

**PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS BOARD
WEN MEETING
MAY 5, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Susan Griffith, Patricia McClurg, JoAnne McFarland, Cindy Mossey, Kay Persichitte, Craig Sorensen, Eric Stemle, David Treick, and Brent Young. Absent: Anne Marie Anderson, DeAnn Eisenhart, Carol Hvidston, and Michael Moore. Guests: Carol Illian, Cathy Lyman, Janet Rojahn, and Joe Simpson. Staff: Connie Pollard, Teri Sexton, and Betsie Martinez.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Susan Griffith and seconded by Pat McClurg to adopt the agenda as amended, with flexibility. Motion carried.

JANET ROJAHN and JOE SIMPSON – WY Department of Education

Janet Rojahn presented a draft copy of Educational Sign Language Interpreter Permit Standards proposing that PTSB consider adding an educational sign-language interpreter permit, k-12 endorsement. She stated that there is a definite need across the country for educational sign language interpreters, noting that vocabulary development is critical; there needs to be that understanding, i.e. in biology, math, etc. An approved national assessment has been developed to determine level of skill of the interpreter. Ms. Rojahn believes hard-of-hearing children need to have the expertise of state certified ELSI staff.

Moved by Kay Persichitte and seconded by Eric Stemle to table discussion until the July 2008 Board Retreat, so the Board may have an opportunity to study the proposal more closely; and consider including ESLI. Motion carried.

CAROL ILLIAN - SUMMARY OF FEDERAL MONITORING VISIT FROM USDE

Carol Illian reported that the WY Department of Education received a very positive report from the United States Department of Education regarding the progress being made by effectively

utilizing federal funds to ensure that all teachers of core academic classes become highly qualified. She noted that the monitoring visit by the USDE went very well due in large part to the collaborative work between WDE and the PTSB, decisions made by the PTSB, and the commitment and determination of Dr. Connie Pollard. Carol reported that where the collaborative work of PTSB and WDE manifested itself the most were: HQT definitions; HQT requirements; guidance provided to the LEAs; alternative certification; required tests; current HOUSSE procedure; and types of certification. Dr. Pollard provided a significant portion of that documentation. The one recommendation that affects the joint work of PTSB and WDE is the definition of “rural.” It is recommended that the Small Rural School Achievement definition be used.

MINUTES

Moved by Pat McClurg and seconded by JoAnne McFarland to approve the minutes of the January 29-30, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

BUDGET

Connie presented the budget report, noting that revenue has increased.

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Pollard reported that three staff members resigned in March and two new staff have been hired; Teri Sexton will attend the ETS Conference in May; Connie will attend the NCATE Conference in May; she and Teri will attend the NASDTEC Conference in June; Connie addressed the WY Association of School Administrators in April; and she will address state school administrators at their retreat in June. Connie further noted that PTSB has re-prioritized technology needs due to staff changes and time delays; there is on-going work on the website to provide user-friendly access and relevant, clear concise information; she sent a letter to all school districts regarding requests for HQT letters; and PTSB completed the following PRAXIS

standard study setting panels Spring 2008 (April 22-24):

0910: Economics	0941: U.S. & World History
0920: Geography	0220: Speech
0930: Political Science	0700: Agriculture
0950: Sociology	0100: Business

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

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING SUMMARY REPORT OF NCATE VISIT

Kay Persichitte thanked Kathryn Valido and Connie Pollard for their input with the UW visitation and efforts.

RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Connie presented a progress report of the Rules and Regulations. She noted that a draft copy of Rules of Conduct has been given to the Wyoming Education Association. Connie gave the Board a brief overview, stating that the proposed language to the Rules and Regulations will be a focus item for discussion at the July retreat.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE

Moved by Susan Griffith and seconded by Eric Stemle to accept the settlement agreement (a voluntary surrender of one's certificate or permit) on Case 1107-1. Motion carried.

Moved by Kay Persichitte and seconded by Susan Griffith to accept the settlement agreement on Case 1107-2. Motion carried.

Moved by David Treick and seconded by Pat McClurg to accept the settlement agreement on dismissal of Case 2008-4. Motion carried.

TESTING COMMITTEE

Moved by David Treick and seconded by Susan Griffith to adopt PRAXIS passing scores for 8 exams that completed standard study setting panels in December 2007. Motion carried.

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING PROGRAM APPROVAL

Moved by Craig Sorensen and seconded by Eric Stemle to approve the following University of Wyoming programs:

- Adaptive Physical Education, K-12
- Art Education, K-12
- Early Childhood Birth to Eight Endorsement, 0-8
- English as a Second Language, K-12
- Reading Literacy, K-12
- Childhood/Special Education, 0-5

Motion carried.

Moved by Craig Sorensen and seconded by Eric Stemle to accept the University of Wyoming Health, K-12 endorsement program as “Met with Conditions” with the requirement that UW must resubmit to PTSB for full approval within 18 months from March 2008. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF PTSB BOARD OFFICERS

The Board decided to wait on the election of officers until the July retreat.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Board decided to table committee assignments until another meeting where everyone is present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Susan Griffith and seconded by David Treick to move into Executive Session at 5:40 pm. Motion carried. Committee moved back into regular session at 6:10 pm.

CATHY LYMAN - STATE HUMAN RELATIONS

Cathy Lyman, State Human Relations presented on her role as representative for state agencies regarding job classifications, recruiting, payroll, performance appraisals, FMLA, Worker's Comp, grievances.

NEXT MEETING - BOARD RETREAT

Retreat scheduled for July 24-25, 2008 in Saratoga.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.