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MASTER PLAN UPDATE HEARING HELD

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Board Rejects Most Recommendations

The State Board of Education, with participation by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, held a public hearing February 12, 1988, to receive testimony on the annual update of the Master Plan for Vocational Education. Eighteen individuals presented testimony. These individuals represented nine independent school districts, six interested organizations, one university, one public school board, and the Texas Council on Vocational Education.

TCOVE submitted six recommendations for the Board to consider. Of the six, two were accepted, one was accepted with qualifications, two were rejected, and action on one was reserved pending future considerations by the Board.

In his letter of recommended action to the Board, the Commissioner stated, "Some of the recommendations . . . are inconsistent with the plan's basic principles and run counter to the adopted approach to restructure vocational education in Texas." In conclusion, Kirby stated, "I recommend no changes be made to the basic structure of the master plan and that no changes be made to the plan's long-term goals for vocational education." Action by the Board on the recommendations reflected the recommended action suggested by Commissioner Kirby.

Of the accepted recommendations, one dealt with a modification of the scheduled update process which will culminate with the S.B.O.E. and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approving the Master Plan by September of each year, with print-

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*Participant's Recommendations
&
Board's Action
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The presented testimony was consolidated into five major recommendations and presented to the Board, with staff recommended action, during the March 12, 1988; meeting of the Board. The TCOVE recommendations were considered separately.

Commissioner of Education William N. Kirby recommended the board reject three of the five major recommendations and that action be reserved on the other two pending related considerations by the Board.

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GOVERNOR APPOINTS HELEN KNAGGS TO COUNCIL



Helen Soto Knaggs

Effective March 1, 1988, Helen Soto Knaggs joined the Council on appointment by Governor Clements. She fills the joint TCOVE/State Job Training Coordinating Council position vacated by Janey Lack.

Ms. Knaggs is the Governmental Affairs Manager of the General Telephone Company of the Southwest. She has held numerous positions in community service and political organizations statewide. She was ap-

pointed by President Reagan and has served on the Small Business Administration Advisory Council (Region VI) since 1982.

At General Telephone, she designed an EEO training program, developed affirmative action plans, and is distinguished by being the first Mexican-American promoted to manager. ###

COMMITTEE GIVES DIRECTIONS FOR 89-90 FUNDING

The Committee for Finance and Programs of the S.B.O.E. continued their discussion on alternative funding patterns for vocational education for the school year 1989-90 during their March 12 meeting.

During their February meeting, the Committee asked staff to collect data, for the March meeting, about the possible affects the elimination of vocational funding for some course offerings would have on selected school districts.

Dr. Tom Anderson reported that 25 school districts were selected for the sample, including school districts which presented testimony at the Master Plan Update public hearing. He noted that while most of the districts reflected a negative impact, it is anticipated that the same districts will add courses emphasized in the new Master Plan initiatives and priority occupations which would eliminate the negative impact.

After discussion by the Committee, staff was directed to bring forward rules to implement the following directives: (1) funding will drive implementation of the Master Plan; (2) the Master Plan initiatives established by the Board will be given top priority when requested by districts; (3) occupationally specific programs addressing priority occupations will receive high priority when requested by districts; (4) incentives will be made available to support start-up cost of new master plan initiatives; (5) introductory industrial technology at grades 7-8 will not be vocationally funded; (6) industrial technology at grades 9-12 will be vocationally funded; (7) career investigation at grades 7-12 will not be vocationally funded; and (8) Coordinated Vocational Academic Education at grades 7-8 will not be vocationally funded. ###

Proposed 1989-90 Vocational Funding Directions

Courses	Grades	Funded
Introductory Technology	7-8	No
Life Management Skills	7-8	No
C.V.A.E.	7-8	No
Career Investigation	7-12	No
Comprehensive Courses	9-12	Yes
C.V.A.E.	9-12	Yes
Industrial Technology	9-12	Yes
Technical Courses	9-12	Yes
Cluster Courses	10	Yes
Occu. Specific Courses	11-12	Yes

BOARD AUTHORIZES PERKINS FUNDED PROJECTS

Funds for Curriculum Centers Delayed

The State Board of Education approved a request for authorization to issue requests for proposals and applications for projects for 1988-89 under the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Act. The recommended projects are to continue the implementation process for the Master Plan for Vocational Education.

The Board delayed approval of authorizing the issue of funds for curriculum center projects, amounting to \$1,246,049.00, for one month in order that the proposed curriculum projects be reviewed in relation to the list of priority occupations.

The Committee for Finance and Programs requested an evaluation of the projects, especially those concerning projects relating to: Single Parents and Homemakers; Elimination of Sex Bias and Sex Stereotyping; Adult Training and Retraining; Community Based Organization/Local Education Agency; and Criminal Offenders Serving in Correctional Institutions. The evaluations are to contain information on how the participants are affected and the program purposes achieved rather than merely simple participant counts.

Dr. Tom Anderson advised that the total costs for the recommended projects were estimated and are to be provided to the Joint Liaison Committee which will meet in April to consider recommendations to the Board. Dr. Anderson stated that funds recommended for program improvement were less than last year and that actual expenditures for last year's projects have been less than the estimated amounts. ###

Approved Categories and Amounts

Program Improvement

I. Curriculum Development	\$ 250,000
II. Personnel Development	\$ 568,000
III. Program Development	\$ 564,000
IV. Technical Assistance	\$ 250,000
V. Regional Planning	\$ 250,000
PEIMS Vocational Education Component Development	\$ 150,000
Vocational Education Program Staff Positions *	\$ 620,000

* This funding mechanism was directed by the General Appropriations Act passed during the Second Called Session of the 70th Texas Legislature

Targeted Population Groups

VI. Single Parents and Homemakers	\$ 1,090,402
VII. Elimination of Sex Bias and Sex Stereotyping	\$ 538,787
VIII. Adult Training and Retraining Projects	\$ 1,847,269
XIX. Community Based Organizations/LEAs	\$ 474,213
X. Criminal Offenders Serving in Correctional Institutions	\$ 513,130

RECOMMENDATIONS & ACTIONS

Master Plan Update Hearing

1. **Recommendation:** Coordinated Vocational-Academic Education in grades 7 and 8 should be maintained in its current form. **Action Taken:** Rejected.

2. **Recommendation:** Remove all grade-level restrictions on vocational education courses, and make cluster courses available to students enrolled in grade 9. **Action Taken:** Rejected.

3. **Recommendation:** Districts should not be required to offer the Life Management Skills course at grades 7 and 8. **Action Taken:** Rejected.

4. **Recommendation:** The Life Management Skills course should be taught only by teachers certified in vocational or non-vocational home economics. **Action Taken:** Pending.

5. **Recommendation:** The current funding weight of 1.45 should be maintained for all vocational courses. **Action Taken:** Pending

TCOVE Recommendations

1. **Recommendation:** The update process should be put on a schedule that culminates with the two state boards approving the master plan by September each year, with printing and distribution completed by November. **Action Taken:** Accepted.

2. **Recommendation:** (a) The master plan should be developed once every five years, with annual updates reflecting changes in goals, objectives, strategies, and timetables targeted for completion during the life of the plan. (b) Modifications made to the master plan during each update process (e.g., additions/changes in strategies, early completion/delay in timetables), should be set off in bold or italics for easy identification. **Action Taken:** Both recommendations accepted with qualifications.

3. **Recommendation:** Under career development strategy 2-C (relating to programs), add a management action plan that permits school districts with vocational education in five or more program areas to offer at grade 9 comprehensive courses in each program area that are exploratory in nature. **Action Taken:** Rejected.

4. **Recommendation:** Replace career development strategy 2-C5 (relating to Coordinated Vocational-Academic Education) with a strategy reflecting that districts shall include a vocational education component, as a part of their local alternatives to social promotion plan, that stresses both career guidance and job specific training to serve "at-risk" students in grades 7-12, allowing districts flexibility to shape an appropriate vocational component, which may involve adding to or modifying CVAE, or developing other vocational approaches to be funded with vocational dollars. **Action Taken:** Rejected.

5. **Recommendation:** Update the time frame for career development strategy 5-A (relating to differential funding for vocational education) to reflect completion of a cost study of vocational education by October 1988 that culminates in legislative recommendations to set in place differential funding weights for vocational education at the secondary level. **Action Taken:** Pending.

6. **Recommendation:** Modify and update the action plans, outcomes, and time frames relevant to career development strategy 7-A (innovative vocational programs) to reflect an expansion of 2+2 programs into areas other than technical education. **Action Taken:** Accepted. ###

TCOVE HOLDING REGIONAL HEARINGS

The Texas Council on Vocational Education has conducted two of four scheduled regional public hearings soliciting local testimony as to the impacts the Master Plan for Vocational Education and other education reforms are having on public secondary and post-secondary vocational-technical education programs in Texas.

Hearings were hosted by Northeast Texas Community College and Mt. Pleasant ISD on March 22 in Mt. Pleasant; and by Weslaco ISD on March 24 in Weslaco.

The remaining two hearings will be held in Lubbock (April 6) and El Paso (April 19). Each hearing will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Lubbock (April 6) - Region XVI Education Service Center
4200 22nd Place

El Paso (April 19) - AV Theatre, Airport Hilton Inn
(adjacent to airport terminal)

The hearing will be attended by members of TCOVE and staff; officials from the Texas Education Agency and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and Mr. Richard Bouton of the University of Texas.

"We are interested in evaluating the impact of reforms in more than just the four cities hosting the hearings. Letters soliciting testimony are being sent to education personnel and business people in a broad geographic area surrounding each location. We encourage the public to attend to learn what's happening to vocational education in their communities and to express their feelings — pro or con," states Will Reece, TCOVE Executive Director. ###

Federal State Plan Public Hearing Announced

A public hearing will be held April 8, 1988, in Austin on the proposed State Plan for Federal Vocational Funding, Fiscal Year 1989-90; at 9:30 a.m. The Committee for Finance and Programs will conduct the hearing in Room 1-104 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 North Congress Avenue. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Texas Education Agency. ###

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ing and distribution to be completed by November. Upon recommendation by Mrs. Eleanor N. Conrad, of the Coordinating Board, this activity will be initiated in September 1989. The other accepted recommendation dealt with the expansion of the development of 2 + 2 programs into areas other than technical education.

The recommendation which was accepted with qualifications dealt with the interpretation of the five year life of the master plan and annual updates. This recommendation also contained suggestions that any modifications be noted in an easily identifiable manner. ###

Post-Secondary

New Degrees

Approved

Degrees approved at the January Coordinating Board meeting include:

— Associate of Applied Science in International Trade and Business at El Paso Community College

— Associate of Applied Science in Paramedicine at Grayson County College

— Associate of Applied Science in Legal Assisting and in Veterinary Technology at North Harris County College ####

Funding Formulas

Adopted

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has adopted funding formulas for the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's office to use in developing

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higher education budget proposals for the 1990-91 biennium. The Board is recommending that the state's public community colleges receive an increase of \$325 million and Texas State Technical Institute and other technical programs receive \$36 million more than that appropriated for the 88-89 biennium. ####

Enrollment Forecasts

Revised

A revised forecast of enrollments in Texas institutions of higher education shows public community colleges growing slightly faster than senior colleges. Community colleges are expected to enroll 352,000 students by the year 2000 compared to last fall's enrollment of 321,869. ####

Secondary

Curriculum Rules Adopted

B.V.E. Rules Deleted

The State Board of Education approved on third and final reading the revised rules designed to implement the Master Plan for Vocational Education.

Deleted from the rules on third reading were rules related to the newly developed Basic Vocational Education course.

Minor editorial changes were made as the Board adopted the rules. ####

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