

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

Meeting of Thursday, May, 1, 2008
5:15 p.m.

Cabinet Room, Department of Education
2nd Floor South Wing, Townsend Building

MINUTES

Members Present: Joanne Christian, Sandra Falatek, Barbara Grogg, Les Holden, Dorothy McQuaid, Mary Mirabeau, Wendy Murray, Gretchen Pikus, Michael Thomas, and Kathleen Thomas, Chair.

Members Absent: Cathy Cathcart, Marilyn Dollard, Karen Gordon, Lori Hudson, Karen Schilling-Ross and Carol Vukelich

Others Present: Charlie Michels, Professional Standards Board's Executive Director, Pearl Carrington, Professional Standards Board's Secretary, Paula Fontello, Professional Standards Board's Deputy Attorney General; Judi Coffield, State Board of Education Policy Analyst, and Vicky Cairns, Delaware State Education Association

Opening

Call to Order: Ms. Thomas, Professional Standards Board Chair called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. The Executive Director gave his Report to the Board. A quorum was attained at 5:30 pm.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Ms. Mirabeau and seconded by Ms. McQuaid to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of March 7, 2008. A motion was made by Mr. Holden and seconded by Ms. Pikus to approve the March 7, 2008 meeting minutes. The motion carried

Approval of Minutes of March 8, 2008. A motion was made by Ms. Murray and seconded by Ms. Grogg to approve the March 8, 2008 meeting minutes. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of April 3, 2008. A motion was made by Mr. Holden and seconded by Ms. Grogg to approve the April 3, 2008 meeting minutes. The motion carried.

II. Public Comment.

None.

III. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Michels reported on the following:

- On April 21st Mr. Michels attended the State Board of Education meeting and the following items were on their agenda for Discussion. The SBE raised no issues:

- 1550 Agriculture Teacher
- 1551 Business Education Teacher
- 1554 Amend Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher
- 1555 Marketing Education Teacher
- 1557 Technology Education Teacher

The SBE voted the Final Approval of the following regulations.

- 1540 Secondary English Language Arts Teacher
- 1542 Secondary Mathematics Teacher
- 1544 Secondary Social Studies Teacher

Clusters that were approved by the SBE:

- Increasing Instructional Leadership in NCCVT II
- Differentiated Instructional Strategies; Replication by NCCVT
- Bringing the World to DE – Reauthorization
- Quality Classroom Assessment - Reauthorization

- There has been no word from the OMB on their April review and approval of submitted clusters.
- Mr. Michels will be attending the Wallace Foundation Teacher Leader Workshop in Atlanta on May 5-6, 2008. There are five strong state groups participating at this workshop.

- **PDMS: Presentation [5:35 to 5:50]**
 - Mr. Michels developed a **PDMS Tutorial** for cluster Providers/Instructors that was viewed by the Board.
 - Mr. Michels will release' cluster sections next week with an email with the attached **PDMS Tutorial** to Providers and Instructors
 - Mr. Michels will have a separate Outlook mailbox for cluster-related issues.
 - Mr. Michels is meeting to share PDMS updates with Ms. Robin Taylor, Dr. Mike Owens and Secretary Woodruff the week of May 5th.
- **Hearing Updates:**
 - Licensure Denial: Friday 5/9 at the Tatnall Building
 - Revocation: 5/20 & 21 at the Tatnall Building
 - Hearing Officer's recommendation will be due within 20 days to all parties, then an additional 20 days for return comments prior to the PSB listening to the recommendation and making a determination. This may require a separate PSB meeting
- **Other Regulation Work:**
 - 1572 –Teachers of Students Who Are Gifted and Talented needs to be reviewed by the DOE Cabinet.
 - 1501 Knowledge, Skills and Responsibility Based Salary Supplements for Educators – Mr. Michels needs to find some quality time to reflect the changes from Board discussions, clarifications and PDMS connections.
- Water Intrusion - Water from an unknown source had caused damage to the first and second floors of the Townsend Building in Dover. More than 30 water-logged ceiling tiles fell from ceilings covering office furniture and computers, saturating carpets in offices and hallways. The damage was

restricted to the northern side of the Townsend Building which houses the offices of Assessment and Accountability, Licensure and Certification and Curriculum and Instructional Improvement.

IV. Presentation

None.

V. Discussion

A. 1559 Trade and Industrial Education Teacher

Mr. Dale Derrickson, DOE Education Associate for Skilled and Technical Sciences was present to clarify some of the specification for this amended regulation. This regulation is being amended to reflect a change in title and to more accurately describe the criteria for individuals to attain the certification.

B. 1502 Professional Growth Salary Supplements

This regulation needs to be amended to reflect the changes in 1559's Title in Section 8.0

C. 1572 Teacher of Students who are Gifted and Talented

Mr. Michels reported that due to the Water Intrusion experienced in the Townsend Building, he had not been able to have the DOE Cabinet review this document yet.

VI. Action Items

A. 1561 Bilingual Teacher

This regulation is amended in order to set requisite performance levels in oral and written proficiency in English and the target language and to provide additional avenues for content knowledge attainment if a Praxis II examination is not applicable and available. Mr. Holden moved and Ms. Pikus seconded a motion to Publish 1561 Bilingual Teacher. The motion carried.

B. 1562 English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Teacher

This regulation is amended to provide additional avenues for content knowledge attainment if a Praxis II examination is not applicable and available. Mr. Holden moved and Ms. Pikus seconded a motion to Publish 1562 English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Teacher. The motion carried.

C. 1552 Career and Technical Specialist

This regulation is being amended to reflect an expiration date. The Board has reviewed this regulation extensively over the past several months and feels that placing an expiration date within the regulation is the best path forward. Ms. Pikus moved and Ms. McQuaid seconded a motion to Publish 1552 Career and Technical Specialist. The motion carried.

D. 1531 Middle Level English Language Arts Teacher

This regulation is being amended in order to clarify the ability of a Delaware educator who holds a standard certificate in Secondary English Language Arts to teach Middle Level English Language Arts, grades 6-8 in a Middle Level school. Ms. Pikus moved and Ms. McQuaid seconded a motion to Publish 1531 Middle Level English Language Arts Teacher. The motion carried.

E. 1532 Middle Level Mathematics Teacher

This regulation is being amended in order to clarify the ability of a Delaware educator who holds a standard certificate in Secondary Mathematics to teach Middle Level Mathematics, grades 6-8 in a Middle Level school. Ms. Pikus moved and Ms. McQuaid seconded a motion to Publish 1532 Middle Level Mathematics Teacher. The motion carried.

F. 1533 Middle Level Science Teacher

This regulation is being amended in order to clarify the ability of a Delaware educator who holds a standard certificate in Secondary Science to teach Middle Level Science, grades 6-8 in a Middle Level school. Ms. Pikus moved and Ms. McQuaid seconded a motion to Publish 1533 Middle Level Science Teacher. The motion carried.

G. 1534 Middle Level Social Studies Teacher

This regulation is being amended in order to clarify the ability of a Delaware educator who holds a standard certificate in Secondary Social Studies to teach Middle Level Social Studies, grades 6-8 in a Middle Level school. Ms. Pikus moved and Ms. McQuaid seconded a motion to Publish 1534 Middle Level Social Studies Teacher. The motion carried.

H. 1543 Secondary Science Teacher

After affirmations from various staff within the DOE relative to the ability of a Secondary Science Teacher having the content knowledge to teach Science at the Middle level, Dr. Falatek moved and Ms. Grogg seconded a motion to approve for Final Action 1543 Secondary Science Teacher. The motion carried.

I. 1550 Agriculture Teacher

Mr. Holden moved and Ms. Pikus seconded a motion to approve for Final Action 1550 Agriculture Teacher. The motion carried.

J. 1551 Business Education Teacher

Mr. Holden moved and Ms. Pikus seconded a motion to approve for Final Action 1551 Business Education Teacher. The motion carried.

K. 1554 Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher

Mr. Holden moved and Ms. Pikus seconded a motion to approve for Final Action 1554 Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher. The motion carried.

L. 1555 Marketing Education Teacher

Mr. Holden moved and Ms. Pikus seconded a motion to approve 1555 Marketing Education Teacher. The motion carried.

M. 1557 Technology Education Teacher

Mr. Holden moved and Ms. Pikus seconded a motion to approve for Final Action 1557 Technology Education Teacher. The motion carried.

N. Legislative Ad Hoc Committee

Mr. Michels stated that the “Charge” of the Ad Hoc Committee had been amended. The amended Charge stated that the Committee is to review whether the PSB should seek to re-establish in the DE Code the original charges of the Professional Standards Board to include the presently deleted areas of Teacher Preparation, Recruitment and Retention, and the Delaware Performance Appraisal System. The intent is to have all Committee work completed by June 30, 2008.

Ms. Mirabeau moved a motion and Mr. Holden seconded to approve the establishment of the Ad Hoc Committee with the amended Charge to be completed by June 30th. The motion carried.

The following members volunteered to serve on the Committee:

Joanne Christian
Leslie Holden

Barbara Grogg
Gretchen Pikus

Mr. Michels stated that he will solicit other members of the Board who are not present.

O. Professional Development Clusters

1. 0807 Replication ~ 0656 School Leader Internship; Wilmington Charter School

There was open discussion on the number of hours that participants would be working during the school day. Ms. Falatek would like to see a calendar or some documentation of how the hours are broken down. There was a motion made by Ms. Falatek and seconded by Ms. McQuaid to Table the Application for Replication- School Leadership Internship, Charter School of Wilmington. The motion carried. Mr. Michels will contact Dr. Russo for this information.

VII. PSB Standing Committees

- A. Licensure and Certification Criteria
The Licensure and Certification Criteria Committee did not meet.
- B. Professional Development and Associated Compensation. Minutes of the March 17, 2008 meeting will be included in the June PSB Meeting packets.

VIII. PSB Ad Hoc Committees

IX. Other

Ms. Mirabeau brought a concern to the Boards attention that the July PSB meeting is currently scheduled for July 3, at 5:15 pm, which may be less than optimal for gaining a quorum. It was suggested that Mr. Michels query Members through an email for other potential dates and times for the July PSB Meeting.

X. Public Comment

None.

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. McQuaid and seconded by Ms. Mirabeau to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.