

**PROFSSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS BOARD
LARAMIE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MARCH 7, 2011 – 8:00 am to 4:00 pm**

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Kay Persichitte, Allen Trent, Molly Potas, Eric Stemle, Brent Bacon, Phyllis Jones, Dee Heny, and Linda Wolfskill. Attorney General's Office: Ken Nelson and Bob Walters. WY Education Association: Kathryn Valido. Educational Testing Center: Peter Yeager. Staff: Teresa Sexton and Betsie Martinez.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Kay Persichitte requested that one item, Executive Session, be added to the agenda.

Moved by Kay Persichitte and seconded by Brent Bacon to adopt the agenda with flexibility with the addition of an Executive Session. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: OCTOBER 22, 2010; JANUARY 3, 2011; AND JANUARY 25, 2011

Moved by Molly Potas and seconded by Linda Wolfskill to approve the minutes of October 22, 2010, January 3, 2011, and January 25, 2011 meetings. Motion carried.

BOB WALTERS – DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Bob Walters presented a summary of the application and disciplinary matters assigned to the Attorney General's Office for the 2010 calendar year, whereby he reviewed twelve application review matters and eight disciplinary complaints.

POLICY STATEMENT FOR IC/ARC

Moved by Kay Persichitte and seconded by Molly Potas that the PTSB form a sub committee to review the current policy statement that guides the decisions of the Investigative and Applications Review Committees and bring back to the Board for review. Motion carried.

The following members volunteered to serve on this committee: Molly Potas, Allen Trent, Linda Wolfskill, and Phyllis Jones.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION – CASE 2010618

Moved by Brent Bacon and seconded by Kay Persichitte to approve the recommendation to accept the voluntary surrender of the license for Case #2010618 (Christopher Barstad), with the stipulation that a Board member other than the Chair/Vice Chair sign the document. Motion carried.

BUDGET REPORT

Teri Sexton presented the budget report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Teri Sexton reported that she will conduct Program Consultant interviews this week and next; Trisha Wright, evaluator, will attend the UW Job Fair on March 11, 2011; Courtney Rorabaugh, receptionist, will be moving to the evaluator position; she will have an information booth at the WEA Annual Delegate Assembly on April 14; Nannette Tardif, evaluator, and Teri will provide community college training sessions regarding the licensing process; she and Nannette will provide district training sessions; she has established and is refining an application for application/phone call turn-around times; the application data is pretty consistent with last year; she noted that PTSB received a commendation from Troops to Teachers for its cooperative efforts; she reported that the Rules and Regulations are waiting to be signed by the Governor; computer upgrades will occur in 2011; she is working with Payment Card Industry regarding card compliance; PTSB will be moving data to WDE – working on MOU with WDE for data migration and MOU with Workforce Services and Department of Employment; ETS will be moving to automatic Praxis score reporting; she noted that Highly Effective Teacher is temporarily on hold; and she also provided an update of the Korean teachers indicating that a subcommittee concluded that they qualify for a Visitor Foreign Teacher Permit. WEA was also contacted by this group to see what could be done to help with their effort.

Moved by Kay Persichitte and seconded by Phyllis Jones to formally adopt and incorporate language to the website and other pertinent documents that would require an English proficiency exam with a pass rate to be Advanced-Low. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Teri Sexton reported that she and many individuals provided testimony before the Senate on behalf of the continuing autonomy of the Professional Teaching Standards Board. She noted that the bill requires the State Superintendent, by rule and regulation and through a single repository, provide for the storage, management and reporting of information provided by the Wyoming Professional Teaching Standards Board.

ETS PRESENTATION

Peter Yeager, ETS Consultant, presented handouts outlining updates on PRAXIS preparation, testing, etc.

AT-RISK ENDORSEMENT

Chapter 4. The Professional Teaching Standards Board has approved specific requirements for teachers of students who are enrolled in an alternative school setting or who reside in a Wyoming residential or institutional setting.

Moved by Dee Heny and seconded by Linda Wolfskill to approve the endorsement and renewal requirements for teachers of students at-risk. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

No dates were set for the next two Board meetings. It was agreed that Teri Sexton would post some possible dates and send to the Board for later selection.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Teri Sexton noted that she sent State Superintendent Cindy Hill a request for appointments to fill those slots being vacated by PTSB members rotating off the Board.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

>The following officers were elected by the Board:

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| Chair: | Eric Stemle |
| Vice chair: | Molly Potas |
| Parliamentarian: | Brent Bacon |

>The following Board members volunteered to serve on the ARC/IC:

Dee Heny, Molly Potas, Linda Wolfskill, and Brent Bacon.

A new member will be asked to serve on this committee as well.

>Standards review committees: Teri will send out an email soliciting volunteers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Dee Heny and seconded by Brent Bacon to move into Executive Session at 2:08 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. Motion carried.

The Board moved out of Executive session at 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURN

Moved by Brent Bacon and seconded by Dee Heny to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m.