Action Items

The Board of Directors took action on the following items:

- Approved the minutes of October 16, 2012 Board of Directors meeting
- Approved Budget Amendments for October 2012
- Approved Expenditure Reports as of October 31, 2012
- Approved the Memorandum of Agreement for Business Support Services with Webb Consolidated Independent School District
- Approved the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2012
- Approved the Early Childhood Intervention (ECI): Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapy Services, Behavior Services for Children with Autism, and Nutrition Services, Proposal 11-09-01 Extension to the following: Linda Reyna, Saulter Therapy Services, Zepole Dietary Consultants, Pamela J. Dawson, Melanie McGrath, Susan Moody.
- Approved a Resolution honoring State Board of Education Member-Elect, Rubén Cortez, Jr., proclaiming January 30, 2013 as Region One Day at the Capitol.

Executive Director’s Report

In his Executive Director’s Report, Mr. Damron reported on the following items:

- Mr. Damron provided an update regarding the Region One ESC Race to the Top-District (RTT-D) Grant Application noting that the U.S. Department of Education released the list of the 61 finalists. Despite producing a strong application which had the support of school teachers, community leaders, local institutions of higher education, and partners the Region One grant was not selected as a finalist. Mr. Damron congratulated the Division of Instructional Support for the work that went toward the development of the grant application. Tina Atkins, Region One GEAR UP Director said the Region One grant had proposed college readiness activities, district turnaround activities, and activities that would strengthen the curriculum and instruction within participating school districts. Ten Region One non-GEAR UP districts and one Region 2 district were included in the RTT-D Grant Application.

- Mr. Damron provided an update to the Board of Directors regarding the Rider 39 Report, a cost comparative study of regional education service centers and the private sector, related to products, direct services, technical assistance, and professional development. The Rider 39 Report is an annual report required by the Texas Legislature. Mr. Damron explained this report was the second request for information which this time required regional education service centers to select five school districts within their regions. The report found that by using ESC services and products school districts and charter schools demonstrated significant cost savings. A brief summary of the savings was shared with the Board. A full report will be submitted to the Commissioner of Education in December for distribution to the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor’s Office, State legislators, and other state agencies.

- Mr. Damron reported on recent scrutiny directed at CSCOPE, the comprehensive online curriculum management system owned and developed by the Texas Education Service Center Curriculum Collaborative (TESCCC). In a November 2012 State Board of Education Committee on Instruction meeting, CSCOPE was placed on the public hearing agenda for purposes of gathering information about the curriculum. Mr. Damron provided a brief overview of the CSCOPE curriculum including its history, development, and progress. He provided talking points for Board Members, as provided by the TESCCC.

- Mr. Damron advised that the Texas Education Agency is scheduled for a Sunset Review during the upcoming legislative session. A review of the state agency was conducted earlier this year and a summary report was released in October 2012. Several areas of concern were highlighted in the summary report including the ability of TEA to manage Adult Education programs. A public hearing on the released report was held on November 27, 2012.
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- In his Personnel Matters report, Mr. Damron reported on the following Additions/New Assignments: Norma A. Castillo, LDAC Specialist; Wendy Y. Galicki, Speech Language Pathologist; Lliana Guzman, ECI Case Manager; and Maria Kurti, ELA Specialist, and under Terminations included Nubia Acosta, Student Data Analyst Specialist.

The next regular meeting of the Region One ESC Board of Directors is December 18, 2012.