



MINNESOTA BOARD OF TEACHING

Unofficial Board of Teaching Minutes

May 9, 2014

Board members present: J. Barnhill, J. Bellingham, D. O'Brien, L. Woelber, A. Krafthefer, K. Palmen, L. Covington Clarkson, J. Grabowska, J. Baumann

Board members not present: M. Larson

I. Call to order: The May 9, 2014 Minnesota Board of Teaching meeting was called to order by Chair, J. Bellingham, at 8:30 a.m. in conference room 13, Minnesota Department of Education.

II. Business Meeting:

A. Approval of Agenda with Flexibility: J. Grabowska moved approval of the agenda with flexibility. L. Covington Clarkson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. Consent Agenda:

1. Approve the April 11, 2014, Board of Teaching minutes:

2. Program/Institutional Approval Recommendations: The following institutions were granted continuing unit approval

**Bemidji State University
College of St. Benedict-St. Johns University
Martin Luther College
University of Minnesota Twin Cities**

3. Waiver Requests:

Detroit Lakes – ALC	David Lundquist	Experimental Prog.
EdVision Off Campus – Project Based	Merrissa McLean	Experimental Prog.
IDS 287 – ALC	Erin McCarty	Experimental Prog.
LaCrescent-Hokah – ALC	Justin Lange	Experimental Prog.
Upper Mississippi Academy - Interdisciplinary Approach	Katelyn Derricott Leana Stone	Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog.

4. Report-Variance and Temporary Limited License Appeals:

Jennings Learning Community Center	Zachary Fjelstad	Social Studies 5-12, Drivers Education 9-12, and EBD K-12	Learning Disabilities K-12
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J. Grabowska moved approval of the consent agenda. J. Barnhill seconded the motion. The motion carried.

C. Nonlicensed Community Expert Requests:

First Time Community Experts		
Spring Lake Park	Alejandra Arroyo Martin	Elementary Education Immersion K-6

J. Grabowska moved to approve the first-time community expert. L. Woelber seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Renewal Community Experts		
Rochester STEM	Hassan Lahos	Arabic Language K-12

L. Woelber moved to approve the renewal community expert. J. Grabowska seconded the motion. The motion carried.

D. Discretionary Variance Requests: University of Minnesota – Teach for America Alternative Pathway to Teaching.

J. Grabowska moved to approve the discretionary variance request for the University of Minnesota-Teach for America Alternative Pathway to Teaching. J. Barnhill seconded the motion. The motion carried.

E. Public Comment:

Rhea Walker, Winona State University provided comments on behalf of the Minnesota Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (MACTE).
See attached.

Kitty Ford, Minnesota Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (MACTE) provided comments in approaching open hearing May 30, 2014 regarding PERCA Rule.

III. Unfinished Business:

- A. **PERCA Rule Making 8700.7600:** E. Doan presented information regarding the rulemaking initiative for 8700.7600 which will take place on May 30, 2014. Public comment will remain open until June 19, 2014 and materials will be posted on the Board Initiatives section of the website. The presentation will be available via the materials link within the Board archive of the May 2014 meeting.

IV. New Business: There was no new business at this time.

V. Reports:

- A. **Minnesota Department of Education:** Kevin McHenry, Assistant Commissioner provided comment on the department support surrounding the Board of Teaching’s Alternative Pathways for Licensure.

Richard Wassen, Educator Licensing Director reported the Staff Automated Reporting (STAR) is complete for the 13-14 school year.

B. Staff: E. Doan, Board of Teaching Interim Director reported that the FY 2015 Budget will be voted on at the upcoming meeting to determine staffing needs and hiring ability for the coming year. She reported that the 2014 Education Omnibus bill contained several implications for Board responsibilities and will report out on them more formally at the June 2014 meeting.

C. Board Chair: J. Bellingham, Board of Teaching Chair assigned E. Doan, Board of Teaching Interim and Richard Wassen, Educator Licensing Director as co-chairs for the MTLE Study Group and assigned A. Krafthefer, Board member to the group as well as Christopher Smith, MACTE.

VI. Licensure Matters: Closed Session at 11:20 a.m.

J. Grabowska moved to appoint E. Azer Acting Chair of the Board. L. Covington Clarkson seconded the motion. The motion carried. The motion was revised to allow J. Bellingham to sign Stipulation Agreements.

A. Krafthefer moved that the Board of Teaching adopt the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order, and Memorandum revoking the teaching license of Brandy Clark and that the Acting Chair of the Minnesota Board of Teaching be authorized to sign the proposed Finding of Fact Conclusions of Law and Order, and Memorandum on behalf of the Minnesota Board of Teaching. J. Grabowska seconded the motion. J. Baumann abstained. The motion carried.

J. Grabowska moved that the Board of Teaching adopt the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order, and Memorandum suspending the teaching license of John Ford and that the Acting Chair of the Minnesota Board of Teaching be authorized to sign the proposed Finding of Fact Conclusions of Law and Order and Memorandum on behalf of the Minnesota Board of Teaching. K. Palmen seconded the motion. J. Baumann abstained. The motion carried.

J. Grabowska moved that the Board of Teaching adopt the Stipulation Agreement and Consent Order in the matter of the teaching license of Andrew Mendez signed by Andrew Mendez on April 29, 2014, and that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Stipulation Agreement on behalf of the Minnesota Board of Teaching. K. Palmen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

J. Grabowska moved that the Board of Teaching adopt the Stipulation Agreement and Consent Order in the matter of the teaching license of Terri Buerkle signed by on April 21, 2014, and that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Stipulation Agreement on behalf of the Minnesota Board of Teaching. K. Palmen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

J. Barnhill moved to move out of closed session at 11:35 a.m. J. Grabowska seconded. The motion carried.

VII. Adjourn: J. Bellingham moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Next meeting date: June 13, 2014