



PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS BOARD

REGULAR MEETING GOOGLE HANGOUT - VIRTUAL

JULY 8, 2020

CALL TO ORDER - 9:04 AM

Present: Board: Jon VanOverbeke, Jennifer Schultze, Liesl Sisson, Dixie Brackman, Leslie Rush, Liann Brenneman, Tracey Ragland, Mike Hamel, Dan Mayer, Andrea Burrows; Janice Marshall
Staff: Nish Goicolea, Brendan O'Connor, Trisha Wright, Jillian Regan; Attorney General's Office:
Randall Lockyear, MacKenzie Williams ; Guests: WMA, Abi Paytoe, Zachary Schnieder - Natrona
High, Mary Billiter, NMA - Matthew, Tristan Wallhead - UW, Andrew Salzman - Rawlins High, Shelley
Hamel-WDE, WYO Advocacy

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Janice Marshall and seconded by Dixie Brackman to accept and approve all items listed on the consent agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes - April 20, 2020
3. License Ratification

DISCIPLINARY

Tracy Ragland and Mike Hamel abstaining from voting on all five dockets.

1. Docket 2020-005 - Recommendation for Voluntary Surrender - Moved by Janice Marshall seconded by Liann Brenneman.
2. Docket 2020-006 - Recommendation of Dismissal of Complaint - Moved by Dan Meyer, seconded by Jon VanOverbeke.
3. Docket 2020-012 - Recommendation of Dismissal of Complaint - Moved by Janice Marshall, seconded by Dixie Brackman.
4. Docket 2020-014 - Recommendation of Dismissal of Complaint - Moved by Dan Meyer, seconded by Dixie Brackman
5. Docket 2018-025 - Recommendation for Approval of Settle Agreement - Moved by Jancie Marshall, seconded by Dan Meyer

New Rule Changes - Current Rules in Promulgation

Nish Goicolea explains the changes and strikeouts that PTSB would like to change and remove. The PIC is geared to help in unique situations and for smaller districts that may not be able to hire more than one "speciality" teacher, with this option the district will have the

opportunity to hire someone who is qualified to teach one subject, sometimes even helping the district save money on salary. Nish explains that the PIC has been in place for some time now and our intent is to grow more opportunities for districts to expand their speciality classes, like Family and Consumer Science, Graphic Designing, etc. The intent is not to replace the speciality teachers who are highly qualified with a standard license. Nish goes on to explain that out of our 23, 000 teachers we only have roughly 100 PIC permit holders, so it is truly on a unique situation basis only. It was stressed that this is not a work around to become teacher certified and the PIC holders have to have the continued education credits through PTSB and their districts.

Public comments expressed concerns in regards to music and art as they feel it is hard to show how a musician and artist can prove they are professional and show consecutive years of experience. They would like to see these two subjects taken off the PIC permit, and that the completion of the 7 methods courses are not enough to teach this line of work, and they should be required to have a Bachelor's degree like they have.

Dan Meyer explains to the public that if they see someone teaching outside of their profession it needs to be reported and asked if they see this currently, the answer was no.

It was expressed that PTSB needs to have a better outline of understanding of how you obtain a PIC permit, as most feel there needs to be more clarification on the route.

Motion to Adopt Rule Changes by Liesel Sisson, seconded by Dixie Brackman

Voted 10 to 1

New Rule Changes - Opening Chapter One

Nish Goicolea explains this is a simple cleanup due the Legislative session change in Speech Language Pathology.

Motion to Rule Changes - Dan Meyer, seconded by Jon VanOverbeke

Voted 11 to 0

Discussion/Action Items

Nish Goicolea mentions she would like the board and PTSB staff to explore options for Middle School as it is a problem area and needs improvements, nationally not just in Wyoming. It was mentioned that UW has two Middle school endorsements, Math and Science but not in other areas. Members did express concerns with going with a "Generalist" approach because they have seen what that causes in the achievements of the students. It was agreed by all this should not be a "free for all". Nish asked for volunteers to join a sub committee to help with research, Jennifer Schultze and Mike Hamel agreed to help. Andrea Burrows agreed to help in the research of grade bands.

Nish Goicolea explains we have been getting applicants from Grand Canyon University with the break up of SPED specialities, mild to moderate and moderate to severe. Nish explains several states use this method and it could be a potentially good thing for SPED students as teachers could not work outside of their endorsement speciality. Leslie Rush mentioned that UW did a survey within the districts across Wyoming regarding this, the results from most districts was they would like it to remain at a Generalist approach because it is hard to get a teacher with SPED endorsements as is. Nish mentioned PTSB would like to acknowledge the hard work and the extra work some of these teachers have within their speciality.

Nish provided the data on the Praxis and asked to adopt them all. Like mentioned above Nish would like to add any endorsements the licensure has with any passing Praxis. This will open up more options within our out-of-field endorsement. This will not change college programs, it will be used as an extra tool. It was asked if the Praxis scores lower, do we adopt them? Nish explains we will always be able to bring them back to the board for a vote, the scores and areas will always be open for review if needed.

Dan Mayer moved for PTSB staff to investigate Praxis cut scores and move to adopt changes in October's meeting, seconded by Liesl Sisson.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Legislative Session Update

Nish goes over the current state of budget cuts, explains how we give up our at will position and ending our contract with InLumon cut our budget by 10%. Nish did mention that the General funds agencies are required to cut 30%. We do not fall under General funds, but we have a plan in place if we are required to cut 30%. Nish explains the working remote has been working and we will continue with our rotating schedule.

FBI Audit

All FBI audits did not happen due to covid.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

October 5, 2020 was approved by eleven (11) board members. We have left it open for face-to-face or virtual pending on the state of Covid-19.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at **11:14 AM**