

**PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS BOARD (PTSB)
ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE – MULTI-SITE
AUGUST 14, 2017 –SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER – 3:01 p.m.

Present: Board: Rachel Gibson, Shawn Peck, Jennifer Schultze, Liesl Sisson, Jason Wheeler, Dan Mayer, Leslie Rush, Ray Reutzel, Aaron Jensen, Liann Brenneman, Tracy Ragland, John Lyttle, and Janice Marshall; Staff: Nish Goicolea, Nicholas Bellack, Ashley Graham, and Trisha Wright; Attorney General’s Office: Mackenzie Williams; Guests: Shelly Hamel and Laurel Ballard with the Wyoming Department of Education, Dan Young with the Wyoming Department of Enterprise Technology Services, Anja Bendel with Cheyenne LEADS.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**Moved by Ray Reutzel and seconded by Dan Mayer to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried.**

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Shawn Peck and seconded by Janice Marshall to adopt the Board Meeting minutes from June 12-13, 2017 as presented. Motion carried.

EDUCATIONAL CREDENTIALING SYSTEM UPDATE

Nish Goicolea and Dan Young provided a progress update. Nish stated that the PTSB staff completed two (2) day training session and that the PTSB Staff are fully trained to use the new system. Nish stated that we have established a timeline to be into the system by December 1, 2017. Dan stated that this timeline was aggressive but doable and that PTSB is doing great. Nish advised that we have a meeting with Dan and their vendor, Saasquatch, to discuss our next steps in the system. PTSB Staff will also begin application building beginning with renewals. Nish also stated the PTSB Staff have begun to digitize all records and the data will be stored utilizing Google Drive with the goal of eliminating the paper filing system.

RULE CHANGES –SCHOOL NURSE LICENSURE

Nicholas Bellack recapped the discussion regarding eliminating School Nurse Licensure through PTSB. Nicholas discussed that based on the recommendations from the survey, work group, and the state-level stakeholders, that the Board staff have developed three (3) different proposed changes and have identified specific sections of the rules that will need to be address in order to avoid unintended consequences.

Nicholas stated that the first thing that needs to be addressed is whether or not School Nurses should be eligible to hold a Standard License with an Administrator endorsement if they no longer have the ability to apply for a Standard License with a School Nurse Endorsement. In addition, a second question was brought to the Board’s attention of whether or not this option should be extended to Occupational and Physical Therapists. Nicholas also stated that the decision that the Board makes would set precedent going forwards for how we allow Related Services Personnel to obtain an Administrative endorsement, or if we should even allow this to be an option. After further discussion, the Board chose option one (1), which states that School Nurses are not eligible to hold a Standard License with an

Administrator endorsement.

Moved by Dan Mayer and seconded by Jennifer Schultze for the Board Office to proceed with the rules promulgation process for Chapters 1, 4, and 6 concerning eliminating School Nurse Licensure. Motion Carried.

CODING/COMPUTER SCIENCE DISCUSSION

Nicholas Bellack provided the Board with an update on Coding/Computer Science based on the Board's previous directive to explore what flexibility may be needed within PTSB Rules and Regulations for this unique subject area.

Nicholas explained that the stakeholder group has met on multiple occasions to formulate a recommendation on how to better-equip Wyoming Schools with qualified teachers who are able to teach varying areas of computer science. Because of the subject's diverse, ever-changing, and rapid advancement, in addition to taking into consideration the real and anticipated demand need for districts wishing to provide more instruction in this area, the committee developed a plan to allow a nimble avenue for experienced educators to start teaching computing technology while providing assurance that these educators would have the training necessary for the specific content they would be assigned to teach.

The stakeholder group put forth a recommendation for the Board to move forward with the rule promulgation process utilizing the presented draft language. Additionally, the stakeholder group put forth a recommendation for the Board to reevaluate these rules in two-to-three years in order to determine if any adjustments may be needed.

Tracy Ragland asked if the group could provide the Board with a model or sample of how the school districts should structure their professional development plans so that they will know what will be required for an Exception Authorization. Laurel addressed the Board to answer the Chair's question and stated that her and Nicholas have been working together to develop models to help with guiding the districts while working together on the WDE-led Computer Science Taskforce.

Moved by Liesl Sisson and seconded by Rachel Gibson for the Board Office to proceed with the rules promulgation process for Chapters 4 and 5 pursuant to teachers of "Computing Technology" as presented in attachment 7.1 and, further, to recommend that the Board reevaluate these rules in two-to-three years in order to make any necessary adjustments.

Motion Carried.

Tracy Ragland and Laurel Ballard also discussed Micro Credentialing/Badges as a topic for consideration and research for the Board Office as a new and upcoming trend in education.

UPDATE ON HARD-TO-FILL ENDORSEMENT FLEXIBILITY

Nish Goicolea provided an update regarding the Board Office's progress researching in what types of flexibility might be available for hard-to-fill endorsements/positions. This decision may ultimately be contained within the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE). Nish also explained PTSB's part in the current Rural Waiver requests and the support the Board Office provides for WDE. Further discussions on this topic will continue and an update will be provided at the October Board Meeting. .

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

The Board's next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 30, 2017 in Casper, WY from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Location in Casper to be determined.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.