

**STATE TEACHER CERTIFICATION BOARD
MINUTES
February 1, 2002
Illinois State Board of Education – Board Room
Springfield, Illinois**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Kay Acklin	Dr. Elizabeth Hitch
Ms. Marsha Allen	Ms. Brenda Humphrey
Mr. Ronald Babcock	Dr. Barbara Nourie
Mr. Robert Blade	Ms. Camille Taylor
Mr. William E. Briggs	Ms. Linda Tomlinson
Dr. Andrew Brulle	Ms. Denise Williams
Dr. Cozette Buckney	Dr. Eugene Zalewski
Dr. Roger Chamberlain	Dr. J. Robert Sampson, Secretary Presiding
Ms. Deidre Dare	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Bruce Dennison
Ms. Connee Fitch-Blanks
Dr. Linda Tafel

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 Barwegen	Dr. Susan Shea
Dr. Deborah Curtis	Larry Sondler
Pat Glenn	Bill Summers
Frank Llano	Sally Vogl
Mike Long	Dennis Williams
Lee Patton	Karen Williams
Lou Ann Reichle	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 4, 2002

Mr. Briggs moved that the minutes of the January 4, 2002, meeting of the State Teacher Certification Board be approved. Ms. Williams 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 reported that the Facilitation Committee met last evening and that the Committee requests discussion of issues related to special education teachers, information about the enhanced Basic Skills test and to include the process to be followed with universities that are returning to the Board after 18 months as an addition to the agenda. He added that the Board would also like a brief update on the Governor's Summit.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dr. Sampson provided a brief update on the processing of applications commenting that printing of certificates resumed in mid January and that the slight delay was due to change in Superintendents; therefore, new certificates had to be ordered.

He stated a recent query was completed to determine the number of certificates to be exchanged this summer, and the report indicated approximately 90,000 certificates are expected to be exchanged. Of that number, approximately 26,000 educators are expected to be exchanging in the Chicago regional office. In addition, about 2,000 substitute certificates will expire and will be reapplied for by those teachers.

He reported that requests for removal of limitations on the LBS I certificate are being received; however, only one request for the new short-term emergency credential has been requested.

He and staff have begun training sessions in regional offices for regional superintendents, their staff, and other invited personnel, such as university faculty and special education teachers in the regions, to assist them with a better understanding of the many changes that have occurred in special education certification.

He stated a new query system was designed to allow staff to query certification, teacher service record, and testing databases.

He reported briefly on a number of legislative proposals received to date that will impact certification, including bills related to bilingual teachers, substitutes, etc.

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Mr. Briggs asked for an update on plans to hold a joint meeting with the State Board of Education as in the past.

F. Items for Immediate Action:

1. Notification of Suspensions and Revocations:

Dr. Sampson announced the following suspended/revoked certificates:

-Bruce Gilbert, Standard Secondary Certificate No. 1695724, suspended by the Regional Superintendent of Schools, pursuant to Section 21-23a of the School Code, January 10, 2002.

-Bruce Gilbert, Standard Secondary Certificate No. 1695724, revoked by the State Superintendent of Education, pursuant to Section 21-23a of the School Code, January 15, 2002.

G. Reports and Announcements:

1. Update on Standard Certificate Requirements:

Frank Llano and Lee Patton of the Illinois State Board of Education provided the latest information relative to the requirements for the standard certificate requirements using overheads to focus the Board members' attention on certain aspects.

In addition, they shared information about agenda items that are being considered by the Board of Higher Education and provided information related to the Governor's Summit.

Ms. Patton stated that the information being provided was in the form of a consultation; however, the Board was free to offer a vote on any issue if they felt it necessary.

Mr. Llano reviewed five items that staff are bringing before the State Board of Education for action this month including:

- Elimination of the statutory language requirement for a standard "examination"
- Development of rules related to local evaluations
- Provide leadership/advocacy for induction and mentoring in all Illinois school districts
- Strengthen master level programs with attention to beginning teachers
- Establish two options for teachers eligible in 2003-2005

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Ms. Patton stated that they will return to the State Teacher Certification Board meeting in March to talk about the results of the State Board meeting and what the next steps would be.

2. Testing Update:

Ms. Pat Glenn of the Illinois State Board of Education reported on the contract negotiations for the acquisition of the common core assessment and for the content-area assessments.

She distributed a projected implementation schedule for the assessments and reviewed it briefly.

She stated that the agency will need committee members to serve on content-validation committees and there will be a need, over the course of two-years, for educators to serve on more than 60 different committees. The agency will ask members and various educational organizations for recommendations of individuals to serve on those committees.

She briefly reviewed the various activities of committee members and stated that the agency has serious need for Illinois educators to complete validation surveys to rate the importance of the standards to the job of an Illinois Educator. She asked Board members to encourage their colleagues to complete those surveys since the higher the return rate, the more valid the assessment.

She reported there will be administrative rules written to implement this new program and reminded the Board that she will return as in the past with the passing score recommendations from the various committees and that the Board will be asked to act upon those recommendations.

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3. Corey H. Update:

Lou Ann Reichle and Sally Vogl of the Illinois State Board of Education gave a brief update on Corey H.

Ms. Vogl stated that both the pending amendments to Part 25 and the rules for certification are now complete. She stated that staff are about to start working on the next round of changes; therefore, she will be bringing additional rules to the Teacher Certification Board in March that will then need to go to the State Board of Education for initial review in March. She will also bring for the Board's review, the proposed requirements for the new foreign language certification that has been under discussion for several months.

She stated that with regard to the new Parts 26, 27, 28, which are the various sets of content-area standards, the public comment period on all three of those sets ended yesterday. The issue that the Board is most familiar with is the testing date of July 1, 2004, although there had been some discussion of considering July 1, 2005, as well.

She reminded the Board that the School Service Personnel standards they recently reviewed are being prepared as a “new” Part 23, and she hopes to complete them in time for the State Board’s initial review in February. She commented that the director of special education standards are not yet complete since they are related to rules that are not yet in place.

She stated there was no objection raised with regard to the portions of Part 24 that convey standards or indicators with regard to special education. There were objections raised by both Chicago Public Schools and the plaintiff’s attorneys to the 10% requirement and the date for its implementation regarding continuing professional development in Section 25.805.

She distributed a revised version of the changes to Section 25.805 that was prepared and submitted to the Court Monitor and the parties, in response to the objections.

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4. Institution 18-month form:

Ms. Linda Tomlinson led the State Teacher Certification Board’s review of the 18-month report form. Mr. Long was available for questions.

Ms. Tomlinson reminded the Board that there was agreement to see these reports much more organized and presented in such a way that the Board’s time can be used more efficiently. A draft of the form was distributed.

Ms. Tomlinson moved to accept the new 18-month report form and that Mike Long and his staff communicate these forms to all higher education institutions preparing teachers. Dr. Brulle seconded the motion.

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

H. Hearing on Appeal of Suspension of Certificate of Joseph E. Hayes:

Dr. Sampson introduced Mr. Jon Ellis, Attorney at Law and Administrative Law Judge.

Dr. Sampson called the Roll.

Mr. Ellis stated this appeal is being conducted pursuant to Section 21-23 of the Illinois School Code.

Mr. Ellis stated this hearing would proceed pursuant to the procedures adopted by this Board that govern the review of the order of the suspension. Each party will be allotted 20 minutes of oral argument.

On behalf of Joseph Hayes, Jack Carey, Attorney at Law gave oral arguments.

On behalf of the State Superintendent of Education, Lou Ann Reichle, Assistant Legal Advisor, gave oral arguments.

The State Teacher Certification Board addressed their questions to the attorneys.

Mr. Babcock moved that the State Teacher Certification Board go into closed session under the exception set forth in the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois 5 ILCS 5202(C) as follows:

Section 2 (C) (11) for the purpose of discussing probable litigation and Section 2 (C) (15) for the discussion of professional ethics in the Teacher Certification matter.

He added a motion that the Board request that Jon K. Ellis, Attorney at Law and Administrative Law Judge be present in closed session. Mr. Briggs seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: 14 yes, 0 no votes.

Motion passes to move to closed session.

The Teacher Certification Board discussed the matter pertaining to the appeal of the suspension of the certificates held by Joseph E. Hayes during closed session.

Mr. Briggs moved to return to open session. Ms. Humphrey seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: 14 yes, 0 no votes.

Motion passes.

Mr. Babcock moved that the State Teacher Certification Board uphold the suspension of Mr. Hayes as indicated by the Superintendent's Order. Mr. Briggs seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: 12 yes, 3 no votes.

Motion passes.

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

Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

APPROVED

Secretary