

ILLINOIS STATE TEACHER CERTIFICATION BOARD

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

*** Via Conference Call ***

Friday, October 1, 2004

MINUTES

Call to Order / Roll Call:

Dr. Randy J. Dunn, Chairman, Illinois State Teacher Certification Board, called the Illinois State Teacher Certification Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held via conference call.

Mr. Dennis Williams, Interim Secretary, Illinois State Teacher Certification Board, called the roll. A quorum was present.

Members Present:

Dr. Randy J. Dunn, Chairman
Mr. Dennis Williams, Interim Secretary

Kay Acklin
Marsha Allen
Amy Alsop
William Briggs
Andrew Brulle

Nina Dorsch
Connee Fitch-Blanks
Elliott Lessen
Laura Lipe
Linda Malone
Linda Tafel
Denise Williams
Eugene Zalewski

Members Absent:

Muhammad Abdullah
Roger Chamberlain

Deborah J. Curtis
Ascencion Juarez

Dave Marshall

Others Present:

Richard Ammentorp
Jonathan Furr
Nan Giblin
Linda Jamali

Phyliss Jones
Bob Pritchett
Lou Ann Reichle
Susan Shea

Brenda Stonecipher
Joy Taylor-Ankenbrandt
Marti Woelfle

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the September 10, 2004, Illinois State Teacher Certification Board meeting were presented for consideration. Elliott Lessen moved that the September 10, 2004 minutes be approved with the following corrections:

Page 6, First Paragraph, Last Sentence

At the request of Elliott Lessen, delete and replace with the following sentence: Elliott Lessen further shared it may be because there are fewer K-12 than 6-12 produced physical education teachers thus, more 6-12 may have taken the new K-12 test without, perhaps being adequately prepared.

Page 13, Third Paragraph, First Sentence

At the request of Linda Malone, insert the word Committee after LPDC.

Denise Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

With regard to the September meeting of the State Teacher Certification Board, Linda Tafel thanked staff for their thorough work, particularly during the consideration of the Illinois Institute of Technology proposal.

Public Participation:

None.

Facilitation Committee:

Kay Acklin, Chair, Facilitation Committee, Illinois State Teacher Certification Board, reported the Committee did not meet prior to the meeting.

It is anticipated the Facilitation Committee will meet on Friday, November 5, 2004, prior to the State Teacher Certification Board meeting. Kay Acklin asked Dennis Williams to confirm with Board members if the November agenda will allow the Certification Board meeting to begin at 9:30 a.m., and the Facilitation Committee to meet at 8:00 a.m.

Certification Board members voiced their concerns regarding the possibility of the 9:30 a.m. meeting time being permanent. It was agreed more discussion regarding this topic will occur at the November meeting. Dennis Williams suggested an option may be for the Facilitation Committee to convene at 7:30 or 7:45 a.m. prior to the meeting.

Item(s) for Immediate Action:

Proposals for Activities that Meet Requirements for Standard Certificate Eligibility

Dennis Williams stated an additional two Induction and Mentoring proposals have been added to the recommendations for approval. State Board of Education staff recommended approval of the following Induction and Mentoring proposals:

North Shore District 112 – Will County
Crete-Monee School District 201-U – LaSalle County
Seneca Township High School District 160 – Lake County
*Highland CUSD 5 – Madison County
*Marian Central Catholic High School – McHenry County
Bement CUSD 5 – Piatt County

* Denotes a comparable two-year program since 2002 or prior per provider contact person.

Linda Tafel moved that the “Proposals for Activities that Meet Requirements for Standard Certificate Eligibility” dated October 1, 2004, with the two additions noted by Mr. Williams, be approved. William Briggs seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Renewal of Standard / Master Certificates

Dennis Williams confirmed that the following individual is the only person on the list of pending recommendations for Standard / Master certification awaiting renewal:

**Group B: Recommended Renewal by ROE
(LPDC Recommended Non-Renewal, No Appeal)**

Region 15: City of Chicago / Application ID #382

Teacher Name: Katherine Huston
STCB Received Date: 8/27/2004

After discussion Denise Williams moved that the list of “Renewal of Standard / Master Certificates” be approved. Linda Malone seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Northeastern Illinois University – Reconsideration of the Tabled Graduate and Undergraduate Program Proposals

Dr. Dunn asked Phyliss Jones, Principal Education Consultant, Certification and Professional Development, to provide an overview with regard to the

reconsideration of the tabled graduate and undergraduate program proposals from Northeastern Illinois University.

New materials were received from the following State reviewed programs demonstrating that the areas for improvement delineated by the review panels have been addressed:

- Language Arts – Secondary (Graduate) – List of required courses, updated syllabi, examples of assessments, specific rubrics for oral communication in clinical settings
- Visual Arts – Secondary – Updated syllabi reflective of the Visual Arts Standards

The following programs have received communications with the SPAs:

- Biology – Secondary – Standards Met
- Elementary Education (Undergraduate) – Nationally Recognized
- History – Secondary (Undergraduate) – Ongoing dialog with NCSS
- Language Arts – Elementary (Graduate) – Invited to join pilot program
- Physical Education – Invited to join pilot program
- Reading Specialist (Graduate) – Nationally Recognized

Linda Tafel moved that this item be removed from the table. Elliott Lessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A question was raised with regard to the History item, specifically the ongoing dialog with NCSS. Clarification was made that during previous State Teacher Certification Board deliberations the Board agreed to approve anything that was approved by the State panel.

Linda Tafel moved that the State Teacher Certification Board recommend to the State Board of Education that approval be given for the following graduate and undergraduate programs at Northeastern Illinois University based on new materials presented:

- Biology – Secondary
- Elementary Education (Undergraduate)
- History – Secondary (Undergraduate)
- Language Arts – Elementary and Secondary (Graduate)
- Physical Education
- Reading Specialist (Graduate)
- Visual Arts – Secondary

Nina Dorsch seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Linda Tafel asked that in November State Board of Education staff provide the State Teacher Certification Board members with an update of the program approval decisions made at the June Certification Board meeting so that “clean

up” can be finalized. Staff confirmed DePaul University was the only tabled item outstanding at this time.

Secretary’s Report:

Dennis Williams reported a letter dated September 13, 2004 was received on September 16, 2004 from Anne Davis, President, Illinois Education Association (IEA) recommending the appointment of Mr. Richard Ammentorp to the Illinois State Teacher Certification Board. Mr. Ammentorp would complete the term for IEA member Mary Jane Morris. This recommendation will be forwarded to the State Board of Education for consideration at their October meeting.

Mr. Williams provided a brief update with regard to certification. The backlog is now at approximately 6,000. Staff have been encouraged from the support given to them by the new senior management team.

Discussion ensued regarding the draft statement of assurance document. The document will be sent to Certification Board members when it is available as a Microsoft Word document. William Briggs asked since individuals cannot submit this document until April 1 can they submit it before that date if their Board meeting is April 1, or will a whole month be lost. Mr. Williams will ask staff to review this situation.

Denise Williams followed up with a question raised in September regarding the misinformation that was distributed to all of the regional offices pertaining to the “Fact Sheet”. Dennis Williams stated the document was removed from the web site and replaced with correct material. The updated material was also provided and sent to the districts directly from the State Board of Education.

Dennis Williams asked Marti Woelfle, Principal Education Consultant, Certification and Professional Development, to provide a brief overview of the upcoming December Audit Committee process. There was consensus to have an Audit Committee of the whole in December.

Ms. Woelfle stated three or four new program proposals may be ready for review in November. In addition three or four proposals may also be ready in December. After discussing several concerns, Certification Board members agreed to review four or five new program proposals at the December meeting. Materials will be provided to Board members as early as possible in order for thorough review.

Linda Tafel indicated she was contacted by three institutions that have programs in the pipeline. These individuals are frustrated by the amount of time that it takes to get on the Certification Board agenda. The Certification Board members agreed there is an urgent need to move these new program proposals through for review and recommendation.

Linda Tafel shared she received a comment from one of the members of the Latin Certification Committee with regard to the direction from the Certification Board for State Board of Education staff meet with concerned parties to discuss the Latin test. Dr. Tafel confirmed with Dennis Williams that a report will be provided to the Certification Board members at their November meeting.

Linda Malone raised a question concerning who should teachers direct their questions to if their districts have no LPDC Committee or advisory person. Mr. Williams responded that he would recommend teachers contact their regional offices of education or representatives of their bargaining units for assistance. Ms. Malone further asked who individuals need to contact if they want to receive pre-approval for travel. Mr. Williams indicated that if a LPDC Committee is not available, persons should contact their regional superintendent for approval.

Kay Acklin asked for clarification regarding the effective date of the recertification streamlining law. On the discussion group part of the State Board of Education web site, there were answers given to questions that indicated on September 1 that the implementation of the new requirements were to begin when each teacher completes the first cycle. Ms. Acklin understood the effective date for all of the changes was July 1. Dennis Williams provided a detailed overview and indicated that confusing information will be removed from the discussion group web site.

Certification Board members representing teachers pointed out there is confusion throughout the state with regard to the changes in certification. Dr. Dunn recommended that any concerns or confusion teachers have need to be forwarded to staff at the State Board of Education. Denise Williams suggested that another notice or alert from the State Board of Education highlighting certification changes be sent to district superintendents in the field.

Adjournment:

Elliott Lessen moved that the Illinois State Teacher Certification Board adjourn. Linda Malone seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

APPROVED

Chairman

Secretary