

**STATE TEACHER CERTIFICATION BOARD
MINUTES
November 30, 2001
Illinois State Board of Education – Board Room
Springfield, Illinois**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Kay Acklin	Ms. Deidre Dare
Ms. Marsha Allen	Ms. Connee Fitch-Blanks
Mr. Ronald Babcock	Dr. Elizabeth Hitch
Mr. Robert Blade	Ms. Brenda Humphrey
Mr. William E. Briggs	Ms. Linda Tomlinson
Dr. Andrew Brulle	Dr. Eugene Zalewski
Dr. Roger Chamberlain	Dr. J. Robert Sampson, Secretary Presiding

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Cozette Buckney	Dr. Linda Tafel
Mr. Bruce Dennison	Ms. Camille Taylor
Dr. Barbara Nourie	Ms. Denise Williams

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:

Dr. Laura Aterburn	Nancy Patton
Dr. Laura Barwegen	Pat Ryan
Pat Glenn	Dr. Susan Shea
Frank Llano	Marti Woelfle
Mike Long	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 2, 2001

Ms. Humphrey moved that the minutes of the November 2, 2001, meeting of the State Teacher Certification Board be approved. Mr. Blade seconded the motion, and the motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No participation.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Superintendent Glenn W. McGee was not present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dr. Sampson provided a review of the "Improving Illinois' Educator Workforce", a report that was submitted to the Illinois General Assembly by the Joint Education Committee in response to HR 250 and prepared for the Governor's Summit. This document was mailed earlier to the State Teacher Certification Board members. Frank Llano, Deputy Superintendent for Professional Preparation and Certification and Dr. Susan Shea, representing the IEA, were invited to discuss their participation at the Summit.

After presenting a summary of the Summit, Mr. Llano reported he will attend the next Governor's Summit and will be happy to report to the State Teacher Certification Board soon thereafter. He also offered to provide the Board members copies of the power-point slides that Katy Haycock presented at the Summit.

Dr. Sampson commented that although Pat Glenn is listed on the agenda, little has occurred in the area of test development; therefore, he summarized the activities related to certification testing.

He stated that Pat Glenn and he presented the recommendations of the Certification Board, relative to the cut scores on the new Basic Skills test, they were accepted with one amendment by the Superintendent. The Superintendent recommended that in two years the agency will re-visit the Basic Skills test with the intention to increase the minimum allowable score in the math sub-area to 50%.

Dr. Sampson also informed the Board that Dr. Brulle presented the recommendations from both the public and private higher education institutions which prepare teachers to

the State Board of Education during the public participation session of their November meeting. Dr. Sampson added that during the Board's discussion of the content standards, the Board made the recommendation to delay the implementation of those standards until 2004. At the same time, staff was authorized to release them for public comment. After 45 days the comments will be reviewed to determine the reaction to the change in the date for implementation. Public comment will be provided to the State Teacher Certification Board and then to the State Board for review.

Dr. Sampson provided a brief report on the membership of the committee established to make recommendations of requirements for the Standard Certificate and the progress to date. He made reference to the information contained in the State Board of Education packet sent to each member for more details on the work of the committee. He commented that the committee could not reach consensus on those recommendations so the State Board suggested that the committee meet one more time. That committee met October 26, and the members were not successful. A new proposal from the IFT was submitted which was similar in some respects to the proposals that were submitted both by the IEA and ISBE staff. Each of these proposals included the use of professional development for credit and the idea that induction and mentoring is extremely important for new teachers. In addition, all parties agreed there is a need to seek funding to support induction and mentoring programs.

Dr. Sampson reminded the State Teacher Certification Board that oral arguments are to be presented during the appeal hearing scheduled for January 4, 2002, at 12:30 p.m. John Ellis has been appointed as Administrative Law Judge, and will conduct the proceedings of that hearing. Dr. Sampson reminded the Board that it is the role of the Board to make a determination that the hearing officer who heard the original testimony from both sides and subsequently filed his findings and recommendations and opinions to the State Superintendent, made the correct decision based on the evidence that was presented. The Board does not have to make a decision on January 4, 2002, but must decide within 35 days by rule.

Dr. Sampson provided a brief review of a recent presentation on the Illinois Education Job Bank project being designed in collaboration with the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA). The presentation was made with a Regional Superintendent, a district superintendent, and a representative from the IASA.

FACILITATION COMMITTEE REPORT

No report was presented.

F. Items for Immediate Action:**1. Audit Team Finding of Institutional Reports:**

Ms. Tomlinson moved to require the submission of additional information and/or correction of specific weaknesses within a time-frame not to exceed 18 months before continuing the unit's accreditation or the approval of the affected programs for MacMurray College and request that the institution return to the State Teacher Certification Board for a progress report which will include the time-lines for addressing the weakness, at the June 2002, State Teacher Certification Board meeting. Dr. Brulle seconded the motion.

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Tomlinson moved to require the submission of additional information and/or correction of specific weaknesses within a time-frame not to exceed 18 months before continuing the unit's accreditation or the approval of the affected programs for Millikin University and request that the institution return to the State Teacher Certification Board in 18 months to report progress on the weakness statements and the alignment of the conceptual framework. Dr. Brulle seconded the motion.

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Tomlinson moved to require the submission of additional information and/or correction of specific weaknesses within a time-frame not to exceed 18 months before continuing the unit's accreditation or the approval of the affected program for North Park University and request that the institution report back to the State Teacher Certification Board in 18 months to show progress in addressing weaknesses. Dr. Brulle seconded the motion.

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Tomlinson asked the members to refer to page 6 on the Aurora University report and note a correction is to be made under 4a, to indicate a change to "met" instead of "not met with weakness".

Ms. Tomlinson moved to approve Aurora University for continued accreditation of the education unit and the teacher education program, thereby authorizing the education unit to conduct the approved programs and to recommend candidates for certification by entitlement. Dr. Brulle seconded the motion.

Roll call vote 2 no.

Motion passes.

2. Notification of Suspensions and Revocations:

Dr. Sampson announced the following suspended/revoked certificates:

-Andrew G. Warfield, Secondary Certificate No. 1253372, suspended by the Regional Superintendent of Schools pursuant to Section 21-23a of the School Code November 2, 2001.

-Andrew G. Warfield, Secondary Certificate No 1253372, revoked by the State Superintendent of Education pursuant to Section 21-23a of the School Code November 8, 2001.

-Michael F. Young, Special K-12 Certificate No. 1025711, Special K-12 Certificate No. 1063338, Elementary Certificate No. 1313459, revoked by the State Superintendent of Education pursuant to Section 21-23a of the School Code November 29, 2001.

Dr. Sampson informed the Board that relative to the individuals identified at the last meeting pursuant to the request from this Board, the State Superintendent of Education named Roger David, Assistant Legal Advisor, as the hearing officer for the revocation proceedings involving the certificates of those individuals. Those hearings will be scheduled in due time, and the results of those hearings will be submitted to the Board at a future meeting.

Mr. Babcock moved that the State Teacher Certification Board adjourn. Mr. Briggs seconded the motion.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED

Secretary