



**PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
GOOGLE HANGOUT - VIRTUAL
MARCH 20, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER -3:07 PM

This meeting was called to order by President Liesl Sisson at 3:07 PM.

Present: **Board:** Jon VanOverbeke, Abbie Werner, Liesl Sisson, Dixie Brackman, Mike Hamel, Mariah Learned, Jancie Marshall, Dan Mayer, Dr. Liann Brenneman, Astrid Northup; **Staff:** Brendan O'Connor, Trisha Wright, Jillian Reagan; **Attorney General's Office:** Catherine Reeves; **Guests:** Shelley Hamel (WDE), Anne Gunn(Sheridan College), Karen Lackey, Aaron Jensen, Clifford Wittstruck, Blake Youde, David Picard, Representative Dan Laursen

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Adoption of Agenda
 2. Approval of Minutes - January 23, 2023,
 3. License Ratification
- Moved by Janice Marshall to accept and approve all items listed on the consent agenda as presented
 - Seconded by Jon VanOverbeke
 - Motion passed

DISCIPLINARY

- Docket 2022-008 - Moved to approve the Settlement Agreement, Stipulation, and Order for Voluntary Surrender by Dixie Brackman.
 - Seconded by Mariah Learned
 - Recused from voting - Liesl Sisson and Dan Mayer
 - Motion passed
- Docket 2022-033 - Moved to approve the Settlement Agreement, Stipulation, and Order for Voluntary Surrender by Dixie Brackman.
 - Seconded by Jon VanOverbeke
 - Recused from voting- Mike Hamel and Brian Brisko
 - Motion passed
- Docket 2022-034 Moved to approve Dismissal by Mariah Learned
 - Seconded by Dixie Brackman
 - Recused from voting - Liesl Sisson and Dan Mayer
 - Motion passed
- Docket 2022-048 Moved to approve Dismissal with Advisory by Dan Mayer

- Seconded by Dixie Brackman
- Recused from voting - Brian Brisko and Jon VanOverbeke
- Motion passed
- Docket 2022-049 Moved to approve the Dismissal by Dixie Brackman
 - Seconded by Mariah Learned
 - Recused from voting - Brian Brisko and Jon VanOverbeke
 - Motion passed
- **Confirmed May 23, 2023 Hearing date - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

RULES CHANGES

- Director O'Connor informed the board that Chapter 3 and Chapter 4 are pending the Governor's signature.

PROGRAM APPROVALS

Director O'Connor reviewed the program approvals and board member recognition for the help within these program approvals. Director O'Connor mentioned a delay in working with Mathematics (5-8), and (6-12) and the college and explained it would be reviewed later.

- Dixie Brackman volunteered for Physical Education (K-12)
 - Moved by Dixie Brackman
 - Seconded by Janice Marshall
 - Motion passed
- Liann Brenneman volunteered for Early Childhood Special Education
 - Moved by Jon VanOverbeke
 - Seconded by Mariah Learned
 - Motion passed
- Astrid Northup volunteered for Computer Science
 - Moved by Janice Marshall
 - Seconded by Jon VanOverbeke
 - Motion passed
- CWC BAS and Endorsement programs - Early Childhood Special Education - are a cleaner version of what PTSB approved early in 2021. The original program numbering
 - Moved by Dixie Brackman
 - Jon VanOverbeke
 - Motion passed

ACTION ITEMS

Director O'Connor provided an update on the Praxis Test Adoptions for 2023. Director O'Connor explained that in September 2023, the replacement testing would be the only test PTSB would accept.

- Moved to adopt the following Praxis tests with passing scores: Biology (5236) with a passing score of 154.
- Chemistry (5246) with a passing score of 146.
- Earth & Space Science (5572) with a passing score of 154
- General Science (5436) with a passing score of 141
- School Librarian (5312) with a passing score of 154
- Physics (5266) with a passing score of 145
- School Counselor (5422) with a passing score of 159
- School Psychologist (5403) with a passing score of 155
- Special Education: Early Childhood/Early Intervention (5692) with a passing score of 159 by Jon VanOverbeke
- Seconded by Mariah Learned
- Motion passed.

Moved by Abbie Werner to adopt Special Education: Foundational Knowledge (5355) with a passing score of 145 when it becomes available September 2023, which will replace Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications (5354).

Seconded by Jon VanOverbeke

Motion passed

DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Director O'Connor explained the Apprentice Permit. The three pilot districts are working on getting the program up and running, starting with interviewing. The discussion came up that PTSB may need a permit for the individuals in this program. The permit would be a three (3) year permit, as this is the length of the program within the district. This would establish the individual within the PTSB database with a background check. This would also allow the individual to sub for their homeroom if needed. Director O'Connor mentioned that he would be mentioning this idea in his Director's memo.
 - The question was whether we could limit the days they sub for their homeroom teacher as there is a limit in the student teaching stage.

- Director O'Connor explained Covid EA PTSB was established during the pandemic. Director O'Connor explained that we are part of the emergency of Covid as there are options for online test taking and courses. Director O'Connor was looking at sunseting the EA. It was mentioned that districts are not seeing any.
- Director O'Connor explained the Alternative Certification and Senate File SF168 and introduced Representative Dan Laursen, Blake Youde, and Dave Picard from the American Board. Director O'Connor explained this is not for Special Education or Elementary Education. Director O'Connor explained that the American Board offers a program to citizens of Wyoming who wish to become certified to teach in Wyoming public schools. This program is for individuals with a Bachelor's degree; this is not a degree program. The program requires passing a pedagogy test and a subject area test comparable to the Praxis test. The individual could go on an Exceptional Authorization during their classroom time during their program. Once this is completed, the individual can apply for the Standard License.
 - It was asked that PTSB provide a flow chart to help explain the avenues and the different outlets. Senator Laursen spoke on behalf of the bill; he explained that Wyoming needs teachers and other avenues to make that happen within the state. Dave Picard mentioned the bill came out of the senate 31-0. American Board operates in seventeen (17) states now [actually 13]. The American Board is concerned that without language in the PTSB rules it would not be able to operate in Wyoming. Mr. Picard mentioned that changes to the rules and regulations would give the American Board comfort in recruiting individuals in the State of Wyoming with the confidence they will be able to get certified by PTSB.
 - It was asked what the American Board is. Mr. Youde mentioned that it is a non-profit organization for individuals and career changers signed and established under the Bush administration.
 - Mr. Youde stated it is just a different path to the same outcome. This program takes seven to ten months and is \$1900.

There was a robust discussion regarding the need for change and why this is a need in the State of Wyoming. Director O'Connor mentioned to the board that to move forward is at their discretion. The board members would like more information on the program and want to discuss this later.

Director Report

Director O'Connor recognized Liesl Sisson, Dan Mayer, and Liann Brenneman for their years of service.

- Director O'Connor discussed 2023 Board Member Training - Friday, May 5, 2023
- Director O'Connor discussed NASDTEC Annual Conference - June 11-13, 2023, in Phoenix, AZ.
- Director O'Connor briefly updated FY 2025-2026 Budget planning, starting
- Director O'Connor discussed RFP for a new licensing system
- Director O'Connor provided an update on RFP for the new licensing system
- Director O'Connor discussed the Wyoming Teacher Apprenticeship; WDE is working on establishing contracts. There are a lot of moving parts to this apprenticeship.
- Director O'Connor briefly updated the Recruitment and Retention Task Force. Jon Van Overbeke mentioned he is a part of the Teacher Mentor Corp which will be used as part of the Apprenticeship, and has learned some excellent new mentorship skills.
- Director O'Connor updated on the Digilearn Microcredentials work. Wyoming is one of four states working on this.
- Director O'Connor briefly explained the Hunt Institute: Path Forward - Literacy Cohort 2. The work is focused on K-3 Literacy. The team is looking at what is working and what is not working within the state. There was a robust discussion on the need for a change in the State of Wyoming regarding literacy.
- Director O'Connor discussed the Review of Financials and Workshops.

Future Board Meeting

- Moved to accept the proposed date of June 25th and 26th, 2023, for the next scheduled board meeting by Mariah Learned
 - Seconded by Janice Marshall
 - Motion passed

Adjournment at 4:48 PM