



## SPECIAL STATE BOARD MEETING CONFERENCE CALL

December 19, 2007

8:30 a.m.

State Board Office – Olympus Conference Room

### A G E N D A

- 8:30 a.m. Call to Order/Roll Call  
*Erin Mundinger, Chair*
- College Readiness in Mathematics Tab 1  
(Postponed from December 5, 2007 SBCTC Meeting)  
**Revised Resolution 07-12-41**  
*Jan Yoshiwara/Bill Moore*
- 8:45 a.m. Temporary Operating Fee Waiver for Victims of Tab 2  
December 2007 Winter Storm  
**Resolution 07-12-42**  
*Chris Reykdal*
- 9:00 a.m. Adjournment/Next Meeting  
January 30-31, 2008 ~ SBCTC Office  
*Erin Mundinger*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Under RCW 42.30.110, an Executive Session may be held. Action from the Executive Session may be taken, if necessary, as a result of items discussed in the Executive Session.

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**SSD** refers to the SBCTC System Direction adopted by the Board in September 2006 (Resolution 06-09-27).



## **SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA ITEM**

**December 19, 2007**

**TAB 1**

Discussion    **Action (Revised Resolution 07-12-41)**

### **Topic**

State Board of Education proposal regarding the third math credit for high school graduation

### **Description**

In 2007, the Legislature passed 2SHB-1906 which directs the State Board of Education to amend high school graduation requirements by December 1, 2007. The requirements must include “a minimum of three credits of mathematics, one of which may be a career and technical course equivalent in mathematics, and prescribe the mathematics content in the three required credits.”

At the December 5 meeting of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, Board members discussed a resolution stating a position on the third year math requirement for a high school diploma. Board members asked staff to prepare a revised resolution to be offered by Jeff Johnson and Jim Bricker that supports diverse options for learning Algebra II level skills and concepts including applied and career-related contexts. A revised resolution is attached for Board consideration.

### **Key Questions**

- Does the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges support having the third credit of math required for high school graduation aligned with Algebra II level concepts and skills?
- Does the Board support encouraging a diversity of pathways and options for students, including opportunities to learn mathematics in applied and career-related contexts?

### **Background Information**

The State Board of Education is meeting January 9, 2008 to discuss high school graduation requirements in mathematics. SBCTC representatives will have an opportunity to express the system's position related to the third year math requirement.

Further background information is available in the December 5, 2007 Board agenda packet under Tab 8, at [http://www.sbctc.ctc.edu/docs/board/agendas/2007/20071205\\_agenda\\_dec\\_sbctc\\_mtg.pdf](http://www.sbctc.ctc.edu/docs/board/agendas/2007/20071205_agenda_dec_sbctc_mtg.pdf)

### **Recommendation/Outcomes**

In order to support our system's continuing efforts to work with educational partners to reduce the level of remedial math coursework taken by recent high school graduates entering our

colleges, staff recommend that the Board adopt Revised Resolution 07-12-41 that strongly supports diverse pathways and options for learning Algebra II level concepts and skills including applied and career-related contexts.

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STATE OF WASHINGTON

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES

RESOLUTION 07-12-41

*(Proposed Revision offered by Jeff Johnson and Jim Bricker)*

A resolution relating to proposed definitions of the mathematics credits required for high school graduation.

**WHEREAS**, the 2007 Legislature passed 2SHB-1906 which directs the State Board of Education to amend high school graduation requirements to include a minimum of three credits of mathematics, one of which may be a career and technical course equivalent in mathematics, and describe the required content; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges continues to address issues of students success through the Transition Math Project in an effort to reduce remedial math course-taking among recent high school graduates entering community and technical colleges; and

**WHEREAS**, community and technical college academic programs, high-wage workforce programs, and most medium-wage workforce programs require Algebra II skills for entry or completion; and

[WHEREAS, the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges strongly supports a diversity of pathways and options for students entering colleges in the system, including opportunities to learn mathematics in applied and career-related contexts,](#)

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges recommends to the State Board of Education that the third credit of math to be required for high school graduation be aligned with [the Grade 11/12 Grade Level Expectations Algebra II-level concepts and skills,](#) and ~~that for~~ high school career and technical programs develop courses [that which include practical math applications reflecting Algebra](#) ~~those~~ concepts and skills.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** on December 19, 2007.

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Erin Mundinger, Chair

**ATTEST:**

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Charles N. Earl, Secretary



## **SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA ITEM**

**TAB 2**

**December 19, 2007**

Discussion     Action (Resolution 07-12-42)

### **Topic**

Temporary operating fee waiver for victims of the December 1, 2007 winter storm.

### **Description**

Beginning on December 1, 2007 parts of Washington State were battered by a significant Pacific storm that brought high winds, heavy rains, melting snow and ultimately power outages, mudslides, severe flooding, and large scale damage to persons and property. In the wake of that event, Governor Gregoire declared a State of Emergency across the entire State on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Washington coastline and the Chehalis River Basin experienced the most extensive damage. The service districts supported by Centralia College in Lewis County and Grays Harbor College in Grays Harbor County have experienced extensive hardship in the wake of the storm. Parts of Mason County and Thurston County also saw disruptions. These areas are served by South Puget Sound Community College and Olympic College.

### **Key Questions**

- Does the Board wish to authorize local boards of trustees to adopt special temporary waivers for victims of the December 1, 2007 storm in the affected areas as declared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)?

### **Analysis**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designated Grays Harbor and Lewis counties as disaster areas on December 8<sup>th</sup>. With this declaration, FEMA authorized "individual assistance" for these two counties. Individual assistance means that aid can be granted not only to local and state governments and certain private nonprofit organizations, but aid can also be authorized directly to individuals and families. On December 15<sup>th</sup>, FEMA expanded its declaration to include Mason County, Pacific County, and Thurston County (Attachment A).

Large numbers of students and their families in the affected areas have lost real and personal property and may find it difficult to return to school. After speaking with officials at Grays Harbor College and Centralia College, it is clear that financial assistance at this time of need may be a critical element in the lives of students, and will assist in the region's overall recovery. With the loss of so much real and personal property, and the loss of wages by so many, assistance is needed immediately.

Under authority granted by the Legislature in 2000 (C.152, S.1), RCW 28B.15.915 authorizes the governing boards of the community colleges to waive all or a portion of the operating fees for any student, subject to State Board policy. Until now, the State Board has only authorized two waivers under this provision – non-resident differential (the authority to discount non-resident operating fees down to resident fee rates), and a special Hurricane Katrina Waiver (Resolution 05-09-21). With Board action, colleges would be authorized to establish operating fee waivers for victims of the December 1st storm.

### **Background Information**

- Tab 1, September 26, 2005 Special Board Meeting (Katrina)  
[http://www.sbctc.ctc.edu/docs/board/agendas/2005/20050926\\_agenda\\_sep\\_special\\_mtg.pdf](http://www.sbctc.ctc.edu/docs/board/agendas/2005/20050926_agenda_sep_special_mtg.pdf)
- Attachment A - Disaster Summary for FEMA-1734-DR, Washington (12/8/07)

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 07-12-42, authorizing local boards of trustees at Centralia College, Grays Harbor College, Olympic College, and South Puget Sound Community College to adopt a temporary operating fee waiver for victims of the December 1<sup>st</sup> storm, effective for Winter and Spring quarters 2008. Given the unique circumstances of each college, local policies should be developed to award waivers to those most in need. With delegated authority already provided to address emergencies, the Executive Director will provide special one-time allocations of funds to the affected colleges to ensure that operating fee waivers provided to students minimizes adverse impacts to the colleges' finances. The Board should encourage the colleges to pursue other local, state and federal resources to support students, the colleges, and the college system as a whole.

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**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES**  
**RESOLUTION 07-12-42**

A resolution (effective immediately) authorizing local boards of trustees to adopt a special operating fee waiver for victims of the December 1<sup>st</sup> storm.

**WHEREAS**, a Pacific storm landed on the Washington Coast beginning December 1, 2007 and parts of the State sustained widespread flooding, mudslides, landslides and damaging high winds; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been a significant loss of real property, personal property, and income by some students and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has authorized individual assistance in Grays Harbor County, Lewis County, Mason County, Pacific County, and Thurston County; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges has the authority in RCW 28B.15.915 to develop policies that allow local boards of trustees to adopt operating fee waivers;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that under the authority in RCW 28B.15.915, the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges authorizes the local boards of trustees at Centralia College, Grays Harbor College, Olympic College, and South Puget Sound Community College to adopt a special operating fee waiver for victims of the December 1<sup>st</sup> storm for Winter and Spring Quarters 2008. As the four colleges adopt their operating fee waiver they shall:

1. Limit the operating fee waiver to Winter and Spring quarters 2008;
2. Take formal action to adopt the waiver or delegate the authority to their college president;
3. Use a uniform code (fee pay status) established at the Center for Information Services in consultation with the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges;
4. Establish local policies for the determination of eligible students, including any documentation necessary to prove student eligibility;
5. Develop a prioritization process that concentrates assistance on students most in need;
6. Coordinate, where possible, with the Governor's Office, FEMA, local governments, and private nonprofits to ensure maximum financial support to eligible students and possible reimbursement to the college and college system.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges grants to the local boards of trustees the flexibility to implement this waiver authority by all means necessary to address issues not explicitly identified in this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges delegates to the executive director the authority to expand the scope of this temporary waiver to address emergent needs as declared by FEMA.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** on December 19, 2007

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Erin Munding, Chair

**ATTEST:**

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Charles N. Earl, Secretary

**FEMA**TAB 2  
Attachment A

## **Designated Counties for Washington Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides**

### **Disaster Summary For FEMA-1734-DR, Washington**

**Declaration Date:** December 8, 2007

**Incident Type:** Severe Storms and Flooding

**Incident Period:** December 1, 2007, and continuing

#### **Individual Assistance**

*(Assistance to individuals and households):*

Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, and Thurston Counties.

#### **Public Assistance**

*(Assistance to State and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities):*

Grays Harbor, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, and Thurston Counties for debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B), including direct Federal assistance.

#### **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program**

*(Assistance to State and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations for actions taken to prevent or reduce long term risk to life and property from natural hazards):*

All counties in the State of Washington are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

#### **Other:**

Additional designations may be made at a later date after further evaluation.

More information about Washington Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides