

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

Meeting of Thursday, December 6, 2007
5:15 p.m.

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

MINUTES

Members Present: Cathy Cathcart, Sandra Falatek, Karen Gordon, Les Holden, Dorothy McQuaid, Mary Mirabeau, Wendy Murray, Karen Schilling-Ross, Michael Thomas and Carol Vukelich.

Members Absent: Joanne Christian, Marilyn Dollard, Barbara Grogg, Lori Hudson, Gretchen Pikus, and Kathleen Thomas, Chair.

Others Present: Charlie Michels, PSB Executive Director, Pearl Carrington, PSB Secretary, Paula Fontello, PSB Deputy Attorney General; Diane Donahue, DSEA, and Ann Case, State Board of Education.

I. Opening

A. Call to Order

Mr. Holden called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. when a quorum was attained.

B. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Murray and seconded by Ms. Mirabeau to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried.

C. Approval of Minutes of November 1, 2007

A motion was made by Dr. Vukelich and seconded by Ms. Gordon to approve the minutes of November 1, 2007. The motion carried.

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Michels reported the following:

On November 15th Mr. Michels attended the State Board of Education meeting and the following items were accomplished:

- The SBE Concurred to Publish 1549 Dance Teacher and 340 Theater Teacher.

- The SBE voted their Final Approval to repeal 1530 Middle Level Teacher, adopt of 1531 Middle Level English Language Arts Teacher and 1534 Middle Level Social Studies Teacher, and to amend 1532 Middle Level Mathematics Teacher and 1533 Middle Level Science Teacher.
- The SBE voted their Final Approval of Amending 1522 Elementary School Counselor and 1545 Secondary School Counselor.
- The SBE concurred with the PSB to approve a score of 167 on the 0021 Education of Young Children Praxis II examination, effective 9/15/2008.
- The SBE concurred with the PSB to approve the 0352 Exceptional Children Praxis II examination to be extended to include kindergarten.
- The following clusters were approved by the SBE:
 - 0717 Effective Teaching and Learning in a Diverse World
 - 0718 Understanding the Delaware Recommended Curriculum: ELA
 - 0719 Understanding the Delaware Recommended Curriculum: Social Studies
 - 0720 Understanding the Delaware Recommended Curriculum: Science
 - 0721 Understanding the Delaware Recommended Curriculum: Mathematics
- Mr. Michels stated that there is a potential Licensure Denial Hearing before the Board.
- Mr. Michels has reserved a location for February 25, 26 and 27, 2008 for the Revocation Hearing. All parties have been notified.
- Mr. Michels indicated that the majority of the last 1300 cluster evaluations have been mailed and that within a week, the rest would be. The earlier mailed evaluations are beginning to be returned.
- DSEA has requested an article with updated cluster information for their publication *ACTION!*
- Mr. Michels will be presenting on January 24, 2008 to the quarterly meeting of all statewide DESS personnel on cluster updates.
- Mr. Michels indicated that he had spoken with PSB Chair Ms. Thomas and that a few items have been placed on the March Retreat agenda: Clusters, Master Teacher Certification and the roll of the PSB Executive Director. Mr. Michels indicated that the opportunity to include other topics is available to all Board members and that they should forward these to Mr. Michels or Ms. Thomas.
- Mr. Michels requested volunteers from the PSB Board to be willing to submit a picture and brief resume' in order to update the Member Profile on the PSB website.

IV. Presentation

None.

V. Discussion

A. 340 Certification Theater Teacher

The Professional Standards Board and the State Board of Education approved to Publish amended regulation 340 Certification Theater Teacher in November. The regulation generated no further discussion.

B. Adopt 1549 Dance Teacher

The Professional Standards Board and the State Board of Education approved to Publish regulation 1549 Dance Teacher in November. The regulation generated no further discussion.

C. PSB Retreat

Ms. Carrington gave an outlined report of activity and a tentative schedule for the 2008 Professional Standards Board Retreat scheduled for March 7-8, 2008 at the Atlantic Sands Hotel and Conference Center in Rehoboth Beach, DE. She also thanked everyone who had complied with the request to submit their Reservation Form and Meal Request.

D.1540 Secondary English Language Arts Teacher

This regulation is being introduced to the Board in anticipation of the request to approve for publication in January. This regulation is being amended into the new abbreviated format and the only substantive change is in the grade level validity in Middle Level schools.

E. 1542 Secondary Mathematics Teacher

This regulation is being introduced to the Board in anticipation of the request to approve for publication in January. This regulation is being amended into the new abbreviated format and the only substantive change is in the grade level validity in Middle Level schools.

F. 1543 Secondary Science Teacher

This regulation is being introduced to the Board in anticipation of the request to approve for publication in January. This regulation is being amended into the new abbreviated format and the only substantive change is in the grade level validity in Middle Level schools. A concern was raised as to how the regulation was interpreted/implemented by the DOE regarding the certification of the Integrated Science Teachers. Mr. Michels will look into the issue.

G. 1544 Secondary Social Studies Teacher

This regulation is being introduced to the Board in anticipation of the request to approve for publication in January. This regulation is being amended into the new abbreviated format and the only substantive change is in the grade level validity in Middle Level schools.

H. 1561 Bilingual Teacher

This regulation is being introduced to the Board in anticipation of the request to approve for publication in January. This regulation is being amended into the new abbreviated format and the only substantive changes are in setting levels of acceptable performance in oral proficiency, by indicating graduate course areas in lieu of specific graduate course titles and to include professional development clusters as an option.

I. 1562 English to Speakers of Other Languages

This regulation is being introduced to the Board in anticipation of the request to approve for publication in January. This regulation is being amended into the new abbreviated format and the only substantive change is in indicating graduate course areas in lieu of specific graduate course titles and to include professional development clusters as an option.

VI. Action Items

A. 1505 Standard Certificate

The Board was presented an amended version of 1505 Standard Certificate to consider. The amended draft contained language to clarify what a currently certified Delaware educator would need to do to attain a second or subsequent certification. Dr. Vukelich moved and Ms. Mirabeau seconded a motion to Publish 1505 Standard Certificate regulation. The motion carried.

B. PSB / SBE NBCT Reception Funding

Mr. Michels shared with the Board the tradition that the Professional Standards Board has with the State Board of Education to honor and celebrate the Delaware educators who recently became Nationally Board Certified. This annual celebration will be on February 21, 2008 at the Sheraton in Dover, DE in the early evening. The Board will provide a small token of their esteem to the newly certified educators and in the past has helped to defray the cost of the reception.

A motion was made by Ms. Mirabeau and seconded by Ms. Murray to approve the expenditure of \$2,000.00 by the Board to subsidize the February 21, 2008 reception for newly Nationally Board Certified Teachers, jointly provided by the Professional Standards Board and the State Board of Education. The motion carried.

Mr. Michels indicated that he would like to know in early January 2008 how many PSB Members will be attending this celebration.

C. PSB Vice Chair

Mr. Holden reiterated his willingness to step down from his position of PSB Vice-Chair. The floor was opened for nominations.

Mr. Holden nominated Dr. Michael Thomas and Ms. Cathcart seconded the nomination. Dr. Thomas accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations for PSB Vice-Chair. A vote was taken and Dr. Thomas was approved by the PSB to be the PSB Vice-Chair, effective January 1, 2008.

Dr. Thomas indicated his renewed willingness to assist in PSB work in his new role.

D. Professional Development Clusters

1. 0722 *Replication*: Assessment for Learning ~ Sussex Academy of Arts and Science
2. 0723 *Replication*: Assessment for Learning ~ Campus Community School
3. 0724 *Replication*: Assessment for Learning ~ Delaware Military Academy

Dr. Vukelich moved and Ms. McQuaid seconded a motion to approve 0722 Replication: Assessment for Learning: Sussex Academy of Arts and Science; 0723 Replication: Assessment for Learning: – Campus Community School, 0724 Replication: Assessment for Learning: –Delaware Military Academy as presented on the application and limited to one time per year at the number of participants listed in the application, subject to approval by the State Board of Education, and approval of available funds by the OMB. Each of these clusters carries a 2% salary supplement for a period of five years. The motion carried.

4. *0725 Replication: School Leader Internship- Christina School District.*

A motion was made by Ms. Schilling-Ross and seconded a motion by Ms. Cathcart to approve 0725 Replication: School Leader Internship – Christina School District as presented on the application and limited to one time per year at the number of participants listed in the application, subject to approval by the State Board of Education, and approval of available funds by the OMB. This professional development cluster carries a 2% salary supplement for a period of 5 years. The motion carried.

VII. PSB Standing Committees

A. Licensure and Certification Criteria

The licensure and Certification committee has not met.

B. Professional Development and Associated Compensation

The Professional Development and Associated Compensation committee did not meet in November as there were no new, revised or replicated clusters to review.

VIII. PSB Ad Hoc Committees

None.

IX. Other

Mr. Holden stated that he would like to see a table of current Regulations and their respective expiration dates which might allow for better scheduling of their review. He also suggested that we should take a closer look at the work of the Board by thinking about what the Board might be able to accomplish above and beyond the current scope of PSB work.

Dr. Vukelich stated, and Ms. Schilling-Ross concurred that the Board should be more proactive in the current work of the Board and look to possible policy and Code amendments to broaden the work in a positive manner. It was suggested that meeting attendance may improve if the Board had more work to do other than to just approve clusters and regulations.

These suggestions will be discussed by Ms. Thomas and Mr. Michels for potential placement on the March PSB Retreat Agenda.

X. Public Comment

None.

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Dr. Vukelich to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

The next meeting of the Professional Standards Board will be held on Thursday, January 3, 2008 at 5:15 p.m. at the Department of Education, in the Townsend Building, Cabinet Room, 2nd Floor, Dover, Delaware.

During the course of this meeting, the Professional Standards Board may enter into Executive Session to consider strategy with respect to pending and potential litigation or with respect to personnel issues. The Professional Standards Board may also take breaks.

The times designated on the agenda are approximate and are listed for administrative purposes only. The Professional Standards Board reserves the right, pursuant to Section 10004(e) of the Freedom of Information Act, to hear any matter out of its order during the meeting.