

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF TEXAS RESOLUTION MOVE SCHOOL BOARD TRAINING TO THE SBOE AWAY FROM LOBBYISTS

Resolution to amend plank 99 as follows (underlined):

99. Elected State Board of Education: We believe that the SBOE should continue to be an elected body consisting of fifteen members. The SBOE shall be staffed out of general revenue. Their responsibilities must include:

- a) Overseeing the Commissioner of Education.
- b) Maintaining constitutional authority over the Permanent School Fund.
- c) Maintaining authority over curriculum.
- d) The state adoption of all educational materials. This process must include public hearings.
- e) Granting, revoking, or amending open enrollment school charters. The SBOE should require charter school operators and board members to be American citizens.
- f) Teacher and administrator certification. We call for the abolition of the State Board for Educator Certification.
- g) With the assistance of parent advocate work groups, write all school board training and administer it through the TEA in a transparent manner that allows the public to observe; All training must demonstrate a correct hierarchy where trustees represent their constituents and staff fulfills the directives, policies and goals of the board, in full compliance with state and federal law and the U.S. and Texas constitutions.

A copy of this resolution should be sent to the _____ County/Senate District # _____ Convention Resolutions Committee from Precinct # _____ with the recommendation that it be passed and sent to the State Convention Platform Committee of the Republican Party of Texas.

Rationale:

- Currently, the training board members receive sometimes leads to groupthink.
- Board members are often trained to defer to their subordinates and their attorney for decisions; are often discouraged from presenting fresh ideas or having deliberations;
- the power has to be returned to We The People - our children's future depends on it.
- Good training can help reduce the overspending, over-taxation we're suffering through bond debt and property taxes.
- Training that is state-approved will be consistent, observative, and should not be teaching workarounds to parental rights or teacher rights.