

**PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 14, 2009  
4:00 – 7:00 PM – WEN (Central High School in C**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Eric Stemle, Brent Bacon, Dee Heny, Molly Potas, Peter Martin, Linda Wolfskill, Kay Persichitte, and Liz Simpson. Absent: Phyllis Jones, Dave Treick, Craig Sorenson, Cindy Mossey, and Susan Griffith. Guests: Dr Tim Rush, and Angela Heimbeck, University of Wyoming. Attorney General's Office: Bob Walters and Ken Nelson. Staff: Connie Pollard, Belinda Kolb, and Betsie Martinez.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Kay Persichitte and seconded by Dee Heny to adopt the agenda as presented by Connie Pollard, with flexibility. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Liz Simpson and seconded by Dee Heny to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Kay Persichitte and seconded by Linda Wolfskill to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

**BUDGET**

Moved by Molly Polly Potas and seconded by Kay Persichitte to accept the budget report as presented by Connie Pollard. Motion carried.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Connie Pollard reported:

- 1) That the new rules and regulations were signed by Governor Freudenthal and became effective November 16, 2009
- 2) She presented an update and a handout summarizing the main issues involving At-Risk Endorsement and the need for the Wyoming Department of Education to define "alternative setting"
- 3) She noted that Belinda Kolb is initiating standards review committees to update the

- Agriculture and Family and Consumer Science standards
- 4) She provided an update on the process and viability of revising Wyoming State Statute as it pertains to the Professional Teaching Standards Board
  - 5) She also talked about and presented a handout about possible new legislation being introduced setting forth criteria for alternative certification
  - 6) She presented copies of a Reference Guide for Applicants and Districts regarding PTSB testing requirements and a Professional Conduct Guide
  - 7) She attended state meetings of superintendents and human resources staff and shared copies of 1)alternative certification legislation, 2)Reference Guide for Applicants and Districts regarding PTSB testing requirements and 3) a Professional Conduct Guide

Moved by Brent Bacon and seconded by Molly Potas to accept the Director's Report as presented by Connie Pollard. Motion carried.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **Native American Culture Endorsement/ Native American Culture Permit**

Dr. Tim Rush and Angela Heimbeck presented a handout that outlines a proposal to develop standards for a Native American Culture endorsement/permit. Dr. Rush noted that University of Wyoming is seeking to establish a graduate program and they will need to match standards to their program.

The Board directed Connie Pollard to prepare draft language regarding this proposal and present for discussion at the next Board meeting.

Moved by Kay Persichitte and seconded by Liz Simpson to approve University of Wyoming's Innovative and Experimental Program for Native American Culture. Motion carried.

Moved by Kay Persichitte and seconded by Liz Simpson to proceed with the development of Native American Culture program approval standards. Motion carried.

### **Exception Authorization/Renewal Credits**

Connie Pollard noted that the rules for Exception Authorization for administrators and related services personnel (Chapter 5), and Renewal Requirements (Chapter 8) were not filed as emergency rules and requested that they be submitted for public review.

Moved by Liz Simpson and seconded by Dee Heny to prepare and submit the proposed rules and regulations for Exception Authorization for administrators and related services personnel for public review.

Moved by Molly Potas and seconded by Kay Persichitte to prepare and submit the

proposed rules and regulations for Renewal Requirements for public review.

### **DRIVER EDUCATION TEST**

Connie Pollard proposed the use of a PRAXIS exam in Driver Education to meet the requirement for the issuance of a permit rather than an endorsement. The Board directed Connie to prepare draft language and present at the next Board meeting.

### **CURRENT POLICY RE: TESTING**

Connie Pollard referred to a July 31, 2009 memo sent to Superintendents, HR Directors, and Principals regarding testing requirements to obtain a Wyoming Educator License. The following change to the memo is proposed:

- . . . Elementary education majors ~~who are applying for their first teaching license.~~  
An applicant who ~~has held~~ holds a valid and current teaching certificate from another state will not be required to submit a passing score on the PRAXIS 0011 to obtain a Wyoming Educator License . . .
- . . . Social Studies Composite majors ~~who are applying for their first teaching license.~~  
An applicant who ~~has held~~ holds a valid and current teaching certificate from another state will not be required to submit a passing score on the PRAXIS 0081 to obtain a Wyoming Educator License . . .

Moved by Kay Persichitte and seconded by Brent Bacon to support the changes and requirements to the memo of July 31, 2009. Motion carried.

### **DISCIPLINE**

Moved by Brent Bacon and seconded by Kay Persichitte to accept the signed voluntary surrender, Settlement of Agreement, Stipulation and Order in the disciplinary matter of Jamie Hale, Standard Teaching Certificate holder, Docket No. 2009-13. Motion carried.

### **BOARD TIMELINE: NOMINATION OF OFFICERS**

Connie Pollard noted that the PTSB Timeline of Annual Responsibilities states that Nomination of Officers and Director Evaluation occurs at the last Board meeting of the calendar, and the last Board meeting prior to March 1<sup>st</sup> respectively – which would be this meeting. Ken Nelson suggested that since all members are not present, that this agenda item be tabled until the March meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Moved by Dee Heny and seconded by Linda Wolfskill to move into Executive Session at 5:40 pm to discuss personnel issues. Motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 5:46 pm.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Professional Teaching Standards Board was scheduled for Sunday, February 28, 2010 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm in Casper.

### **ADJOURN**

Moved by Linda Wolfskill and seconded by Dee Heny to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 pm. Motion carried.