

**PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS BOARD
CHEYENNE, WY
JANUARY 29-30, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Present: DeAnn Eisenhart, Brent Young, Dave Treick, Cindy Mossey, Michael Moore, Susan Griffith, Kay Persichitte, Pat McClurg, Absent: Craig Sorensen, Anne Marie Anderson, Eric Stemle, Carol Hvidston, and JoAnne McFarland. Attorney General's Office: Ken Nelson and Bill Pilger; Wyoming Education Association: Kathryn Valido; Wyoming Department of Education: Dr. Jim McBride and Carol Illian. Joint Education Committee: Alan Jaggi, Ross Diercks, Kathy Davison, Kit Jennings, Bernadine Craft, Patrick Goggles, and Del McComie. Staff: Connie Pollard, Teri Sexton, and Betsie Martinez.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Susan Griffith and seconded by Kay Persichitte to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

DR. JIM McBRIDE PRESENTATION

Dr. Jim McBride, Wyoming Department of Education Superintendent spoke about the positive relationship, cooperation and coordination between WDE and the Professional Teaching Standards Board and how both agencies continue to work together for the betterment of Wyoming's public education. He expressed an appreciation for the efforts of PTSB regarding Highly Qualified and No Child Left Behind. He noted that the Department of Education has assisted the PTSB financially by supporting staff to organize the ETS panels. He presented copies of the Wyoming Education Summary, A Snapshot of Wyoming by Numbers, which reflects data regarding enrollment, teachers, students, school building, public school expenditures per ADM, youth risk behavior, and national assessment of educational progress.

REGIS UNIVERSITY PRESENTATION

Fran Kehoe and Karen Cooley from Regis University presented on Prior Learning Assessment (Portfolio) through Regis University - ED202. They explained that Prior Learning Assessment through portfolio was especially designed to develop a personal plan for earning college credit for prior learning. This plan allows students the flexibility to gain the credit either via an accelerated classroom format or an online format. They presented flyers further explaining the process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Kay Persichitte and seconded by Susan Griffith to move into Executive Session at 2:25 pm. Motion carried unanimously. The Board moved out of Executive Session at 2:35 pm.

KEN NELSON - ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENTATION

Ken Nelson, Senior Assistant Attorney General, reported on the initial creation of an autonomous PTSB in 1993 along with responsibilities, and functions of Board. Other points of his report included, but were not limited to, the process of adopting Rules and Regulations, noting that the Board promulgates certification rules for teachers, administrators, and other personnel. The Board requires tests, completion of programs from an accredited college/university, can suspend or revoke certificates, establishes fees for certification and

criminal history background. He stressed that members should not discuss Board business outside of a formal meeting unless prior permission is requested from the Board. Ken also noted that the Board has limited authority as given by the Wyoming State Legislature.

MARVIN HAIMAN - PRINCIPAL, TORRINGTON PRESENTATION

Marvin Haiman, Torrington Middle School Principal, reported that a dilemma exists in Goshen County because PTSB recognizes grades 7-12 but not grade 6 in vocational endorsements. All Torrington Middle School 6th grade students are currently enrolled in both a computer class and a technology education class. Mr Haiman requested that the Board consider allowing secondary vocational endorsements to include 6th grade, since the majority of Wyoming middle schools include 6th grade. He presented correspondence from other middle school principals supporting this request.

BILL PILGER, ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENTATION

Bill Pilger, Assistant Attorney General - PTSB Counsel for Litigation/Discipline, presented on what the Board's role is regarding investigation, quorum, overview of complaint process, essential components of investigations, investigative information, narrative log, correspondence, evidence, obtaining evidence in writing on letterhead, experts, considerations in choosing an expert, investigative report and recommendations, final packet checklist, prosecuting attorney general's role, staff responsibilities/limitations, investigative committee/board member's responsibilities/limitations, types of investigators, contract/staff investigator's responsibilities/limitations, and dispositions/outcomes requiring "clear and convincing" proof. Bill encouraged Board members to attend the next Board Member Training scheduled for May 14-15, 2008.

TOM MARTIN, JOE BAKER, AND DANI SULLIVAN - WDE PRESENTATION

Tom Martin, Career and Technical Education Consultant for WDE, strongly recommended that the CTE endorsement start at 6th grade level. A reason to expand this endorsement in include 6th grade is due to decreasing enrollments. Several school districts need a content teacher endorsed in 7-12 to teach 1 to 2 classes as they do not have the students to support a full-time content teacher at the 7-12 level. He distributed handouts supporting his request. He also explained that WDE and PTSB will work on a task force to align CTE, k-6 and certification requirements in 2009.

ADD AGENDA ITEM

Moved by Susan Griffith and seconded by Pat McClurg to include discussion of Middle School endorsement. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Michael Moore and seconded by Brent Young to approve the minutes of the October 12 and October 29, 2007 meetings. Motion carried.

BUDGET REPORT

Moved by Kay Persichitte and seconded by Michael Moore to accept the budget report presented by Connie Pollard. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Connie Pollard reported the following ETS panels have been completed and scheduled for 2007-08 school year:

Fall 2007 - 12/12-14

0041: English Language, Literature & Composition: Content Knowledge

0061: Mathematics: Content Knowledge

0245: Chemistry: Content Knowledge

0235: Biology: Content Knowledge

0360: English to Speakers of Other Languages

0481: Physical Science: Content Knowledge

0265: Physics: Content Knowledge

0571: Earth & Space Sciences: Content Knowledge

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0910: Economics

0920: Geography

0930: Political Science

0390: Psychology

0950: Sociology

0941: U.S. History & World History

0220: Speech

0700: Agriculture

0100: Business

Connie also reported that PTSB's progress toward online renewal and web-based features has stopped, since the contractor felt his work with other state agencies was at stake; she reported that Teri Sexton, PTSB Consultant, is working on the Web Page; she noted that PTSB addressed the Joint Appropriations Committee in January and that Jim McBride, WDE Superintendent gave his support to add two positions and obtain a one-time exception of monies from the general fund for technology needs. The Board discussed strategies on how to obtain financial support from the Legislature. Connie presented a handout regarding veteran teachers who have taken and passed the PRAXIS exams.

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

Moved by Michael Moore and seconded by David Treick to revise all current 7-12 endorsements to reflect grades 6-12; and to grandfather all existing 7-12 certificate holders to be 6-12 endorsed. Motion carried.

Moved by Susan Griffith and seconded by Michael Moore to send to Governor Dave Freudenthal emergency rules proposing all current 7-12 endorsements to reflect grades 6-12; and to grandfather all existing 7-12 certificate holders to be 6-12 endorsed. Motion carried.

RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Kay Persichitte reported that the Rules and Regulations Committee has met regularly and the project is progressing nicely.

APPLICATIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

David Treick reported decisions made by this committee are in the best interest of students. Having Bill Pilger assist in sorting through issues is extremely helpful. He had no recommendations for changes in how the committee is working.

DISCIPLINE

Moved by Brent Young and seconded by Kay Persichitte to accept the committee's recommendation and accept the Settlement Agreement of Case ICNP0607. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF PRAXIS EXAM FOR EARLY EDUCATORS

Moved by Susan Griffith and seconded by David Treick to send Adoption of PRAXIS Exam for Early Educators recommendation back to the Testing Committee for clarification of Item H. Motion carried.

SPECIAL EDUCATION GENERALIST ENDORSEMENT

Moved by Kay Persichitte and seconded by Susan Griffith to accept the committee's recommendation to add a special education-generalist endorsement via a Demonstration of Competency with experience or practicum being at the grade level being sought. Motion carried.

FINGERPRINTING

The Board discussed not issuing certificates or permits until a cleared DCI (Department of Criminal Investigation) report is received by PTSB; or placing a disclaimer on issued certificates and permits that states that the certificate/permit becomes void if PTSB does not receive a cleared DCI report. The Board decided they will need more definitive answers regarding this item from the attorneys.

PORTFOLIOS

Moved by Susan Griffith and seconded by Michael Moore to discontinue the use of portfolios to add endorsements. Motion carried.

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING PROGRAM APPROVALS

Moved by Susan Griffith and seconded by Michael Moore to approve the following University of Wyoming programs: Agriculture 7-12; Early Childhood Education; and Early Childhood/Special Education. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Professional Teaching Standards Board has been tentatively scheduled for March 6, 2008 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm via WEN.

ADJOURN

Moved by Susan Griffith and seconded by Kay Persichitte to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.