

**PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS BOARD
APRIL 16, 2007 - WEN MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Brent Young, DeAnn Eisenhart, Cindy Mossey, Kay Persichitte, Susan Griffith, Michael Moore, David Treick, Pat McClurg, Carol Hvidston, and Anne Marie Anderson. Absent: Craig Sorensen, JoAnne McFarland, and Eric Stemle. Staff: Connie Pollard and Betsie Martinez. WY Department of Education: Carol Illian.

AGENDA

Moved by Susan Griffith and seconded by David Treick to adopt the agenda with flexibility. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Moved by Anne Marie Anderson and seconded by Susan Griffith to accept the minutes of the March 5, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.

BUDGET REPORT

Moved by Susan Griffith and seconded by Michael Moore to accept the Budget Report as presented by Connie Pollard. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Connie Pollard reported 1) that Phase 1 of the website has started and Phase 2 expected to be completed by early fall 2007; 2) the rules and regulations change proposing the removal of a teaching certificate for school counselors, was required to restart the process as the Legislative Services Office did not receive a specific form at the beginning of the process; 3) there is a concern by state director of Special Education regarding the deadline of January 1, 2008 for Speech/Language therapists to have acquired a master's degree; and 4) the newly formed sub-committees of the Board are: Executive Committee, Testing Committee, and Rules and Regulations/Policy Committee.

Moved by Kay Persichitte and seconded by Susan Griffith to accept the Director's Report as presented by Connie Pollard. Motion carried.

CHANGES IN BOARD OPERATIONS

DeAnn Eisenhart reported that four committee assignments (Executive, Investigation & Application Review, Rules & Regulations, and Testing) have been formed to streamline the operations of the Board. Prior to a regularly scheduled Board meeting, the committees will review any exception issues/applications received by the PTSB office and make recommendations so that the Board may take action at the meeting.

FEES

Connie Pollard presented a proposed fee increase schedule, the fee schedule effective January 1, 2002, a March 2007 receipts summary report, a total monthly revenue report from January 10, 2003 through December 31, 2005, and a bar graph showing increase in Initial Teaching Certificates for in-state and out-of-state applications from 2003 through 2006.

Moved by Susan Griffith and seconded by David Treick to approve the proposed fee increase schedule effective June 1, 2007. Motion carried.

PRAXIS

Connie Pollard reported that in January 2007 the Professional Teaching Standards Board completed standard study reviews for eight PRAXIS exams needed to provide another avenue for teachers to become highly qualified. On April 11, 2007 members of the PTSB board, Carol Illian, WDE, and Connie met with Educational Testing Service representatives to set passing scores on each of the following eight exams:

Early Childhood: Content Knowledge	NMS
Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge	160=80%
Middle School: Content Knowledge	150=73%
Middle School: Language Arts	160=82%
Middle School: Mathematics	152=71%
Middle School: Science	147=74%

Middle School: Social Studies	153=78%
Social Studies: Content Knowledge	158=74%

Moved by David Treick and seconded by Susan Griffith to accept the eight tests and cut scores. Motion carried.

EXCEPTIONS

Moved by Susan Griffith and seconded by Anne Marie Anderson to accept the recommendation of the Applications Review Committee and approve an exception for **Sabina Baig**. Motion carried.

PORTFOLIO REVIEWS

Moved by David Treick and seconded by Susan Griffith to accept the assessors' recommendations and approve the following requests for certification by portfolio:

- Gordon Knopp - School Principal k-12
- Pat Lane - School Principal k-12
- Rayan McChesney - Industrial Arts 7-12
- Amy Schick - Middle Level Science 5-8
- Susan Stevens - School Principal k-12
- Michael Mahoney - Biology with deficient standards

Motion carried.

Moved by Brent Young and seconded by Susan Griffith to accept the assessors' recommendations and deny the following requests for certification by portfolio:

- Vicki Korkow - Exceptional Children Generalist k-12
- Amy Schick - Physical Science (Chemistry and Physics) 7-12
- Konne Rife - Exceptional Children Generalist k-12
- Haley Wheat - Modern Foreign Language-Spanish 7-12
- Ryan Meredith - Earth and Space Science 7-12, and Physical Science (Chemistry and Physics) 7-12

Motion carried.

PROGRAM APPROVAL

Moved by Anne Marie Anderson and seconded by Susan Griffith to approve the University of Wyoming's Secondary Science (Biological) Certification option to the Master of Science in Natural Science, Teton Science School. Motion carried.

Moved by David Treick and seconded by Susan Griffith to approve the University of Wyoming's Middle Level Science Endorsement option to the Master of Science in Natural Science, with areas of concern. Motion carried.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Professional Teaching Standards Board was scheduled for May 21, 2007 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm via WEN. A summer retreat was tentatively scheduled for July 19-20, 2007.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 5:30 to 6:00 pm April 16, 2007

Present: DeAnn Eisenhart, Brent Young, Anne Marie Anderson, and Connie Pollard.

Items of discussion:

>The Committee discussed the equivalent programs for Speech/Language Pathologists and School Social Workers, and agreed that those certificates whose validity dates go beyond the 2008 deadline to obtain a master's degree, should be honored and be given the opportunity to complete their master's degrees or equivalent. Connie will obtain from districts names of those individuals who are employed so they may be notified. Item to be placed on next board meeting's agenda.

>Connie proposed issuing a three-year transitional coaching certificate and grandfather those who currently have one and two-year certificates. She will invite Kathy Moran to speak to the Board regarding coaching certification.

>The Committee discussed changing testing requirements and require individuals whose certificates have expired to retest before they can reinstate their certificates. They decided to present the issue to the Testing Committee to explore the different ways PTSB can use the tests.

>Connie noted that the staff is in the process of redoing all of the certification applications. The Committee agreed that she should bring as many of the redone applications as are completed to the next Board meeting for review. Approving the applications requires no Board action.

>The Committee agreed to meet prior to or at the conclusion of each Board meeting.

>They briefly discussed the summer retreat site, with some of the options including Elk Mountain, Centennial, T-A Ranch, V-Ranch, and Saratoga. The tentative date has been set for July 19-20, 2007.

>The Committee decided there is a definite need for the development of a Code of Ethics.