



Minnesota Board of Teaching

Board of Teaching Minutes

April 11, 2014

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting (CC-8)

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Board of Teaching Meeting (CC-13)

Board members present: James Barnhill, John Bellingham, Diane O'Brien, Loy Woelber, Anne Krafthefer, Michael Larson, Karen Palmen, Lesa Covington Clarkson, Jim Grabowska

Board members not present: Erin Azer

I. Call to Order: The April 11, 2014, meeting of the Minnesota Board of Teaching was convened by Chair, John Bellingham at 9:43 a.m. at the Minnesota Department of Education, Conference Center A, Room 13.

Chair John Bellingham welcomed Board members, staff, and guests to the meeting. There was a quorum present.

II. Business Meeting

A. Approval of Agenda with *extreme flexibility*: K. Palmen moved for approval of the agenda and J. Grabowska seconded the motion. ***The motion passed.***

1. Waiver requests:

Floodwood – ALP	James Pavlek	Experimental Prog.
Maple River – Multi-categorical STEM Program	Norman Preston	Experimental Prog.
Paladin – Project Based	Tyler Pilz Janice Schleicher Ronell Kahring	Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog.
Floodwood – ALP	James Pavlek	Experimental Prog.

2. Minutes of the March 14, 2014 Board of Teaching Minutes

B. Consent Agenda: J. Grabowska moved for approval of the consent agenda and minutes of the March 14th Board Meeting. L. Covington Clarkson seconded the motion. ***The motion passed.***

C. Nonlicensed Community Expert Request

1. GROUP I – First Time Nonlicensed Community Experts

First-time Community Experts

Eagle Valley	Steussy Dave	Technology (building trades) Grade 9
Eden Prairie	Tatyana Poggi Segouin	Elementary Education Immersion K-6
Grygla	Brittney Forsberg	Elementary Education K-6
Hopkins	Liu Peng	Elementary Education Immersion K-6
Lakes International Language Academy	Michael Groth	Chinese Language Immersion K-8
Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan	Chad Ganfiled	Medical Careers 7-12
Southside Family Charter	Esly Giron Vargas	Spanish Language K-8
Tri County Schools	Celeste Engen	Spanish Language K-12
Yinghua Academy	Yupeng Deng	Elementary Education Immersion K-6

M. Larson made a motion to approve the request from Eagle Valley, Eden Prairie, Grygla, Hopkins, Lakes International Language Academy, Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan, Southside Family Center, Tri-County Schools and Yinghua Academy. J. Grabowska seconded the motion. *The motion passed.*

1. GROUP II – Community Experts Renewal

M. Grabowska made a motion to approve the renewal of the nonlicensed community experts and the motion was seconded by M. Larson. *The motion passed.*

ISD 287	Janet Dunnom	Law Enforcement 9-12
Minneapolis	Laura Kennedy Gilman	Emotional Behavior Disorders K-12
Yinghua Academy	Wenjuan Wang	Elementary Education Immersion K-6
	Lu Yang	Elementary Education Immersion K-6
	Chia Yu Lin	Elementary Education Immersion K-6
	Ya Ching Chang	Elementary Education Immersion K-6
	Hsuan Wen Lin	Instrumental and Classroom Music
	Pin Chen Huang	Immersion K-12
	Hung Ying Liu	Elementary Education Immersion K-6
	Hui Tzu Wu	Elementary Education Immersion K- 6
		Elementary Education

	Wenyun Dong	Immersion K-6 Elementary Education
	Shiyun Li	Immersion K-6 Elementary Education
	Ye Cheng	Immersion K-6 Elementary Education Immersion K-6

D. Public Comment

Jo Olsen, MACTE – Ms. Olson presented the MACTE minutes to the Board members.

Phil Gullien, Pearson – Mr. Gullien introduced himself to the Board and spoke regarding Pearson’s support of the MTLE program.

R.T. Rybek spoke in favor of the partnership with the University of Minnesota and Teach for America. Mr. Rybek is the Executive Director of Generation Next, which is a consortium of foundations, businesses, educators and the community focused on the goal of closing the achievement gap in their community.

Don Samuels, former Minneapolis city council member – Mr. Samuels spoke in support of the University of Minnesota and Teach for America’s goals.

III. Unfinished Business:

A. University of Minnesota Nonconventional EBD Program

J. Barnhill moved to grant conditional approval to the University of Minnesota’s Nonconventional EBD Program through June 30, 2015 to launch the programs and to provide time for the providers to address the identified unmet standards prior to June 30, 2015. Furthermore, to obtain full approval beyond June 30, 2015, all SEP and SPED standards must be validated by reviewers via written evidence submitted no later than May 1, 2015. As with other experimental programs, efficacy reports, due May 1st annually, are required. Biennial program effectiveness reports for continual approval (PERCA) shall be required for this program on the same reporting cycle as the host institution. JJ. Grabowska seconded J. Barnhill’s motion. After discussion *the motion passed.*

B. Establishment of MTLE Study Group

L. Woelber made a motion to authorize the Board chair to establish a study group to examine all components of the MTLE test and criteria that’s been established and to make recommendations to the Board of Teaching at the July retreat. Recommendations will also be put before the legislators and the MDE commissioner. It was reported by the Board Chair that Interim Executive Director, E. Doan, R. Wassen, Director of Educator Licensing, two MACTE representatives and two members at large with educational polices and knowledge will comprise the task force group. J. Grabowska seconded that motion and *the motion passed.*

C. Streamlining for Out-of-State Candidates

L. Covington Clarkson moved that whereas, MN Statute 122A.23, subdivision 1 provides For purposes of granting a Minnesota teaching license to a person who receives a diploma or degree from a state-accredited, out-of-state teacher training program leading to licensure, the Board of Teaching must establish criteria and streamlined procedures to recognize the experience and professional credentials of the person holding the out-of-state diploma or degree and allow that person to demonstrate to the board the person's qualifications for receiving a Minnesota teaching license based on performance measures the board adopts under this section. Whereas, MN Statute 14.002 provides that whenever feasible, state agencies must develop regulatory programs that emphasize superior achievement in meeting the agency's regulatory objectives and maximum flexibility for the regulated party and the agency in meeting those goals. Whereas, MN Statute 14.03, subdivision 3(a)(3) provides that the curriculum adopted by an agency to implement a statute or rule permitting or mandating minimum educational requirements for persons regulated by an agency, provided the topic areas to be covered by the minimum educational requirements are specified in statute or rule does not constitute a rule for purposes of the Administrative Procedure Act. Whereas, MN Rule 8700.7620 provides, Subpart 1, Commissioners Assessment Process. A teacher qualification assessment process established and maintained by the Commissioner of Education may be authorized by the Board of Teaching for recommending candidates for teacher licensure upon the Commissioner submitting evidence that the process ensures that candidates recommended by the Commissioner have demonstrated all qualifications required for the licensure for which they were recommended.

Subpart 2, Board Assessment Process - The Board of Teaching may authorize it's executive director to recommend candidates for teacher licensure when the executive director determines that recommended candidates have demonstrated all qualifications for the licensure for which they have been recommended.

Subpart 3, Written Agreement - Authorizations provided under Subpart 1 or 2 shall be documented through a written statement of specifications and conditions under which the Board grants the specified authority to recommend. Those conditions shall include, regular reporting to the board regarding licensure recommendations provided under those authorizations. Whereas, Section 2d, which is 500 IX, the the Board's bylaws allows for the establishment of ad hoc committees. Whereas, in the summer of 2013 the Board conducted a pilot review of applications for licensure from out-of-state candidates, pursuant to MN Statutes 122A.23, subdivision 1, under a rubric adopted and approved by the Board. We so move, therefore, that the Board authorizes the Commissioner and the Board's executive director to review applications for licensure from out-of-state candidates under the previously adopted rubric as a teacher licensure candidate assessment alternative under MN Rule 8700.7620 as a streamline procedure under MN Statute 122A.23, subdivision 1. Upon written request from an applicant, the Commissioner and executive director's recommendation for licensure, under this process, will be subject to review by the board's newly created ad hoc licensure review committee comprised of two members of the Board. The committee's determination is subject to appeal in accordance with the provisions and MN Rule 8710.0900 The committee will provide regular reports to the full Board regarding licensure determinations made under this resolution. M. Larson seconded that motion. *The motion passed.*

IV. New Business:

A. Alternative Pathway to Teaching: University of Minnesota-TFA Partnership Presentation

Dr. Debra Dillon, Professor at the U of MN and Associate Dean for Professional Graduate and International Programs in College of Education and Human Development, Dr. Kara Coffino, U of MN, College of Education and Human Development, Crystal Brakke, U of MN presented their report on the Alternative Pathway to Teaching: University of Minnesota-TFA Partnership. Kevin McHenry, MDE Assistant Commissioner, Maggie Sullivan, MPS Executive Director of Human Services and Human Capitol, Hope Lockett and Jaime Bohring, North Side Achievement Zone Executive Director all weighed in on the TFA program. The curriculum will focus on K-12 ESL, secondary science, secondary mathematics and elementary education focused on bilingual students. J. Bellingham addressed the board members regarding the fact that applications have been received and staff and reviewers will actively reviewing them. Reviewer findings will be distributed to board members prior to board action, possibly at the May meeting.

B. Adopt Fiscal Year 2015 Board of Teaching meeting dates

J. Grabowska made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2015 Board of Teaching meeting dates and L. Woelber seconded that motion. *The motion passed.*

V. Reports:

A. Staff Reports: Erin Doan, Interim Executive Director presented an update on the latest legislative activity related to the Board of Teaching and offered that there are other advocates in the education community advocating on the Board's behalf.

Ms. Doan encourages the Board to review the omnibus bill. There are some charges for BOT to look at Board rule and perhaps engage in rulemaking to encourage participation in new types of programs. She reported that the House Budget has a \$100,000 increase in appropriation for the Board of Teaching proposed. The Senate has no change suggested, but Ms. Doan was told that was intentional and that they intended to work that out in conference committee and that we are waiting for those negotiations to take place. She encourages the Board to contact their legislators to share that the need for that funding to support our work has not gone away.

Ms. Doan also reported that proposed language for issuing 5-12 licenses, to those who coming from out-of-state with 7-12 licenses has been included.

Regarding edTPA, BOT and MACTE representatives are going to meet with members of the Bush Foundation to talk about funding for standard setting. The Bush Foundation did grant funds through MACTE to support a state-wide coordinator for edTPA. Roxanne Pickle, Minnesota edTPA Coordinator, will be leaving her position in June 2014.

All tests are now at the panel-based recommendations and that began in April 2014. All of the decisions that the Board has made the past few months are operationally in place. There is now a global app available for smart phones for candidates to access as a study material for a fee. The app will be available for Minnesota candidates in the next few weeks. As of last week, all candidates are now receiving feedback by objective on their score reports.

The House is looking at the ACT and SAT as alternatives to the Basic Skills exam but does not repeal the requirement for a Basic Skills exam. Language is still moving and conversations are still happening.

The revisions to 8700.7600 began happening in 2007. The early stages of those conversations also involved creation and implementation of the EPPAS system, which is an electronic platform for institutions to use for program reporting and approval. The Sonar for that rule was actually completed in the fall and we have a hearing date, which will take place on May 30th at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Center B, CC-16. We will be publishing in the State Register an announcement of the hearing and also the 30-day comment period.

B. Board Chair Report: – J. Bellingham, Board Chair reported that we are continuing to monitor legislative activity regarding BOT’s budget and what charges are being considered by the legislature for the Board. He has received many emails regarding the MTLE testing, particularly the Basic Skills Test and how the Board’s decision on this issue affects them personally because they may be on a provisional license. The Board retreat will be July 10-11, 2014. There are 3 components being addressed: MTLE Recommendations, Legislative Platform, and Strategic planning.

Ms. Joyce Baumann is the new appointee for the Board of Teaching’s vacant position and will be joining the Board for the May meeting.

The Chair will be making appointments for the Licensure Committee and Board member appointments to work with the MTLE study group soon and is looking for Board member volunteers for those appointments.

C. Minnesota Department of Education (MDE): No new business to report.

J. Barnhill made a motion to move into closed session for Licensure Matters and J. Grabowska seconded that motion. *The motion passed.*

VI. Licensure Matters:

Licensure Matters:

J. Barnhill moved that the Board move to closed session. J. Grabowska seconded the motion. *The motion carried unanimously.*

J. Barnhill moved that the Board of Teaching adopt the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order denying the licensure application of Lawrence D. Miller. J. Grabowska seconded the motion. *The motion carried unanimously.*

J. Grabowska moved that the Board of Teaching adopt the Stipulation Agreement and Consent Order in the matter of the teaching license of Annetta C. Carter signed by Annetta C. Carter on March 17, 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 unanimously.*

K. Palmen moved to adopt the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order regarding the short-call substitute licensure application of Nathan Bryant. K. Palmen withdrew her motion.

J. Barnhill moved that the Board of Teaching adopt the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order, and Memorandum denying the licensure renewal application of Nathan Bryant 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 on behalf of the Minnesota Board of Teaching. A. Krafthefer seconded the motion. *The motion carried unanimously.*

J. Grabowska moved that the Board of Teaching adopt the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order, and Memorandum denying the licensure renewal application of Paul Williams and that the Acting Chair of the Board of Teaching be authorized to sign the proposed Findings of Fact Conclusions of Law and Order on behalf of the Minnesota Board of Teaching. L. Woelber seconded the motion. *The motion carried unanimously.*

J. Barnhill made a motion to return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by L. Woelber. *The motion passed unanimously.*

The meeting was reopened to the public at 10:10 a.m.

VII. Adjourn: K. Palmen made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by L. Woelber. *The motion passed unanimously.* The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. for Licensure Matters.

Next meeting: Friday, May 9, 2014