Discussion Agenda

The following items received approval this month. In each case, these items were approved by a majority vote of the Board members present at the meeting. The items are listed below:

1. **High School Exit Standards (HSP 5)** - The Board continued its consideration of standards for high school exit examinations and performance-based assessments. The Board approved a revised set of standards that reflect the Board’s commitment to ensuring that all students graduate from high school ready for college or career.

2. **Teacher Turnover Reports (QP 5)** - Ann McArthur, vice president of the State Board of Education, presented the Board with the annual report on teacher turnover for the 2003-04 school year. The report showed that 11,299 teachers of the 92,166 teachers employed by the system left before July 1, 2004. The Board discussed the implications of these numbers for the state’s teacher recruitment and retention efforts.

3. **Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC)** - Recognition of the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) was approved. TEAC is an independent, non-profit organization that accredits teacher education programs in the United States. The Board recognized TEAC for its role in ensuring that teacher education programs meet high standards and prepare students to be effective teachers.

4. **High School Graduation Rates (HSP 7)** - The Board reviewed the latest figures on high school graduation rates in North Carolina. The board discussed the efforts being made to improve graduation rates and ensure that all students have the opportunity to graduate from high school.

5. **Performance-Based Assessments (HSP 2)** - The Board continued its consideration of the state’s performance-based assessment system. The Board discussed the progress being made in implementing the new assessments and the challenges that remain.

6. **Local Recognition / Caring Schools (SS); or Strong Family, Community and Business Support (FCB).** - State Superintendent Mike Ward was recognized and presented with a certificate of appreciation for his contributions to improving education in North Carolina.

7. **Federal Startup Grant Funds for Charter Academy (Lenoir County).** - Funding for a new charter school in Lenoir County was approved. The school will focus on providing a safe and welcoming environment for students.

8. **IHE Performance Reports (QP 3)** - The Board reviewed the performance reports for the state’s institutions of higher education (IHEs). The reports provide information on the performance of these institutions and their ability to meet state and federal standards.

9. **Special Note: to review background materials on each item, please go to [this link](https://www.ncsbe.gov/sbe_meetings/0409_sbagenda.html).

Action Agenda

The following actions were approved this month. In each case, these actions were approved by a majority vote of the Board members present at the meeting. The actions are listed below:

1. **The Board approved the annual report of the State Board of Education (SBE).** The report provides an overview of the SBE’s work over the past year.

2. **The Board approved the appointment of John Q. Adams as the new state superintendent of public instruction.** Adams has been a long-time educator and administrator in North Carolina. He replaces Mike Ward, who is retiring.

3. **The Board approved the appointment of Susan Harrell as the new state director of the Division of Administrative Services.** Harrell has been with the state for many years and brings a wealth of experience to her new position.

4. **The Board approved the creation of a new Department of Accountability.** The department will be responsible for overseeing agency-wide initiatives, including communications.

5. **The Board approved the appointment of a new director of the Division of Human Resource Management.** The new director will be responsible for advising boards and commissions on hiring and retaining effective teachers.

6. **The Board approved the creation of a new Committee on Educational Technology.** The committee will be responsible for providing advice on educational technologies.

7. **The Board approved the appointment of a new director of the Division of Internal Operations.** The new director will be responsible for advising boards and commissions on internal operations.

8. **The Board approved the appointment of a new director of the Division of Program and Performance Evaluation.** The new director will be responsible for providing advice on program and performance evaluation.

The Board looks forward to addressing these actions in the future and continuing to improve the quality of education in North Carolina.