

**PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS BOARD  
RAMADA INN - LARAMIE, WY  
OCTOBER 12, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Present: DeAnn Eisenhart, Brent Young, Kay Persichitte, Anne Marie Anderson, Craig Sorensen, Cindy Mossey, Joann McFarland, Pat McClurg, Eric Stemle, Carol Hvidston, and Susan Griffith. Absent: David Treick and Michael Moore. Guests: Dan Coe - Big Horn CSD; Larry Reznicek - Campbell CSD #1; Ryan Thomas - Uinta CSD #1; Mike Bowman - Albany CSD #1; Mike Lopiccolo - Sweetwater CSD #1; John Lyttle - Laramie CSD #1; Gail Loper - Fremont CSD #1; Kathy Scheurman - WEA; and Ken Nelson - Attorney General. Staff Connie Pollard, Teri Sexton, and Betsie Martinez.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Brent Young and seconded by Pat McClurg to accept the agenda as presented, with flexibility. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Pat McClurg and seconded by Eric Stemle to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2007 WEN meeting. Motion carried.

**BUDGET REPORT**

Moved by Kay Persichitte and seconded by Susan Griffith to accept the budget report as presented by Dr. Connie Pollard. Motion carried.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Connie Pollard reported that standards study setting panels (English, mathematics, chemistry, biology, physical science, physics, earth and space sciences) have been scheduled for December 12, 13, and 14, 2007 in Casper; PTSB has received 12 add-endorsement via Demonstration of Competency applications from June 1 through September 30, 2007; PTSB will begin researching the need to update voc-ed/career endorsements as well as At-Risk and Institutional Teacher endorsements to include in the revision of PTSB rules and regulations; and she, DeAnn Eisenhart, and Jeanne Sullivant met with

Governor Freudenthal October 4, 2007 to present justification to add two new positions and request the Exception Budget for technology (\$87,000) be paid out of the general fund. She noted that the same requests will be presented to Joint Education Committee.

She directed the Board to a memo from Governor Freudenthal and the huge impact NCLB has had on staff time. Also, [Teachersteachers.com](http://Teachersteachers.com) has just started its second phase.

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

## **OVERVIEW OF PTSB**

Connie Pollard provided a power point overview of Professional Teaching Standards Board.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Board took time to answer any questions and concerns from visitors regarding PTSB operating procedures, application process, etc.

## **WAIVERS**

Connie Pollard presented a report on the total numbers of waivers processed by the Board the school years 2004-05, 2005-06, and 2006-07.

## **SUBSTITUTE TEACHING**

The Board reviewed the current Rules and Regulations regarding the alternative method to obtaining a Wyoming Substitute Teaching Permit and decided to keep the current standard.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Rules and Regulations Committee -- Craig Sorensen reported that the committee has worked on changes and scheduled to meet again later in October.

Testing Committee Recommendations:

- #1. PRAXIS exam for Special Education
- #2. Additional requirements for adding SPED, Generalist endorsement via a Demonstration of Competency
- #3. Highly Qualified eligibility for teachers holding At-Risk and Institutional Teacher endorsement

#1. Moved by Kay Persichitte and seconded by Anne Marie Anderson to adopt Praxis test 0353 for special education generalist. This praxis is one of the criteria to add the special education endorsement. Motion carried.

#2. Moved by Joann McFarland and seconded by Brent Young to send item #2 back to committee. Motion carried.

#3. Moved by Joann McFarland and seconded by Carol Hvidston to table item #3 of the testing committee recommendation. Motion carried.

Connie will obtain additional resources.

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUEST**

Moved by Pat McClurg and seconded by Brent Young to add Professional Development application to the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Pat McClurg and seconded by Brent Young to deny the request to grant credit for the workshop *United States Marine Corp Educator's Workshop*. Motion carried.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Professional Teaching Standards Board was scheduled for December 3, 2007 via WEN at 4:00 pm.

### **ADJOURN**

Moved by Kay Persichitte and seconded by Eric Stemle to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.