

ILLINOIS STATE TEACHER CERTIFICATION BOARD

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

Friday, November 7, 2008

Business Meeting

MINUTES

Call to Order / Roll Call:

Dr. Linda Tomlinson, Chair Designee, called the Illinois State Teacher Certification Board meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. Mr. Patrick Murphy, Secretary, Illinois State Teacher Certification Board, was asked to call the roll. A quorum was present.

Members Present:

Dr. Linda Tomlinson, Chair Designee (Representing Chairman Koch)
Mr. Patrick Murphy, Secretary

Muhammad Abdullah
Denise Albrecht
Carol Auer
Sheila Bowens
Douglas Bower
Stephen Breese

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

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

Members Absent:

Richard Ammentorp
Caryn Block

Others Present:

Sandra Beyda-Lorie
Lydia Bullock
Richard Campbell
Rori Carson
Roger Chamberlain
Laurel Gibler
Colleen Herald
Mitch Hopper
John Hunt
MeShelda Jackson

Linda Jamali
Phyliss Jones
Adam Kennedy
Pat Koch
Diane Lacopo
Felicia Malloy
Deborah Meisner-Bertauski
Carole Mitchener
Victoria (Vicki) Mogil
Daryl Morrison

Marlynn Nishimura
Heather Patay
Melissa Phillips
Lynn Steffen
Joy Taylor-Ankenbrandt
Kimberly Thier
Sally Vogl
Sandy Wilson

Approval of Meeting Summary and Minutes:

The minutes of the September 5, 2008 Illinois State Teacher Certification Board business meeting were presented for consideration. Tamara Smith moved the September 5, 2008 minutes be approved. Carol Auer seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Public Participation:

None.

Facilitation Committee's Report:

Sr. Colleen McNicholas, Chair of the Facilitation Committee, reported the Facilitation Committee met today at 8:00 a.m. The only change to the agenda is switching the order of agenda item F4a and F4b; the new program proposal for Loyola University Chicago will be presented first followed by Benedictine University.

Work Study Session:

Middle Level Education

Linda Tomlinson stated that at the last meeting of the State Teacher Certification Board members indicated they would like to have a panel discussion to provide information about middle schools and the advantages / disadvantages as the panel members saw their work toward reaching the middle level standards.

The following panel members were introduced: Dr. Roger Chamberlain, Principal, Columbia Middle School; Dr. John Hunt, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Former School District Administrator; Dr. Vicki Mogil, Principal, Emerson Middle School, President-Elect of the Association of Illinois Middle Level Schools (AIMS); and Mrs. Sandy Wilson, Director of Secondary Education for Normal School District 5, Area Representative on the AIMS Board, and Former Principal of Charleston Middle School.

There was much discussion regarding middle level education. Most of the discussion focused around two important areas: middle level certification requirements and middle school design. Key challenges that were identified include: content preparation for middle level; certification versus endorsement; grade level parameters; testing for certification; and shortage of teachers prepared.

Linda Tomlinson thanked the panel members for their contributions and also indicated State Board of Education staff will work with stakeholders to prepare a recommendation for the Certification Board members to review.

Linda Tomlinson introduced Deborah Meisner-Bertauski, Associate Director of Academic Affairs, Illinois Board of Higher Education. Ms. Meisner-Bertauski also introduced Heather Patay, one of the project directors for the Teacher Quality Enhancement (TQE) grant. They

shared their work with middle level education and what resources are available for this endeavor.

Item(s) for Immediate Action:

Rules Related to Certification

Linda Tomlinson explained the two sets of amendments being brought forward for consideration:

- Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision)

Section 1.720 (Requirements for Teachers of Middle Grades) – There is need to create flexibility that school districts may need as they convert self-contained classes in Grades 5-8 to a middle-grades format.

Section 1.705 (Requirements for Supervisory and Administrative Staff) – Clarification is needed to this Section so that the rule will not be unintentionally broad.

Section 1.75 (Student Information System) – This is being amplified slightly pursuant to discussions between the State Board of Education and the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules. Its content is not relevant to the State Teacher Certification Board.

- Part 25 (Certification)

The accreditation reviews that were scheduled to occur during 2009 are being deferred for a year, which will delay all other institutions' reviews by a year also. Since the schedule for reviews is set forth in Section 25.115, an emergency amendment is needed in order to put this provision into effect without delay.

Sr. Colleen McNicholas moved that the State Teacher Certification Board recommend the proposed amendments to Part 1 Sections 1.720, 1.705, 1.75 and Part 25 Section 25.115 for consideration by the State Board of Education. Deborah Curtis seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Proposals for Activities that Meet Requirements for Standard Certificate Eligibility

Deborah Curtis moved that the list of "Proposals for Activities that Meet Requirements for Standard Certificate Eligibility" dated October 20, 2008, be approved. Tamara Smith seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (See Attachment)

Renewal of Standard / Master Certificates (Group B List)

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

New Program Proposal Recommendations:

Loyola University Chicago – Early Childhood Special Education (Initial Type 04 Certificate with Early Childhood Special Education Endorsement)

Phyliss Jones, Principal Consultant, Educator and School Development Division, introduced the following representatives from Loyola University Chicago: Dr. Adam Kennedy, Clinical Assistant Professor; and Dr. Kimberly Thier, Clinical Assistant Professor.

Deborah Curtis moved that the State Teacher Certification Board recommend to the State Board of Education provisional approval of the Loyola University Chicago Early Childhood Special Education program, thereby authorizing the educational unit to conduct the program and to recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of the institution's next scheduled Accreditation Review [Section 25.145 (d) (1)]. Eric Brown seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed with two abstentions.

Benedictine University – Physical Education (Type 10)

Phyliss Jones introduced the following representatives from Benedictine University: Dr. MeShelda Jackson, Associate Professor and Chair; and Dr. Richard Campbell, Certification Officer.

Sr. Colleen McNicholas moved that the State Teacher Certification Board recommend to the State Board of Education provisional approval of the Benedictine University Physical Education program, thereby authorizing the educational unit to conduct the program and to recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of the institution's next scheduled Accreditation Review [Section 25.145 (d) (1)]. Janet Pierce-Ritter seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion.

After much discussion it was felt that submission of the program proposal may have been premature. The following items need to be addressed:

- Page 5 – (first paragraph/top of page) – Complete the last sentence in paragraph
- Addition of a faculty chart
- Clarification of the clinical practice and observation hours
- Clarification of student supervision hours
- Technology standards
- Aquatic component (certification) WSI

The motion failed by unanimous vote.

Northeastern Illinois University – Learning Behavior Specialist II: Behavior Intervention Specialist; Curriculum Adaptation Specialist

Phyliss Jones introduced the following representative from Northeastern Illinois University: Dr. Sandra Beyda-Lorie, Chairperson, Department of Special Education.

Sr. Colleen McNicholas moved that the State Teacher Certification Board recommend to the State Board of Education provisional approval of the Northeastern Illinois University Learning Behavior Specialist II: Behavior Intervention Specialist; Curriculum Adaptation Specialist program, thereby authorizing the educational unit to conduct the program and to recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of the institution's next scheduled Accreditation Review [Section 25.145 (d) (1)]. Eric Brown seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed with two abstentions.

University of Illinois at Chicago – MEd Program in Secondary Education – Initial Science Certification: Science Biology, Earth Science, Environmental Science

Phyliss Jones introduced the following representatives from University of Illinois at Chicago: Dr. Carole Mitchener, Associate Professor, Curriculum and Instruction; and Dr. Marlynne Nishimura, Clinical Lecturer, Curriculum and Instruction.

Sr. Colleen McNicholas moved that the State Teacher Certification Board recommend to the State Board of Education provisional approval of the University of Illinois at Chicago MEd in Secondary Education – Initial Science Certification: Science Biology, Earth Science, Environmental Science program, thereby authorizing the educational unit to conduct the program and to recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of the institution's next scheduled Accreditation Review [Section 25.145 (d) (1)]. Deborah Curtis seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed with two abstentions.

Item(s) for Information:

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

Patrick Murphy reported that there were 257 recommendations for Standard / Master Certificates renewed in Group A for the period of September 1, 2008 through October 31, 2008.

Moving from Initial to Standard Certificate

Patrick Murphy reported that there were 343 recommendations for Initial Certificates moving to Standard Certificates for the period of September 1, 2008 through October 31, 2008.

Secretary's Report:

Certification Status Report

Linda Jamali, Division Administrator, Educator Certification Division, was present to provide a status report. Ms. Laurel Gibler, Principal Consultant, was introduced as she works with the Illinois Certification Testing System.

Ms. Jamali shared that the Division remains within a 30-day processing window for most certificates. There are currently 425 certificates / endorsements to be processed.

During the period of September 1 through November 1, 2008:

- Over 2,000 certificates were issued through transcript evaluation. Over 2,000 deficiency letters were sent out regarding certificates evaluated through transcript evaluation.
- There were 1,367 new certificates issued through entitlement.
- In addition, 3,719 substitute certificates were processed and 882 duplicate certificates were printed.
- Nearly 1,000 endorsement applications were processed and issued; deficiency letters were sent out for over 1,317 additional endorsement applications.
- Liaison work with the regional offices of education and higher education continues to be very productive.

With regard to educator testing, Ms. Gibler shared information regarding the institutional subarea score reports, and Ms. Jamali provided information about on-line testing. The basic skills test will be the first test offered on-line, and the initial administration is scheduled for March of 2009. Certification Board members indicated they would like to see a waiting period of 30 days between the date that an examinee takes an on-line test until the next time that he/she is allowed to take the same test on-line. It was noted that there will also be accommodations available at the on-line testing sites for examinees with special needs. Certification Board members expressed their interest in receiving information regarding other testing companies and their work.

Ms. Jamali also stated that the annual statewide meeting for the Grow Your Own Teacher Initiative will be held November 13-14, 2008, at the Northeastern Illinois University teaching facility in downtown Chicago. Also, upward budget amendments are being reviewed for the 16 Grow Your Own consortia.

Patrick Murphy reported the following:

Notification: Revocation of Certificate(s) by State Superintendent of Education

Randy L. DeJaynes – Standard Secondary Certificate #2148753

Brian A. Dyson – Teacher's Aide Approval

Barry R. James – Standard Secondary Certificate #1842169

Jordan A. Livingston – Initial Elementary Certificate #2214976

John S. Reinhart – Substitute Certificate #2271471

Brian D. Wetherbee – Standard Elementary Certificate #2085005; Standard Secondary Certificate #2085006

Phyliss Jones disseminated for review a “draft” of the *State Teacher Certification Board Annual Program Report* document. Linda Tomlinson provided a detailed overview. Certification Board members were asked to review the document and offer his/her comments and suggestions.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Muhammad Abdullah moved that the State Teacher Certification Board meeting adjourn. Deborah Curtis seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The State Teacher Certification Board meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

APPROVED

Chairman

Secretary

Note: Phyliss Jones and Diane Lacopo distributed material for the December 4 Institution Unit Accreditation and Program Approval Audit Committee.

ATTACHMENT

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

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

November 2008

School / County

Bloom Township District 206, Suburban Cook County
Byron Community Unit School District 226, Ogle County
Calhoun Community Unit School District 40, Calhoun County
Crete-Monee School District 201U, Will County
Evanston/Skokie District 65, Suburban Cook County
Glenbard District 87, DuPage County
Glenview Public Schools District 34, Suburban Cook County
Maroa Forsyth Middle School, Macon County
Monmouth-Roseville Community Unit School District 238, Warren County
Pontiac-William Holliday School District, St. Clair County
Regional Office of Education 3, Bond/Fayette/Effingham Counties
Silvis School District 34, Rock Island County
William Rainey Harper High School, City of Chicago