

ILLINOIS STATE TEACHER CERTIFICATION BOARD

**Illinois State Board of Education
State Board Room, Fourth Floor**

Friday, February 29, 2008

Business Meeting

MINUTES

Call to Order / Roll Call:

Dennis Williams, representing Dr. Christopher Koch and Dr. Linda Tomlinson, called the Illinois State Teacher Certification Board meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Mr. Patrick Murphy, Secretary, Illinois State Teacher Certification Board, was asked to call the roll. A quorum was present.

Members Present:

Mr. Dennis Williams, Chair

Representing Chairman Koch and Assistant Superintendent Tomlinson

Mr. Patrick Murphy, Secretary

Muhammad Abdullah
Denise Albrecht
Richard Ammentorp
Sheila Bowens
Stephen Breese

Eric Brown
Deborah Curtis
Lawer Dixon, Jr.
Allen Ellington
Ascencion Juarez

Sr. Colleen McNicholas
Linda Pellegrini
Janet Pierce-Ritter
Tamara Smith

Members Absent:

Carol Auer
Caryn Block
Nina Dorsch
Lindy Greenlee
Elliott Lessen

Others Present:

Lydia Bullock
Ellen Crowe
Colleen Herald
Mitch Hopper
Linda Jamali
Phyliss Jones

Kavita Kapadia
Diane Lacopo
Daryl Morrison
Steve Parrott
Melissa Phillips
Greg Schrader

Lynn Steffen
Tim Stoelinga
Joy Taylor-Ankenbrandt
Winnie Tuthill
Sally Vogl

Approval of Meeting Summary and Minutes:

The summary of the December 6, 2007, Illinois State Teacher Certification Board institution unit accreditation and program approval meeting was presented for consideration. Sr. Colleen McNicholas moved the December 6, 2007 summary be approved. Tamara Smith seconded the motion. Dennis Williams called for discussion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The minutes of the December 7, 2007, Illinois State Teacher Certification Board business meeting was presented for consideration. Richard Ammentorp moved the December 7, 2007 minutes be approved. Deborah Curtis seconded the motion. Dennis Williams called for discussion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Public Participation:

None.

Facilitation Committee's Report:

Richard Ammentorp, Chair of the Facilitation Committee, reported the Facilitation Committee met today at 8:00 a.m. There are no changes to the agenda.

Item(s) for Immediate Action:

New Program Proposal Recommendation(s)

Quincy University – Alternative Certification Program Providing a Type 03, 09, 10 Certificate

Phyliss Jones, Principal Consultant, Educator Preparation and Recertification Division, introduced the following representatives from Quincy University: Dr. Ellen Crowe, Dean, School of Education, and Associate Professor of Education; and Dr. Greg Schrader, President, National Teacher Education Center (NTEC).

After much discussion, several State Teacher Certification Board members felt that the university representatives needed to rework the proposal in light of the concerns and questions raised:

- (1) Update charts with the most current information regarding courses
- (2) Clarify the staffing issues
 - a. Qualifications of the Director

- b. Specify the linkage to campus faculty
- (3) Share information on the four content areas not provided
- (4) Clarify the role of NTEC in the curriculum and delivery of instruction

Richard Ammentorp moved that the State Teacher Certification Board table the new program proposal from Quincy University for the Alternative Certification Program Providing a Type 03, 09, 10 Certificate. The four items identified above need to be addressed in documentation brought back to the Certification Board. Sr. Colleen McNicholas seconded the motion. Dennis Williams called for discussion.

Muhammad Abdullah stated that he believes all of the questions have been answered and he is opposed to the motion.

Denise Albrecht asked for clarification regarding “tabling a motion” versus “denial of a program proposal”.

The motion passed with 12 aye votes; 1 nay vote; and 1 abstention.

University of Chicago – Secondary Mathematics and Science/Biology

Phyliss Jones introduced the following representatives from the University of Chicago: Dr. Kavita Kapadia, Director, Urban Teacher Education Program; and Dr. Tim Stoelinga, Education Program Consultant, Center for Urban School Improvement.

Janet Pierce-Ritter moved that the State Teacher Certification Board table the new program proposal from the University of Chicago for Secondary Mathematics and Science/Biology. Richard Ammentorp seconded the motion. Dennis Williams called for discussion.

Dr. Pierce-Ritter clarified that the following items need to be addressed:

- Conceptual Framework
 - What is the Conceptual Framework?
 - How is the Conceptual Framework aligned to the new program?
- Middle Grade
 - How is the middle grade infused in the new program; and how will students receive a 6-12 certificate?

The motion passed with one abstention.

Rules Related to Certification

Dennis Williams introduced Sally Vogl, Rules Coordinator; and Linda Jamali, Division Administrator, Educator Certification Division.

Ms. Vogl noted that a set of proposed amendments had been transmitted to the Certification Board members prior to the planned February 1 meeting that had subsequently been cancelled. She explained that a number of additional issues had arisen during the considerable amount of time that had passed since distribution of that original packet and provided three handouts for the members' consideration. She then outlined the contents of the complete packet and explained several changes that had been made upon further internal review. Included in these amendments were new renewal requirements for holders of school service personnel certificates and provisional vocational certificates; requirements for educators working on multiple types of certificates concurrently; addition of a new content-area test in Arabic; extension of the validity of certification testing scores from five to ten years; and numerous technical updates and corrections.

After discussion, Steve Breese moved that the State Teacher Certification Board recommend to the State Board of Education for consideration the amendments to Part 25 (Certification). Janet Pierce-Ritter seconded the motion. Dennis Williams called for further discussion. The motion passed with one abstention.

Addition of Dispositions to New Program Format

Dennis Williams introduced Phyliss Jones and Diane Lacopo, Principal Consultant, Educator Preparation and Recertification Division.

After this morning's discussion, Ms. Jones asked Certification Board members if they would like to have included with this document a summary of the conceptual framework that would include a list of dispositions found in the unit's conceptual framework and an assessment that the program will use to assess the dispositions.

Deborah Curtis indicated that Nina Dorsch shared with her some language that may be helpful. Dr. Curtis asked everyone to refer to the document, "Developing a New Professional Education Program", page 3, item B1. The language currently reads:

- 1) Describe how the program will ensure that candidates demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and dispositions defined by the unit's conceptual framework/institutional standards and the applicable Illinois professional education standards.
 - a) List the dispositions found in the unit's conceptual framework
 - b) Provide an assessment that your program will use to assess the dispositions

Dr. Dorsch recommended the following changes:

New 1a: Identify program dispositions' expectations as related to the unit conceptual framework

New 1b: Describe how dispositions will be assessed for all candidates throughout the program including disposition assessment instruments in appendices

Richard Ammentorp moved that the State Teacher Certification Board accept the addition of dispositions with the recommended changes from Nina Dorsch. Sr. Colleen McNicholas seconded the motion. Dennis Williams called for discussion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Proposals for Activities that Meet Requirements for Standard Certificate Eligibility

Richard Ammentorp moved that the revised list of “Proposals for Activities that Meet Requirements for Standard Certificate Eligibility” dated February 21, 2008, be approved. Janet Pierce-Ritter seconded the motion. Dennis Williams called for discussion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (See Attachment)

Renewal of Standard / Master Certificates (Group B List)

Patrick Murphy reported there are no non-renewals on the Group B List at this time.

Item(s) for Information:

Renewal of Standard / Master Certificates (Report – Group A List)

Patrick Murphy reported that there were 467 recommendations for Standard / Master Certificates renewed in Group A for the period of December 1, 2007 through February 25, 2008.

Richard Ammentorp moved that the State Teacher Certification Board gives the Secretary of the State Teacher Certification Board the authority to authorize the renewal of Standard / Master Certificates for the Group A list of teachers (those receiving recommendations from both the Local Professional Development Committee (LPDC) and Regional Offices of Education) on a regular basis with a monthly report on this activity to be provided to the State Teacher Certification Board. Steve Breese seconded the motion. Dennis Williams called for discussion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Moving from Initial to Standard Certificate

Patrick Murphy reported that there were 375 recommendations for Initial Certificates moving to Standard Certificates for the period of December 1, 2007 through February 25, 2008.

Update(s) from Certification Board Members

Richard Ammentorp reported, as the representative for the Illinois State Teacher Certification Board, he attended the first meeting of the Alternative Learning Opportunities Program (ALOP) – Committee of Cooperative Services. The initial meeting was convened to set up the bylaws and to select a chairperson. Linda Tomlinson served as facilitator of the group. Future meetings will be scheduled.

Deborah Curtis shared that she recently served on the Illinois School Leader Task Force. Dr. Curtis asked if State Board of Education staff could provide the following:

- What higher education institutions in the state are preparing school administrators (Type 75 certificated persons)?
- How many administrators are coming from each institution?

Dr. Curtis suggested this information could cover a three year period. Steve Breese stated that it may be beneficial to see the correlation between how many administrators a university turns out and how many of these educators are actually in a principalship.

Dr. Curtis asked if the State Teacher Certification Board could revisit the middle grade topic. Dr. Curtis will share several documents with Board members.

Secretary's Report:

Patrick Murphy provided Certification Board members with a tentative 2009 calendar for the State Teacher Certification Board. Board members are asked to review the document along with their calendars. This item will be an action item at the next meeting of the Certification Board.

Certification Status Report

Mr. Murphy shared that the Educator Certification Division is processing most applications within 30 days. All work is well within the 60 day target.

The Educator Certification Division has held several trainings for certification officers and staff at colleges and universities that prepare Illinois educators. Trainings will continue throughout March. Everyone is very pleased with the discussion that has occurred during the training events.

Grow Your Own (GYO) Teachers will be featured at the American Educational Researchers Association (AERA) annual meeting in New York City in March. A GYO rally was held at the state capitol on Tuesday. State Superintendent Koch, Speaker Madigan, several legislators and GYO candidates spoke at the event.

Nearly 300 master certificates have been issued since January.

Certificate Renewal Audits and Certification Validity List

Mr. Murphy reported that the certificate renewal audits for administrators, teachers and NCLB are underway.

A total of 360 administrators were audited. At present, 340 administrator audits have been approved.

A total of 396 teachers were audited. At present, 375 teacher audits have been approved.

A total of 125 teachers were chosen to be audited for their NCLB areas. At present, 91 NCLB audits have been approved.

Certification Board members were provided the "FY 08 Educators Employed Per Teacher Service Record (TSR) Data" for February 25, 2008.

Other Items of Interest

The application to be a provider of the Illinois Master Distinguished Principal Institute Leading to a Master Principal Designation is available on the State Board of Education – Certification website.

Mr. Murphy indicated that there is continued discussion on the upcoming public search site on the Educator Certification System (ECS). At present there is no timeline for making that site available.

Dennis Williams provided an update on the "Teacher Leader Endorsement" and the "Alternative Route to Administrative Certification for National Board Certified Teachers".

Mr. Murphy reported the following:

Notification: Revocation of Certificates by State Superintendent

- **Larry T. Albaugh** – Standard Secondary Certificate #1864946; Standard Special Certificate #1864947; Administrative Certificate #1355784
- **Edward J. Bell** – Elementary Certificate #1988829; Secondary Certificate #1988830
- **James Huston** – School Service Personnel Certificate #2189421
- **Scott S. Lempa** – Secondary Certificate #1742781
- **Eric T. Pomeroy** – Special Certificate #1184399
- **Harvey E. Schmidt** – Substitute Certificate #2224803; Paraprofessional Approval
- **Rosendo Terronez** – Standard Secondary Certificate #1748995

Adjournment:

With no further business, Richard Ammentorp moved that the State Teacher Certification Board meeting adjourn. Denise Albrecht seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The State Teacher Certification Board meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

APPROVED

Chairman

Secretary

ATTACHMENT

**Proposals for “Induction and Mentoring Programs”
to Meet Requirements for the Standard Certificate**

**Recommended for Approval by
State Board of Education Staff**

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School / County

Auburn Community Unit School District 10, Sangamon County
Illinois School for the Visually Impaired, Morgan County
Mascoutah Community Unit School District 19, St. Clair County
Pembroke Community Consolidated School District 259, Kankakee County
St. George Community Consolidated School District 258, Kankakee County

Proposals for “NBPTS-Related Coursework”

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