

**PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2010
LARAMIE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

CALL TO ORDER – 8:30 a.m.

Present: Eric Stemle, Molly Potas, Brent Bacon, Sue Belish, Dee Heny, Peter Martin, Kay Persichitte, Walter Wilcox, and Phyllis Jones. Staff: Connie Pollard, Sandy Pazen, and Betsie Martinez. Attorney General’s Office: Ken Nelson. Guests: Kathryn Valido and Kathy Scheurman , WEA, and Joann Numoto, WDE.

Introductions: New member, Walt Wilcox - Dean Morgan Junior High School Principal from Casper.

AGENDA

Moved by Molly Potas and seconded by Kay Persichitte to approve the agenda as proposed, with flexibility. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Moved by Sue Belish and seconded by Brent Bacon to approve the minutes of the February 29, 2010 and May 12, 2010 meetings. Motion carried.

BUDGET

Moved by Kay Persichitte and seconded by Molly Potas to accept the budget report as presented by Connie Pollard.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Connie Pollard presented copies of 1) Teacher Preparation in the United States which speaks very positively about the University of WY and the Professional Teaching Standards Board; 2) customer survey - very positive; 2007-10 comparison of total apps processed; analysis of mail received by date in July, 2010; first time in-state/out of state and UW licenses issued; 2009 FTE total staff summary by job function in WY; endorsements issued in 2009-10; WDE response to PTSB Data request - teacher age and endorsements; exception authorizations issued & number of educators on EA's for 2009-2010; and a draft memo to local education agencies re: updates for inputting professional development credits & CPR/1st aid to the PTSB database.

DIRECTOR VACANCY

The Board discussed the interim director job description, salary, search committee, vacancy posting, professional services contract, and interim director vs. temporary director. The

Board named the following members as search committee: Kay Persichitte, Phyllis Jones, Brent Bacon, and Eric Stemle.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Sue Belish and seconded by Brent Bacon to move into Executive Session at 11:14 a.m. to discuss personnel issues. Motion carried. The Board moved out of Executive Session at 11:46 a.m.

INTERIM DIRECTOR/PSC CONTRACT

Moved by Sue Belish and seconded by Brent Bacon to authorize Eric Stemle to offer an Interim Executive Director position at the salary discussed at Executive Session following the requisite state approval. Motion carried.

Moved by Kay Persichitte and seconded by Peter Martin to approve the Professional Services Contract for Connie Pollard effective September 7, 2010. Motion carried.

PROGRAM APPROVAL

Moved by Dee Heny and seconded by Peter Martin to approve initiating the Program Approval process of the University of Wyoming's proposed Science endorsements. Motion carried.

DISCIPLINE CASES

Connie Pollard, Sue Belish, and Brent Bacon were excused during discussion and voting on discipline cases.

Moved by Peter Martin and seconded by Phyllis Jones to accept the Settlement Agreement from Albert Martinez, Case #2009-10 to surrender his WY Classroom Substitute Permit. Motion carried.

Moved by Peter Martin and seconded by Kay Persichitte to dismiss the complaints for Case #201079 and Case #2010615. Motion carried.

CHAPTER 9 - DUE PROCESS

Moved by Brent Bacon and seconded by Peter Martin to approve the proposed rule change in Chapter 9 and send out for 45-day public review.

EXPAND SPEECH LANGUAGE ENDORSEMENT

Moved by Kay Persichitte and seconded by Dee Heny to propose a rule change to the Speech Language endorsement from K-12 **to birth-12** and send out for 45-day public review. Motion carried.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Moved by Kay Persichitte and seconded by Dee Heny to propose a rule change to the Early Childhood endorsement from Age 3 – Age 8 (or 3rd grade) **to Birth – Age 8 (or 3rd grade)**; and Early Childhood endorsement (preschool) **to Preschool Birth – Age 5**. Motion carried.

AT-RISK - JOANN NUMOTO, WDE

Joann Numoto reported that there are about 150 at-risk teachers providing services to students in an alternative setting or students who reside in WY residential or institutional settings. Connie Pollard presented proposed rule change for Endorsement and Renewal Requirements for Teachers of Students at At-Risk.

After discussion, the Board decided to re-write the proposal and resubmit it at a future meeting.

PTSB'S PURPOSE & LEGISLATED RESPONSIBILITIES - WHY AN INDEPENDENT BOARD?

The Board discussed the history of PTSB as an independent licensing board noting that local educators monitor their own profession; PTSB has the ability to respond in a timely manner; there are less layers of bureaucracy; PTSB can avoid the appearance of, or the actuality of, conflict of interest. PTSB is totally self-supporting; no state general funds are appropriated for educator licensing in Wyoming. Mandated budget cuts have much less impact on PTSB.

Kathryn Valido, President, Wyoming Education Association, publicly thanked Connie Pollard for her many contributions to the Professional Teaching Standards Board, noting that the education community has thrived under her directorship.

UPDATE RE: WDE DATA COLLECTION

Connie presented opinions from the Office of the Attorney General regarding access to PTSB records by WDE and AG's office. Based on the opinion from the AG's office, this summer transcripts from PTSB files were scanned, and information collected as per request from the Wyoming Legislature and WDE. WDE is requesting on-going collection of data by PTSB staff for WDE purposes. The data being requested is not for the purposes of issuing educator licenses.

Kathryn Valido asked how this information is necessary for WDE and why do they need Praxis scores?

Moved by Dee Heny and seconded by Molly Potas to keep Praxis and other confidential information at PTSB. Motion carried.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR DENIAL AND REVOCATON OF LICENSE

The Board discussed the Statutory Authority for Denial and Revocation of a Wyoming License. The Board decided to place this item on the agenda for a future meeting.

ADOPTION OF PRAXIS SCORES

Moved by Sue Belish and seconded by Brent Bacon to increase the cut scores 2 standard deviations on business, reading, special education, and physical education. Sue withdrew her motion. Brent seconded.

Phyllis Jones moved and Sue Belish moved to propose cut scores for all four areas at the 76% percentile. Motion carried.

SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA; ALTERNATIVE ROUTES TO LICENSURE; TESTING REQUIREMENTS

The Board decided that discussion of these items be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.