

**STATE TEACHER CERTIFICATION BOARD
MINUTES
January 4, 2002
Illinois State Board of Education – Board Room
Springfield, Illinois**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Ronald Babcock	Ms. Brenda Humphrey
Mr. Robert Blade	Dr. Barbara Nourie
Dr. Andrew Brulle	Dr. Linda Tafel
Dr. Roger Chamberlain	Ms. Camille Taylor
Mr. Bruce Dennison	Ms. Linda Tomlinson
Ms. Connee Fitch-Blanks	Dr. J. Robert Sampson, Secretary Presiding

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Kay Acklin	Ms. Deidre Dare
Ms. Marsha Allen	Dr. Elizabeth Hitch
Mr. William E. Briggs	Ms. Denise Williams
Dr. Cozette Buckney	Dr. Eugene Zalewski

Roll Call: Dr. Robert Sampson, Secretary, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and called the roll. A quorum was present.

Others Present:

Laura Arterburn	Mike Long
Alene Blade	Dr. Penny Olsen
Lucille Buscher	Nancy Patton
Dr. Nayda Capella Santana	Larry Sondler
Dr. Deborah Curtis	Marti Woelfle

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 30, 2001

Dr. Tafel moved that the minutes of the November 30, 2001, meeting of the State Teacher Certification Board be approved. Ms. Tomlinson seconded the motion, and the motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation was not requested.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Superintendent Ernest Wish was not present.

FACILITATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Babcock commented that he was asked to suggest that the location for the State Teacher Certification Board meeting for May and June be changed to the Chicago area.

He reported that the committee requests updates on the test dates for the content tests, the special education test, a clarification of the change in the five-year limit for maintaining scores on the Basic Skills test and information related to the Common Core test that is scheduled to begin in 2003. The committee also seeks clarification on the status of the assessment that is required to move from the Initial to the Standard certificate.

Dr. Sampson commented that the State Board of Education suggested that the implementation of the content standards be delayed until 2004, or possibly 2005 and would await review of public comments regarding the proposed rules. The rule regarding the Basic Skills test five-year validity period remains in effect unless an applicant passed the test as requirement for admission to an approved program but he would check the rules to be certain of the wording.

Dr. Tafel moved that the State Teacher Certification Board direct staff to take forward to the State Board of Education, the recommendation of the State Teacher Certification Board that a decision with regard to the implementation of the content standards and tests that are scheduled for implementation in 2003 be made as quickly as possible to inform potential candidates and others. Mr. Dennison seconded the motion.

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Dr. Tafel moved that the State Teacher Certification Board inform the State Board of Education that this Board is anxious to get clarity on the process by which teacher candidates will move from the Initial to the Standard certificate, with all due speed. Ms. Taylor seconded the motion.

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dr. Sampson commented briefly on the progress being made with regard to special education certification processing. He also noted that there would be a slight delay in printing certificates as a result of the appointment of a new State Superintendent. Printing new certificates should begin in three weeks.

He reviewed the recently developed forms that allow early exchange of special education certificates, the exchange of Type 10 Speech and Language Impaired certificates for Type 73, School Service Personnel non-teaching certificates, the form for requesting the Short Term Emergency credential and the form that a teacher submits in order to remove limitations on the LBS1 certificate. He reminded the Board that each can be found on the Professional Certification web page.

He provided the annual report on the certificates issued for the year 2000-2001 and commented that the chart is different than in prior years since it presents the percentage breakdown of issued certificates. Ms. Taylor requested a chart that identifies the number of substitute certificates issued, how many are retired teachers coming back into the field, how many just hold bachelor degrees, etc. Dr. Sampson commented that he would investigate the possibility of providing that data.

He reminded the Board that the Joseph Hayes hearing on appeal of a suspended certificate has been continued until February 1, 2002.

F. Items for Immediate Action:

1. National Louis University – Program Proposal for Alternative Route to Elementary Certification with Optional Bilingual and/or ESL Approval.

Dr. Susan Richardson introduced Dr. Nayda Capella Santana; Elementary Education faculty member, Dr. Penny Olsen; Chair of the Elementary Education Department, College of Education, of National Louis University and commented that they were available to answer any questions the State Teacher Certification Board might have.

Dr. Brulle moved that the State Teacher Certification Board approve the Alternative Route to Elementary Education for Transitional Bilingual teachers with an option for ESL/Bilingual Approvals submitted by National Louis University. Mr. Babcock seconded the motion.

The State Teacher Certification Board raised questions and concerns.

Call for the question.

Motion passes, with one abstention.

2. Standards for School Service Personnel, Special Education Director and Middle School.

Mr. Mike Long and Ms. Nancy Patton provided a PowerPoint presentation of the Standards for School Service Personnel, Special Education Director and Middle School, and presented some of the principal recommendations of each of the panels and indicated areas that are supported as well as those which staff are not able to support.

He indicated there is no change in the proposed implementation date of the various sets of standards and the special education standards will go into effect in July 2002; the content area standards for teachers and administrators will go into effect July 2003; and staff is proposing that the standards presented today be effective July 2004.

He spoke briefly on the work of the panels of educators that developed the standards and presented their recommendations. He invited Dr. Deborah Curtis, Illinois State University, the convener of the Middle School Panel, to join him to answer questions of the Board.

Members of the Board identified several concerns related to grandfathering and the potential negative effects a new certificate would have on the supply of teachers, especially for rural schools.

The primary concern regarding grandfathering was that a person qualified by earlier rules might leave one district and move to another and thereby be determined to be unqualified. Members recommended that current teachers should be unharmed by the change or given reasonable time to comply with the change in requirements. A recommendation was made to alter the way in which current teachers are prepared in their preclinical and student teaching so that the teacher candidates would have exposure to middle school students. Mr. Long and Dr. Curtis assured the Board that both concerns are addressed and veteran teachers would have sufficient time to acquire credentials.

Dr. Chamberlain moved that the Standards for School Personnel, Special Education Director and Middle School, be forwarded to the State Board of Education accompanied by the State Teacher Certification Board's concerns. Dr. Tafel seconded the motion.

Motion passes with one no vote.

3. Notification of Suspensions and Revocations:

Dr. Sampson announced the following suspended/revoked certificates:

-Toby W. Bolsen, High School Certificate No. 1594620, revoked by the State Superintendent of Education, pursuant to Section 21-14 of the School Code, September 7, 2001.

-Phillip J. Plattenberger, High School Certificate No. 1593103, Special Certificate No. 1593104, suspended by the Regional Superintendent of Schools, pursuant to Section 21-23a of the School Code, September 10, 2001.

-Phillip J. Plattenberger, High School Certificate No. 1593103, Special Certificate No. 1593104, revoked by the State Superintendent of Education, pursuant to Section 21-23a of the School Code, September 21, 2001.

-Valentin Castro, Substitute Certificate No. 1581069, School Service Personnel Certificate No. 1629338, revoked by the State Superintendent of Education pursuant to Section 21-14 of the School Code, September 21, 2001.

G. Reports and Announcements:

Program Deletion: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – Secondary Education Certificate – Speech.

H. Information Item:

Barat College and DePaul University

Mr. Mike Long reported that Barat College is ultimately going to cease to exist and will merge with DePaul University.

Barat College currently has authority to prepare teachers in a few secondary education fields and in special education. Barat College and DePaul University have informed the State Board of Education that Barat College wants to rescind its authority to prepare teachers effective December 31, 2002. The date of December 31, 2002, is critical in that Barat College has a Dance program not offered by DePaul University and students that are currently enrolled will complete their program by December of 2002.

DePaul University has agreed with Barat College to perform a teach-out of Barat College candidates, and asked for authority to do this through June 30, 2005, with the candidates identified by name, program, and social security number. Special education students enrolled at Barat College would transfer to DePaul University and become DePaul University students in special education.

He reported students in other program areas that are also offered at DePaul University would be entitled by DePaul University although they would be eligible to receive a Barat College degree.

Ms. Humphrey moved that the State Teacher Certification Board adjourn. Ms. Tomlinson seconded the motion.

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

APPROVED

Secretary