

**PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS BOARD (PTSB)
WEN VIDEO CONFERENCE – MULTI-SITE
APRIL 15, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER – 3:00 P.M.

Present: Board: Molly Kinsey, Shawn Peck, Molly Potas, Liesl Sisson, Dan Mayer, Leslie Rush, Ray Reutzel, Liann Brenneman, Tracy Ragland, John Lyttle, and Janice Marshall; Staff: Andrea Bryant, Nicholas Bellack, Ashley Graham, and Trisha Wright; Attorney General's Office: Mackenzie Williams

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Molly Kinsey and seconded by Janice Marshall to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Dan Mayer and seconded by Tracy Ragland to adopt the Board Meeting minutes from January 25, 2016 with no changes. Motion carried.

DOCKET# 2015-010

Moved by Liesl Sisson and seconded by Molly Kinsey to dismiss the complaint in Docket# 2015-010. Dan Mayer and Tracy Ragland abstained from voting. Motion carried.

DOCKET# 2013-012

Moved by Dan Mayer and seconded by Tracy Ragland to approve the Settlement Agreement, Stipulation and Order for Conditional Settlement in Docket# 2013-012. Shawn Peck abstained from voting and Aaron Jensen was absent. Motion carried.

DOCKET# 2015-018

Moved by John Lyttle and seconded by Dan Mayer to approve the Settlement Agreement, Stipulation and Order for Voluntary Surrender in Docket# 2015-021. Molly Kinsey abstained from voting and Jason Wheeler was absent. Motion carried.

Moved by John Lyttle and seconded by Liesl Sisson to approve the dismissal of Docket# 2015-018 according to the terms of the Settlement Agreement as approved by the Board. Molly Kinsey abstained from voting and Jason Wheeler was absent. Motion carried.

DOCKET# 2015-021

Agenda item postponed to June 2016 Board Meeting. No Board action was taken.

CLOSURE OF PRELIMINARY DENIAL DOCKETS

Moved by Dan Mayer and seconded by Molly Kinsey to deny all dockets listed on the consent agenda list. Motion carried.

PRAXIS TEST ADOPTION – 5362 ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

Nicholas Bellack provided the Board with a brief overview of the process taken when the Educational Testing Services (ETS) regenerates a Praxis exam. The regeneration process includes convening a multistate standard setting study to bring experts and practitioners from the field together to develop a recommended passing score of

the updated (regenerated) test. Through this process, the panels identify what a “just qualified candidate” should know in order to “do no harm” in the classroom. Additionally, the score is the collective voice of the states represented during the course of the study, and it is, thereby, defensible. Twenty-six states were represented on the panels and two Wyoming educators participated as panelists in this standards setting study in Princeton, New Jersey at the ETS headquarters. States may then adopt a passing score they deem appropriate using the recommended passing score as a guide. The Board made the following motion which aligns with the recommendation as set forth by the standard setting study committee:

Moved by Dan Mayer and seconded by Tracy Ragland to adopt the 5362 English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Praxis II test with a passing score of 155 to qualify applicants to receive an endorsement in English as a Second Language (K-6, 5-8, 6-12, K-12) via the Demonstration of Competency. Motion carried.

PROGRAM APPROVAL

Andrea Bryant gave a brief overview of the five Program Reviews that are in-review or have been reviewed by the PTSB for State Reviews. Andrea commended Leslie Rush and Mareena Walker from the University of Wyoming for their fabulous work in facilitating these reviews with PTSB.

The status of the five program reviews are as follows:

- **Computer Science Education** – COMPLETE
- **School Social Work** – the Program Review Committee met on April 4, 2016 for an initial meeting. The Committee is scheduled to meet again on April 13, 2016 to review what has been drafted to date in the Program Review Committee Report and to draft the narrative for the remaining sections. The Committee’s recommendation will be presented at the June 2016 Board Meeting for the Board’s consideration.
- **Teachers of American Indian Children (TAIC)** – the Program Review Committee met and decided to send a request to UW to resubmit the report by May 20, 2016. The Committee will meet again in June to review the new report.
- **Middle Level Math Education** – the Program Review Committee Members have been recruited and the training will be scheduled for April.
- **Reading Education** – the Program Review Committee Members have been recruited and the training will be scheduled for April.

The University of Wyoming (UW) also submits Program Reports to Specialized Professional Associations (SPAs) to seek National Recognition in their fields. The status of all educator preparation programs at UW was presented.

UW requested the Board approve its proposal for a new Computer Science 6-12 endorsement program. The program was reviewed by a program approval committee who recommended the Board provisionally approve the program with conditions. The recommended timeline for this approval is as follows:

The program is recommended for provisional state approval with conditions through December 2019. To retain approval, the program must provide monitoring progress reports addressing 1) the conditions stated in this document, 2) any other changes being implemented to the program, and 3) how the program is addressing areas identified by International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) as needing improvement. The monitoring progress reports shall be submitted by September 15, 2017 and another by September 15, 2018. By September 15, 2019, the program shall provide documentation of National Recognition from the International Society for

Technology in Education or the program shall submit a new Program Report outlining how the program meets the PTSB-adopted standards in place at that time.

Moved by Shawn Peck and seconded by Liesl Sisson to accept the Computer Science Program Review Committee's recommendation that the University of Wyoming's Computer Science 6-12 endorsement program be provisionally approved with conditions and with the time limits and required monitoring progress reports outlined in Attachment 11.c. Leslie Rush and Ray Reutzel abstained from voting. Motion carried.

WDE UPDATE

Agenda item postponed to June 2016 Board Meeting. No update provided.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Andrea Bryant provided a brief director's report discussing updates on several PTSB projects and daily duties.

- Application volume is the highest it has been in the past six years and is 8% higher than the previous five-year average of 1,209. PTSB has already processed 313 workshop requests for the 2016 year.
- The Board's B-II Request to increase the Board's spending authority was approved by the Governor's Office on March 28, 2016. PTSB's Standard Budget and Exception Requests were approved by the Legislature during the 2016 Budget Session. PTSB will submit a B-II Request to the Governor's Office for the approval of the continuation of the Board's AWEC office assistant position for the 2017-2018 Biennium.
- Nicholas Bellack provided information on the Statewide System of Support (SSoS) and the idea of a potential new Teacher Leader endorsement. There is still much work and planning needed before the SSoS will be functional.
- Andrea provided an update regarding the Educator Credentialing, Assignment Validation, and Reporting System which is comprised of three main components 1) Assignment Validation, 2) Reporting, and 3) Educator Credentialing none of which are complete to date. For the Assignment Validation portion, ETS is working with WDE to complete this portion. However, it is unclear if this portion will be completed by June 30th which is the date ETS has communicated to WDE as the projects programming end date. The reporting portion is not included and no update has been provided to PTSB since July of 2015 for what to expect. The Educator Credentialing portion was delivered incomplete to PTSB in September 2015. PTSB is unable to use the system. Efforts have been made by PTSB staff to finish the system to meet the same minimal functionality of PTSB's current system but progress has been slow. The user manual provided is inadequate and there has been a lack of guidance and support provided by ETS to the PTSB staff. At this point, it is uncertain if the PTSB staff has the capability to finish the system.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The Board had previously scheduled its next Board Meeting for June 20-21, 2016 via Face-to-Face in Lander, WY. The Board set the times for this meeting to begin on June 20, 2016 at 12:00 pm and to begin on June 21, 2016 at 8:15 am. Future meetings will be scheduled during the June 2016 Meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.