

PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS BOARD (PTSB)  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE  
JANUARY 22, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER – 3:00 P.M.**

Present: Board: Rachel Gibson, Shawn Peck, Jenifer 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, Ashley Graham, and Trisha Wright; Attorney General's Office: Mackenzie Williams; Guests: Brent Bacon with the Wyoming Department of Education and Kathy Scheurman with the Wyoming Education Association

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by **Aaron Jensen** and seconded by **Liesl Sisson** to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by **John Lyttle** and seconded by **Rachel Gibson** to adopt the Board Meeting minutes from December 5, 2017, as presented. Motion carried.

**LICENSE RATIFICATION**

Moved by **Rachel Gibson** and seconded by **Jason Wheeler** for the Board to ratify all licenses listed in the Google Doc link provided for the Board's review. Motion carried.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT OF DOCKET 2017-011**

Moved by **Janice Marshall** and seconded by **Liann Brenneman** to approve the Settlement Agreement for Docket #2017-011. Dan Mayer abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Board Members Leslie Rush and Ray Reutzel joined the meeting at 3:10 pm.

**COMPUTING TECHNOLOGY ARC**

The Board and Board staff are proactively addressing areas that are becoming prevalent in the education community. One area they are addressing is Computing Technology. The Board has already approved an exception authorization (EA) for "Computing Technology", which has now been fully promulgated into Rules. The Board discussed creating a stakeholder committee and an Application Review Committee specific to this area to address licensure needs and accountability. The stakeholder committee will consist of two (2) Board members, a WDE member, and other stakeholders within the computing technology profession. The committee will determine best practices and set precedence for educators and professionals looking to become licensed to teach in this area. Jennifer Schultze and Liann Brenneman will be the Board representatives for the stakeholder committee.

Board Member Shawn Peck joined the meeting at 3:17 pm.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Nish Goicolea provided the director's report. First she updated the Board and guests on the departure of Nicholas Bellack and noted that the staff has begun the recruitment process for his position. The digitizing project the staff is working on is about halfway complete with over 15,000 files scanned thus far. Applications for 2017 were down slightly from 2016, however, numbers were still over 4,000 for the year. PTSB's budget has been presented to the Governor and the Joint Accountability Committee (JAC). The staff has been making great strides with the Professional Development QR code project. This system will allow PTSB to cut out the middle man for the workshop data entry to alleviate facilitators and school districts of the mundane task of entering licensee workshop credits and allow them to be entered in real time. Beta testing has been conducted in-house and is set to be

conducted at the Coaches Association Board meeting in March. A pilot test is planned for the summer Coaches Clinic. The Educator Credentialing System has a new launch date for March 2018. The State of Wyoming has submitted the new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan. PTSB is working collaboratively with WDE to define and measure effective and ineffective. Nish wrapped up her director report by announcing that PTSB now has a Facebook page and everyone should like us. Additionally, with the Board's blessing, the PTSB staff would like to revamp the PTSB website with a complete overhaul including a new domain name and hosting site. Board members enthusiastically approved a revamp of the website.

### **HARDSHIP PERMIT**

In an effort to become more flexible PTSB first introduced the idea of a Hardship Permit at its June 2017 Board Meeting. From that meeting a Temporary Hardship Permit taskforce was formed. PTSB presented the findings and introductory options by the stakeholder taskforce assigned to investigate the need and parameters for a Temporary Hardship Permit that districts may be able to utilize for hard-to-fill positions. The Board reviewed and discussed the preliminary findings and has asked the taskforce to continue researching and defining the options that may be potentially tied to this permit option.

### **ONLINE EDUCATOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR VIRTUAL TEACHERS**

Jennifer Schultz asked Brent Bacon about the rules in section 7 regarding "additional department responsibilities" to clarify how PTSB translates into that section. What does the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) need/want from PTSB for this particularly for section B. A discussion ensued regarding if the WDE Rule changes would impact PTSB's current practices. Further discussion and collaboration with WDE will continue on this topic.

### **EDUCATION DIAGNOSTICIAN DISCUSSION**

The staff at PTSB has seen a recent surge of interest in the Educational Diagnostician endorsement and the Board sees this position as a related service, however, it is not specifically listed as a related service in Rules. Therefore, PTSB is wanting to address the need for this endorsement to be better defined in Rules. PTSB has reached out to WDE to discuss specifics. The Board charged Board Member, Dan Mayer and Executive Director, Nish Goicolea to form a stakeholder committee to clearly lay out the path to certification required for an educator to become licensed as an Education Diagnostician.

### **RULES UPDATE**

The proposed Rule changes for Chapters 1, 4, 5, and 6 were approved by the Governor last week and were fully implemented as of January 18, 2018. PTSB has since received positive feedback from stakeholders for these rules.

### **CONDUCT GUIDE**

The Board was presented with the Conduct Guide Review committee's most current version of the revamp efforts for the new PTSB Conduct Guide. The committee has requested the Board to thoroughly review the new Conduct Guide and to provide feedback prior to the March Board meeting where the committee will present the final review and consideration of the guide.

### **SCHEDULE FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2018, in Casper with a start time of 8:00 a.m. A backup date for inclement weather was scheduled for April 23, 2018. The Board also scheduled the Board Retreat for June 18 & 19, 2018, in Cheyenne.

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.