

STATE TEACHER CERTIFICATION BOARD
MINUTES
January 3, 2003
Illinois State Board of Education – V-Tel
Springfield, Illinois
Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Chicago, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Kay Acklin	Dr. Nan Giblin
Ms. Marsha Allen	Ms. Brenda Humphrey
Mr. Ronald Babcock	Dr. Elliott Lessen
Mr. William E. Briggs	Ms. Laura Lipe
Dr. Andrew Brulle	Dr. Linda Tafel
Dr. Roger Chamberlain	Ms. Camille Taylor
Mr. Bruce Dennison	Ms. Denise Williams
Dr. Nina Dorsch	Dr. J. Robert Sampson, Secretary Presiding
Ms. Connee Fitch-Blanks	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Deidre Dare
Ms. Barbara Eason-Watkins
Dr. Eugene Zalewski

Roll Call: Dr. J. Robert Sampson, Secretary, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and called the roll. A quorum was present.

Others Present:

Dr. Michael Lorber	Elizabeth Brooks	Dr. Nancy Williams
Dr. Barbara Nourie	Mike Long	Dr. Christopher Koch
Dr. Susan Shea	Pat Ryan	Karen Williams
Nancy Patton	Lou Ann Reichle	Dr. Linda Pincham
Susan Richardson	Dr. Carol Wren	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 6, 2002

Ms. Taylor moved that the minutes of the December 6, 2002, meeting of the State Teacher Certification Board be approved. Mr. Briggs seconded the motion, and the motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public participation was requested.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

No report was made.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

No report was made.

FACILITATION COMMITTEE REPORT

No report was made.

C. Items for Immediate Action:

1. Illinois State University – Request for Approval of Revisions to the Alternative Route to Secondary Teacher Certification:

Ms. Nancy Patton from the Division of Professional Preparation and Recruitment introduced staff from Illinois State University: Dr. Michael Lorber, Program Coordinator; and Dr. Barbara Nourie, Associate Dean, College of Education, Illinois State University. Both were available to answer any questions posed by members of the State Teacher Certification Board.

Members of the State Teacher Certification Board posed questions related to the reduction in the amount of coursework, how decisions were made relative to determining which candidates had to enroll in the special methods course, grades required for entry and completion of the program, mentor training available to supervising teachers in the cooperating school districts and others related to the implementation of the program. Dr. Lorber and Dr. Nourie responded to questions.

Dr. Lessen moved to approve Illinois State University’s Request for Approval of Revisions to the Alternative Route to Secondary Teacher Certification. Dr. Chamberlain seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: 10 yes, 4 no, 2 abstain.

Motion passes.

2. DePaul University – New Program Proposal – Reading Specialist (K-12) Certificate:

Ms. Elizabeth Brooks of Professional Preparation and Recruitment introduced staff from DePaul University: Dr. Carol Wren, Associate Dean; and Dr. Nancy Williams, Professor. Both were available to answer questions posed by the members of the State Teacher Certification Board.

Ms. Humphrey moved to accept DePaul University’s New Program Proposal for Reading Specialist (K-12) Certificate. Dr. Tafel seconded the motion.

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

D. Discussion Items:

1. Assessment for Paraprofessionals:

Mr. Mike Long, Division of Professional Preparation and Recruitment and Dr. Christopher Koch, Chief Education Officer provided a brief review of the “Draft Guidance for Paraprofessional Assessment” after distributing copies of the latest revisions to the members of the State Teacher Certification Board.

Board members posed questions regarding the availability of practice tests, the issue of locally designed and administered tests, the approval mechanism for such tests, the use of the internet for testing, retaking the test, availability of preparation programs for the test, etc. Dr. Koch and Mr. Long responded to all questions.

Dr. Tafel moved that staff present the “Draft Guidance for Paraprofessional Assessment” to the State Board of Education for review. Dr. Lessen seconded the motion.

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

2. Closed Session:

Mr. Briggs moved that the State Teacher Certification Board go into closed session under the exceptions set forth in the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois (5 ILCS 120/2(c)) as follows:

Section 2(c)(11) for the purpose of discussing probable litigation, and

He also moved that the Board request Lou Ann Reichle, Assistant Legal Advisor, be present at the closed session. Dr. Lessen seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: 15 Yes; 0 No. Motion passes.

Mr. Briggs moved to return to open session. Dr. Lessen seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: 15 Yes; 0 No.

Motion passes.

Mr. Briggs moved to adopt appeal procedures with clarifications as so noted, to govern the review by the State Teacher Certification Board of decisions made by a Regional Superintendent of Schools to suspend teaching or administrative certificates under Section 21-23(a) of the Illinois School Code and that the Secretary for the State Teacher Certification Board take necessary action to appoint an Administrative Law Judge. Dr. Tafel seconded the motion.

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Briggs moved that the State Teacher Certification Board adjourn. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVED

Chairman

Secretary