Agenda Topic: Teacher Certification Board Appointments
Materials: Recommendation Information
Staff Contact(s): J. Robert Sampson

**Purpose of Agenda Item**

- To review and act upon the recommendations for appointment to the State Teacher Certification Board.

**Expected Outcome(s) of Agenda Item**

- State Teacher Certification Board member appointments for individuals with terms expiring in June.

**Background Information**

See attached material.

**Superintendent’s Recommendation**

To approve by general consent the recommendations for appointment as provided in the attached document and as nominated by the sponsoring organizations.

Illinois Federation of Teachers (IFT) – Mr. William Briggs (Second Term).

Illinois Education Association (IEA) – Ms. Laura Lipe.

Illinois Principals Association (IPA) – Mr. Roger Chamberlain (Second Term).

Illinois Association of Colleges of Teacher Education – Dr. Linda Tafel (Second Term), Dr. Nan Giblin, Dr. Elliott Lessen, Dr. Nina Dorsch.

Chicago Public Schools (CPS) – Dr. Barbara Eason-Watkins.
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO
THE
STATE TEACHER CERTIFICATION BOARD

Section 21-13 of the School Code authorizes the State Teacher Certification Board and the State Superintendent of Education to execute the provisions of Article 21 governing the certification of educational personnel. The statute requires the State Board of Education to appoint members from specified categories of educators. An appointment to the Board is for a three-year term and members may serve two terms. Membership on the Board is comprised of:

5 administrative or faculty members of public or private colleges and universities in Illinois

3 administrators in the public schools

10 public school classroom teachers

1 regional superintendent of schools

It is further provided that at least one of the administrators and three classroom teachers shall be employees of a school district subject to the provisions of Article 34.

Present members of the State Teacher Certification Board and their terms of membership are:

Librarian, IEA Hinsdale Central H S   Chair, Education Department
Naperville, IL   Wheaton College

Teacher, IFT Chicago   Chief Liaison to Board/CEO
Chicago, IL   Chicago Public Schools

Teacher, IEA Dundee Crown H S   Principal Columbia Middle School
Elgin, IL   Columbia, IL

Teacher, IEA Cumberland Jr. H S   Teacher, IFT Belleville
Greenup, IL   Belleville, IL

Teacher, IFT Herscher H S   Regional Superintendent
Herscher, IL   Bureau/Henry/Stark
CTU Quest Center Ast Director  
Chicago, IL

Teacher, IEA Normal Unit District 5  
Normal, IL

Dr. Elizabeth Hitch  (2001-2004)  
Dean, Education & Prof Studies  
Eastern Illinois University

Ms. Linda Tomlinson (1999-2002)*  
Chair, Special Ed/Certification  
Western Illinois University

Ms. Brenda Humphrey  (2001-2004)*  
Teacher, IFT Woodson South  
Chicago, IL

Ms. Denise Williams (2001-2004)  
Teacher, Centralia Jr. H S  
Centralia, IL

Dr. Barbara Nourie  (1999-2002)*  
Associate Dean, College of Education  
Illinois State University

Superintendent Niles Elem.  
Hawthorne, IL

Dr. Linda Tafel  (1999-2002)  
Provost & Sr. Vice President  
Academic Affairs  
National-Louis University

* Denotes the member is serving his or her second complete term.

Effective with the April 2002 meeting, Dr. Elizabeth Hitch, Dean of Education and Professional Studies, Eastern Illinois University resigned as a result of accepting an administrative position in Michigan.

On May 3, 2002, Dr. Cozette Buckney, Chief Liaison to Board/CEO, Chicago Public Schools, resigned as a result of her retirement at CPS.

On June 30, 2002, the terms of two representatives of public and private college and university faculty or administration, expire. Ms. Linda Tomlinson, Chair of the Special Education Department and Certification Officer, Western Illinois University and Dr. Barbara Nourie, Associate Dean, College of Education, Illinois State University served two terms on the Board, and are not eligible for reappointment.

On June 30, 2002, the terms of four members expire: Mr. Robert Olin Blade, Mr. William Briggs, Dr. Roger Chamberlain and Dr. Linda Tafel. All of these individuals are eligible for reappointment. Mr. Blade, however, has resigned due to a conflict of interest.

The procedure for nominating teacher members are detailed specifically in law. A candidate may be nominated by: (1) filing a petition signed by 250 persons holding valid teaching certificates; or (2) any professional teachers’ organization may submit one candidate for each vacancy for each 20,000 members or major portion thereof, who hold valid certificates. For the remaining positions, recommendations are submitted by professional organizations representing higher education and school administrators.
In accordance with the nomination procedures set forth in Article 21-13, the State Superintendent received the following nominations:

The Illinois Federation of Teachers recommends that Mr. William Briggs, teacher, Herscher High School, Herscher, be reappointed to serve a second term.

The Illinois Principals Association recommends that Mr. Roger Chamberlain, Principal Columbia Middle School, Columbia be reappointed to a second term.

The Illinois Association of Colleges of Teacher Education recommends Dr. Linda Tafel, National-Louis University, Chicago, be reappointed to serve a second term.

Chicago Public Schools recommends Dr. Barbara Eason-Watkins, Chief Education Officer for Chicago Public Schools to complete the term of Dr. Cozette Buckney.

The Illinois Education Association nominates Ms. Laura Lipe, elementary teacher, Cobden Unit District #17 to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Robert Blade’s resignation.

The Illinois Association of Colleges of Teacher Education nominates Dr. Nan Giblin, Dean, College of Education, Northwestern Illinois University to complete the term of Dr. Elizabeth Hitch.

The Illinois Association of Colleges of Teacher Education nominates Dr. Elliott Lessen, Dean, School of Education, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville to fill the vacancy created by Linda Tomlinson.

The Illinois Association of College of Teacher Education nominates Dr. Nina Dorsch, Department of Teaching and Learning, College of Education at Northern Illinois University to fill the vacancy created by Barbara Nourie.

Superintendent recommends:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Organization</th>
<th>Position</th>
<th>Replacement</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ms. Laura Lipe</td>
<td>IEA</td>
<td>to replace Mr. Robert Blade</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mr. William Briggs</td>
<td>IFT</td>
<td>for Reappointment</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mr. Roger Chamberlain</td>
<td>IPA</td>
<td>for Reappointment</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dr. Nan Giblin</td>
<td>IACTE</td>
<td>to complete term of Dr. Elizabeth Hitch</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dr. Linda Tafel</td>
<td>IACTE</td>
<td>for Reappointment</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dr. Elliott Lessen</td>
<td>IACTE</td>
<td>to replace Ms. Linda Tomlinson</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dr. Nina Dorsch</td>
<td>IACTE</td>
<td>to replace Dr. Barbara Nourie</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ms. Barbara Eason-Watkins</td>
<td>CPS</td>
<td>to complete term of Dr. Cozette Buckney</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>