

**PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS BOARD
DECEMBER 4, 2006
CASPER, WY**

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Bill Lee, Patricia McClurg, Craig Beck, Robin Dexter, Joyce Tyrrell, Jack Patrick, Anne Marie Anderson, DeAnn Eisenhart, and Chris Frude. Absent: JoAnne McFarland and Dennis Pince. Attorney General's office: Bill Pilger. Department of Education: Carol Illian. WEA: Harold Bovee. Staff: Connie Pollard, Adell VanPatten-Gorny, and Betsie Martinez.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Connie Pollard requested the addition of a second executive session.

Moved by Joyce Tyrrell and seconded by Robin Dexter to adopt the agenda, with flexibility. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Craig Beck and seconded by Anne Marie Anderson to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

BUDGET REPORT

Moved by Craig Beck and seconded by Patricia McClurg to receive the budget report as presented by Connie Pollard. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Connie Pollard distributed copies of the most current Rules and Regulations. She reported meeting with Joe Simpson, Deputy State Superintendent, WDE, for discussion of guidelines on how teachers can obtain HQ status, and he assisted her in the process of requesting additional staff; she, Jack Patrick, Bill Lee, and Chris Frude addressed the State Board of Education; she noted that eight standards-setting study panels for ETS Praxis II tests have been scheduled for January 23-25, 2007; she presented copies of some of the applications the PTSB staff have been working on; she presented data supporting the increase in applications processed in the last three years; she reported she will invite Katherine Bassett, ETS, to a future meeting; she noted Joe Simpson has indicated that vacancies on the

PTSB Board should be filled in the near future.

Moved by Chris Frude and seconded by Pat McClurg to accept the Director's Report as presented. Motion carried.

ENDORSEMENTS --4 OPTIONS

The Board discussed pros and cons regarding Option 4, which addresses criteria for adding endorsements for teachers holding Standard certificates.

Moved by Craig Beck and seconded by Anne Marie Anderson to study the issue further and direct Connie Pollard to submit a rewritten proposal at a future meeting. Motion carried.

COLLABORATION CERTIFICATES

Connie Pollard pointed out the need for clarification within the PTSB Rules and Regulations regarding the issuance of collaboration certificates. The Board discussed collaborations, temporary permits, and transitionals. They discussed reviewing the Rules and Regulations to having only Temporary Permits and Exceptions.

Moved by Jack Patrick and seconded by Craig Beck to discontinue collaborations and directed Connie Pollard to write up a proposal that would allow PTSB to grandfather individuals on current collaboration endorsements and develop procedures to issue only Temporary Permits and Exception Certificates. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session from 11:00 am to 11:15 am.

Moved by Craig Beck and seconded by Pat McClurg to establish an Applications Review Committee made up of the Executive Director, a higher education representative, an administrator, and a teacher. Motion carried.

Moved by Pat McClurg and seconded by Joyce Tyrrell to issue a one-year Letter of Authorization and not a standard certificate for those applicants who have not yet passed the required Praxis II exam. Those individuals would fall under the Exception Certificate umbrella. Motion carried.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ENDORSEMENT

The Board directed Connie Pollard to write up a proposal and submit to them at a future meeting.

COMPARISON OF NCLB AND WY REQUIREMENTS FOR HQ

Connie Pollard presented "Testing Issues" pertaining to what NCLB requires to verify "demonstration of competency" to obtain highly qualified status in all core areas..

Moved by Jack Patrick and seconded by Anne Marie Anderson to accept Items #1, 2, 4, 5, and 7 of the *Testing Issues* handout; omit #6, and send #3 to a review committee for further study. Motion carried.

Names of individuals will be provided by the Board to Connie to establish a review committee.

Moved by Jack Patrick and seconded by Anne Marie Anderson to rescind the above motion. Motion carried.

Moved by Jack Patrick and seconded by Anne Marie Anderson to accept items #1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the *Testing Issues* handout and allow #3 to be forwarded to a review committee. Motion carried. Pat McClurg abstained.

ADOPTING ETS PRAXIS TESTS FOR OTHER WAYS FOR TEACHERS TO BECOME HQ

Moved by Craig Beck and seconded by Jack Patrick to move forward with Standards Setting Panels as part of the ETS adoption process that would offer teachers a way to obtain HQ status. Motion carried.

REVIEW/REWRITE OF PTSB RULES & REGULATIONS & OPERATIONS HANDBOOK

Connie Pollard proposed that Nancy Bailey, former PTSB board member and Chair, work with the PTSB staff on rewriting the Rules and Regulations and Operations Handbook for consistency and clarity. Connie will contact Nancy Bailey with more specifics on the project.

SCHOOL COUNSELOR - TEACHING VS NON-TEACHING EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT

Moved by Robin Dexter and seconded by Pat McClurg to remove the School Counselor Program Approval Standards from Chapter 10, ADVANCED PROGRAMS WITH TEACHING CERTIFICATES, and move them to Chapter 11, ADVANCED PROGRAMS WITHOUT TEACHING CERTIFICATES of the the PTSB Rules and Regulations and send out for 45-day

comment period. Motion carried.

ONLINE 1ST AID/CPR COURSE - ON PTSB WEBSITE

Moved by Jack Patrick and seconded by Pat McClurg to remove from the PTSB website the CPRToday and FirstAidWeb Inc. Motion carried.

Moved by Craig Beck and seconded by Chris Frude to note that removal of the CPRToday and FirstAidWeb Inc is effective immediately as these trainings do not address *demonstrated competency* as prescribed by the Rules and Regulations. Motion carried.

RECOGNIZING NBPTS & HQ STATUS ON WY STANDARD & PROFESSIONAL CERTS

Moved by Pat McClurg and seconded by Anne Marie Anderson to initiate the inclusion of NBPTS and HQ status on the front of the WY Standard certificates effective immediately. Motion carried.

PTSB OFFICE STAFFING

Connie Pollard shared with the Board the current fee schedule and proposed approval of two positions as well as increase certification fees. The Board requested Connie further study the issue and report back to the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session from 3:05 pm until 3:50 pm.

EXCEPTIONS

The Exception requests were given to the Applications Review Committee.

COLLABORATIONS

Moved by Anne Marie Anderson and seconded by Craig Beck to approve the following collaborations for 2006-07 school year:

Dirk Gosnell - Fremont #6 - P.E. - UW program;
Robyn Baker - Swanson - Fremont #14 - SPED - UW MA SPED program;
Kimberly Benton - Natrona #1 - Early Childhood - UW program;
Alana Engel - Carbon #1 - SPED - UW MA SPED program.

Motion carried. Pat McClurg abstained.

TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT PERMITS

Moved by Anne Marie Anderson and seconded by Joyce Tyrrell to approve the following temporary employment permits for 2006-07 school year:

Sarah Peek-Elston - Natrona #1 - Spanish - NPTT program;
Natasha Harris - Fremont #38 - Library Media - San Jose U program.

Motion carried. Craig Beck abstained.

LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE PERMIT

The Long-term Substitute Permit requests were given to the Applications Review Committee.

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH CREDIT

Moved by Jack Patrick and seconded by Craig Beck to take the following action on the following Professional Growth credit applications:

Marvin Jackson - tabled for additional information;
Alayne Mathews - grant one credit;
Ila Miller - grant one credit;
Harold Mulholland - grant one credit.

Motion carried.

DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Moved by Craig Beck and seconded by Chris Frude to approve the following Professional Development Plans:

Region V BOCES - Wilson - 2005-06 school year;
Teton #1 - Jackson - 2005-06 school year;
NW Wyoming BOCES - Thermopolis - 2006-07 school year;
Park #16 - Cody - 2006-07 school year;
Uinta #1 - Evanston - 2006-07 school year.

Motion carried.

PROFESSIONAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT CREDIT

Moved by Craig Beck and seconded by Robin Dexter to approve two courses for 3 hours of

renewal credit: *Assistive Technology*, and *IBAP (Interest Based Agreement Process)*, offered by Natrona #1. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Professional Teaching Standards Board was scheduled for February 5-6, 2007 in Cheyenne. The Board plans to invite Legislators to the meeting. The Board also discussed a tentative plan for a teleconference meeting in March, 2007.

NORTHERN PLAINS TRANSITION TO TEACHING

The Board directed Connie Pollard and Adell VanPatten-Gorny to send a letter to NPTT clarifying Wyoming's teacher placement requirements and submitting a revision of the partnership agreement, and report back to the Board at the next meeting. Candidates have been placed in nontraditional and non-state-approved schools (Red Top Meadows in Wilson, Noah Webster in Cheyenne, and Jackson Hole Community School).

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.