

**PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS BOARD (PTSB)  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA HANGOUT  
APRIL 29, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER – 3:07 P.M.**

Present: Board: Sara Reed, Jennifer Schultze, Dixie Brackman, Jenna Shim, Ray Reutzel, Aaron Jensen, Tracy Ragland, and Mike Hamel; Staff: Nish Goicolea, Brendan O'Connor, and Ashley Graham; Attorney General's Office: Mackenzie Williams and Randall Lockyear; Guests: Laurel Ballard and Shelley Hamel with the Wyoming Department of Education

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR DOCKET# 2017-005**

Moved by **Ray Reutzel** and seconded by **Jenna Shim** to approve the Settlement Agreement, Stipulation and Order for Reprimand for Docket# 2017-005. Tracy Ragland abstained from voting. Motion carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR DOCKET# 2018-014**

Moved by **Mike Hamel** and seconded by **Sara Reed** to approve the Settlement Agreement, Stipulation and Order for Reprimand for Docket# 2018-014. Tracy Ragland and Dixie Brackman abstained from voting. Motion carried.

**PROPOSED RULE CHANGES**

Moved by **Ray Reutzel** and seconded by **Mike Hamel** for the Board to table the Board's review of Chapters 5 and 6. Motion carried.

The proposed rule change in Chapter 4, Section 4 modifies the grade band range for the Computer Science endorsement from 6-12 to K-12. This change aligns with the intent of the Legislature to allow Wyoming students the opportunity to take computer science-related classes, or to be taught computer science-related content in all grade levels. Expanding the grade band allows school districts more flexibility in hiring and assignment for holders of this endorsement. PTSB staff have learned that other states offer a K-12 Computer Science endorsement, which would then make this change compatible for an out-of-state applicant. The Board directed the staff to review what other states are doing and to report back to the Board by the June Board meeting. The Chapter 4 Rule change proposal will change PTSB's Computer Science from 6-12 to K-12.

Moved by **Aaron Jensen** and seconded by **Jennifer Schultz** for the Board to approve the proposed rule changes for Chapter 4 as presented and to start the promulgation process. Motion carried.

At the March 2019 meeting, Board members were briefed that in addition to the regional accrediting organizations, PTSB also accepts accreditation decisions from programmatic accrediting organizations, such as the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and the

Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). There are a number of other national faith-related, national career-related, and programmatic accreditors that are or have been recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDE) or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or both. Some institutions and degree programs are accredited by these other organizations.

In their research staff have discovered that Wyoming Statute WS 21-2-802, which outlines the powers and duties of the board, does not include the word “regionally” regarding accredited colleges or universities. The proposed changes delete the word “regionally” from all occurrences in rules, thus aligning it with statute. The proposed change to Rules Chapter 1, Section 3 Definitions, paragraph (a) adds language to encompass all USDE or CHEA recognized accrediting bodies, which includes regionally accredited colleges and universities. This broadens the scope of recognized accrediting organizations not formerly allowed in rules.

Moved by **Mike Hamel** and seconded by **Ray Reutzel** for the Board to approve the proposed rule changes for Chapter 1, 2, and 3 as presented with modifications as discussed and to start the promulgation process. Motion carried.

#### **SCHEDULE FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

Moved by Mike Hamel and seconded by Sara Reed by resolution to schedule its next Regular Board meeting virtually on Monday, May 20, 2019 at 3:00 pm. Motion carried.

The June Meeting/Board Retreat has been scheduled for June 10-12, 2019 in Cheyenne.

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at **3:35 p.m.**