

**PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS BOARD MEETING
HITCHING POST INN - CHEYENNE
FEBRUARY 26, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Present: DeAnn Eisenhart, Craig Sorensen, Eric Stemle, Anne Marie Anderson, JoAnne McFarland, David Treick, Kay Persichitte, Susan Griffith, Carol Hvidston, and Elizabeth Simpson. Absent: Michael Moore, Cindy Mossey, and Linda Wolfskill. Wyoming Education Association: Kathy Scheurman. WY Department of Education: Christine Steele, Joe Simpson, Diane Frazer, and Carol Illian (via telephone). Wyoming School Districts presenters: Mike Bowman, Dan Espeland, Kirk Hughes, Larry Reznicek, Richard Strahorn, Sharon Rinker, Laurie Davis, and Michelle Tarver. Staff: Connie Pollard, Teri Sexton, and Betsie Martinez. Legislators Del McOmie, Robert McKim, and Allen Jaggi joined the Board for lunch.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

DeAnn Eisenhart noted a discussion item regarding University of Wyoming transcripts will be added to the agenda.

Moved by Craig Sorensen and seconded by JoAnne McFarland to adopt the agenda as presented with flexibility. Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by JoAnne McFarland and seconded by Kay Persichitte to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2009 and January 27, 2009 meetings. Motion carried.

BUDGET REPORT

Moved by Susan Griffith and seconded by Anne Marie to accept the budget report as presented by Connie Pollard. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Connie Pollard reported that the office has received positive comments about the PTSB website;

work continues on the database regarding functionality for office data entry, on-line renewal, and running queries for specific information; five ETS standards study setting panels are planned for May, 2009; she met with a committee to update Industrial Arts standards February 3, 2009 and another has been set for March 16, 2009; she talked about the state restricting PTSB to spend monies; she further reported she attended meetings with the Superintendent's Advisory committee, the WDE Leadership Task Force and the Governor's Council concerning discussion regarding implementing graduated licensure for teachers and administrators.

Moved by Susan Griffith and seconded by David Treick to accept the director's report as presented by Connie Pollard. Motion carried.

DISCIPLINE ACTION

Regarding Case #2008-16: Moved by Susan Griffith and seconded by Carol Hvidston to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation to dismiss the hearing. Motion carried.

Regarding Case #2008-16: Moved by Kay Persichitte and seconded by Susan Griffith to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation to dismiss the complaint to revoke the substitute permit. Motion carried.

Regarding Case #2008-12: Moved by Anne Marie Anderson and seconded by Susan Griffith to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation to send an advisory letter to applicant. Motion carried.

Regarding Case #2008-13: Moved by Carol Hvidston and seconded by Susan Griffith to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation to send an advisory letter to the applicant. Motion carried.

GRADE LEVEL ENDORSEMENTS

Connie Pollard presented a handout outlining how PTSB currently handles K-8 endorsements, including a Grade Level Endorsements by State survey. Discussion included certification versus

assignment issues.

TESTING ISSUES

Moved by David Treick and seconded by Susan Griffith to accept the Testing Committee's recommendation to accept the qualifying scores as listed on the ETS form titles, PART I (Driver Education, Family and Consumer Sciences, Health Education, Technology, Music: Content Knowledge, and Physical Education: Content Knowledge). Motion carried.

PRAXIS TEST REQUIREMENTS

Currently all applicants for initial certification in Elementary Education and Social Studies Composite are required to pass a PRAXIS exam to obtain a Standard Wyoming License.

Moved by Kay Persichitte and seconded by Susan Griffith to require the PRAXIS test for all elementary and social studies composite applicants who are applying for first time licensure. This will apply only to those applicants who have never held a teaching certificate or licensure in any state. This policy will become effective April 1, 2009. Motion carried.

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING TRANSCRIPTS

Moved by Susan Griffith and seconded by Eric Stemle to accept only University of Wyoming Institutional Recommendation without transcripts in a sealed envelope for initial certification or added endorsements. Motion carried.

BOARD HANDBOOK

Connie Pollard addressed the PTSB timeline of annual responsibilities, which includes Board Meetings, Nomination of Officers, Director's Evaluation, Election of Officers, Committee Assignments, Review of State Standards, Review of Rules and Regulations, and NCATE Partnership Agreements. She reported that the PTSB handbook is being updated.

Moved by Kay Persichitte and seconded by Susan Griffith that the Executive Committee have the

PTSB handbook completed and in place prior to the face-to-face meeting in February, with her recommendation to be presented to the entire Board. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENTS PRESENTATION

Dr Richard Strahorn, Larry Reznicek, Mike Bowman, Dan Espeland, Kirk Hughes, Sharon Rinker, Laurie Davis, and Michelle Tarver presented in support of Wyoming's need for K-8 certification particularly in the more rural areas of Wyoming. Discussion included issuing exception authorizations to or grandfathering K-6 elementary teachers; applying for a waiver from USDE; concern about the HQ impact. After discussion and based on their presentations, the Board took the following action:

Moved by Dave Treick and seconded by Carol Hvidston that, effective immediately (February 26, 2009), teachers with a K-6 endorsement, who are teaching K-8 in a small rural school as defined by WDE shall receive a waiver for K-8 upon annual request by the district to the PTSB. Regarding Highly Qualified, the Board directed Connie Pollard to address the HQ issue and report back to the Board within 90 days. Motion carried.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

The Board decided to hold Nomination of Officers at the next meeting. DeAnn Eisenhart, Anne Marie Anderson, and Jo Anne McFarland will no longer be on the Board after the next Board meeting and new Board members Phyllis Jones, Molly Potas, and Delia Heny will be present.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Professional Teaching Standards Board was tentatively scheduled for April 15, in Casper.

ADJOURN

Moved by Susan Griffith and seconded by Dave Treick to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.