	<b>X</b>		

The motion passed unanimously.

**F. Daniel Doyle – Revocation**

**ACTION:** **Vice Chair Pearre** moved approval. **Mr. Roberts** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
<b>Allison Chancey</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Mike Edwards</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Lillian Hartgrove</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Cato Johnson</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Carolyn Pearre</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Lonnie Roberts</b>	<b>X</b>		

	Yes	No	Absent
<b>Fielding Rolston</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Teresa Sloyan</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>William Troutt</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>Wendy Tucker</b>	<b>X</b>		

The motion passed unanimously.

**G. Donna Harvey-Lacey – Suspension, one (1) year, retroactive**

**ACTION:** **Vice Chair Pearre** moved approval. **Mr. Roberts** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
<b>Allison Chancey</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Mike Edwards</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Lillian Hartgrove</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Cato Johnson</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Carolyn Pearre</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Lonnie Roberts</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Fielding Rolston</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>William Troutt</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>Wendy Tucker</b>	<b>X</b>		

The motion passed unanimously.

**H. Kristin Seay – Suspension, one (1) year, retroactive**

**ACTION:** **Vice Chair Pearre** moved approval. **Mr. Roberts** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
<b>Allison Chancey</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Mike Edwards</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Lillian Hartgrove</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Cato Johnson</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Carolyn Pearre</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Lonnie Roberts</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Fielding Rolston</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>William Troutt</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>Wendy Tucker</b>	<b>X</b>		

The motion passed unanimously.

**I. Leon Tolley – Suspension, concurrent**

**ACTION:** **Vice Chair Pearre** moved approval. **Mr. Roberts** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
<b>Allison Chancey</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Mike Edwards</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Lillian Hartgrove</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Cato Johnson</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Carolyn Pearre</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Lonnie Roberts</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Fielding Rolston</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>William Troutt</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>Wendy Tucker</b>	<b>X</b>		

The motion passed unanimously.

**J. Leann Walker – Suspension, one (1) year, retroactive**

**ACTION:** **Vice Chair Pearre** moved approval. **Mr. Roberts** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
<b>Allison Chancey</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Mike Edwards</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Lillian Hartgrove</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Cato Johnson</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Carolyn Pearre</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Lonnie Roberts</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Fielding Rolston</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>William Troutt</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>Wendy Tucker</b>	<b>X</b>		

The motion passed unanimously.

**Mr. Edwards** stated that a lot of items that were voted on today goes to the work force. Businesses will import from other states and “skilling up” Tennessee students will help us to employ them. Kids coming out of college get internships to get jobs which in turn helps them to get a job.

**VI. Adjournment**

**Chairman Rolston** then thanked the Board members for their thoughtful deliberations and announced that the Board will meet next on April 9-10, 2015.

Approved by:  Date: