

PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS BOARD MEETING
SARATOGA, WYOMING (RETREAT)
JULY 25, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Pat McClurg, Anne Marie Anderson, Carol Hvidston, Eric Stemle, Susan Griffith, Craig Sorensen, David Treick, Kay Persichitte. Attorney General's Office: Ken Nelson and Shaun Wilkerson. Absent: DeAnn Eisenhart, JoAnne McFarland, Michael Moore, and Cindy Mossey. Staff: Connie Pollard and Teri Sexton.

AGENDA

Moved by Craig Sorensen and seconded by Susan Griffith to adopt the agenda as presented, with flexibility. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Kay Persichitte asked that the minutes of the May 5, 2008 meeting, page 3, UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING SUMMARY REPORT OF NCATE VISIT reflect that Kay thanked both Kathryn Valido and Connie Pollard.

Moved by Craig Sorensen and seconded by Susan Griffith to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2008 meeting with changes. Motion carried.

BUDGET REPORT

David Treick suggested putting aside money for a new server at PTSB.

Moved by Pat McClurg and seconded by Craig Sorensen to accept the budget report as presented by Connie Pollard. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The Investigation Committee recommended dismissal of Case #1107-1.

Moved by Kay Persichitte and seconded by Carol Hvidston to accept the committee's recommendation to dismiss Case #1107-1. Motion carried.

The Investigation Committee recommended dismissal of Case #1107-2.

Moved by Kay Persichitte and seconded by Susan Griffith to accept the committee's recommendation to dismiss Case #1107-2. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF PRAXIS PASSING SCORES

Moved by Carol Hvidston and seconded by Dave Treick to accept the following passing scores for the Praxis exams beginning with the September administration:

PRAXIS Exam	Required Passing Score
0700 Agriculture	540
0235 Biology: Content Knowledge	148
0245 Chemistry: Content Knowledge	151
0571 Earth and Space Sciences: Content Knowledge	150
0910 Economics	510
0041 English Language, Literature, and Composition: Content Knowledge	163
0920 Geography	620
0930 Government/Political Science	640
0061 Mathematics: Content Knowledge	136
0481 Physical Science: Content Knowledge	153
0265 Physics: Content Knowledge	137
0390 Psychology	580
0950 Sociology	620
0640 Theatre	630
0941 World and United States History: Content Knowledge	146

Motion carried.

Carol Hvidston commented that she would like to see the Board review the Praxis scoring each year at this time to ensure that cut scores are not set too low or too high.

APPROVING STANDARDS SETTING STUDY PANELS AS NEEDED

Moved by Kay Persichitte and seconded by Dave Treick to allow the Director to set Praxis standards study setting panels as needed. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Connie Pollard introduced two new members of the Professional Teaching Standards Board:

Linda Wolfskill – Elementary School Principal representative and

Elizabeth (Liz) Simpson – University of Wyoming Teacher Preparation Program representative.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OFFICERS

Moved by Susan Griffith and seconded by Kay Persichitte to nominate DeAnn Eisenhart for Chair. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Hvidston and seconded by Kay Persichitte to nominate Anne Marie Anderson for Vice-Chair. Motion carried.

Moved by Carol Hvidston and seconded by Eric Stemle to nominate Kay Persichitte for Secretary. Kay respectfully declined.

Moved by Pat McClurg and seconded by Kay Persichitte to nominate Craig Sorensen for Secretary. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Susan Griffith and seconded by Eric Stemle to move into Executive Session (from 12:05 to 12:25) to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Professional Teaching Standards Board was set for September 29, 2008 to coincide with the School Improvement Conference in Cheyenne.

Connie Pollard presented Pat McClurg with a retirement gift. Pat thanked everyone and expressed appreciation for the variety of people who serve on the Board and the differing perspectives they all bring. She also congratulated Connie for the fantastic job she does at PTSB.

ADJOURN

Moved by Craig Sorensen and seconded by Susan Griffith to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.