



Minnesota Board of Teaching

Minnesota Department of Education
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July 15, 2016

Minutes

Board members present: J. Bellingham, A. Krafthefer, L. Woelber, L. Clarkson, E. Azer, LA Stephens, J. Baumann, and D. O'Brien

Board members absent: MF Clardy, J. Grabowska, and J. Barnhill

I. Call to Order

The July 15, 2016, Minnesota Board of Teaching meeting was called to order by Chair J. Bellingham, at 11:03 a.m. in Conference Center A, Room 13, at the Minnesota Department of Education. A quorum was present. E. Azer made a motion to go into Closed Session. L. Clarkson seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting opened with Closed Session for Licensure Matters and the general meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m.

II. Business Meeting

- A. Approval of Agenda: L. Clarkson moved approval of the agenda with extreme flexibility. J. Baumann seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- B. Consent Agenda: J. Baumann moved approval of the Consent Agenda. E. Azer seconded the motion. The motion passed.
 - 1. Minutes of the June 10, 2016 Meeting
 - 2. Waiver Requests:

School	Individual	Program
Bemidji - Correction Facility and Individualized Delivery	John Williams	Experimental Program
"	Delinda Klaven	Experimental Program
"	Linda Barsness	Experimental Program
"	Deborah Best	Experimental Program
"	Mary Boyer	Experimental Program
"	Ernest Heifort	Summer 15-16 and School Year 16-17 Experimental Program
"	Michael Kingbird	Experimental Program
"	Eric Niskanen	Experimental Program
"	James Walker	Experimental Program
"	Shannon Heifort	Experimental Program
Little Falls - ALC	Timothy Corbett	Experimental Program
"	Christie Halliday	Experimental Program
"	Ann Horne	Experimental Program
"	Kelley Kilanowski	Experimental Program
Northland Learning Center - ALC	Brenton Fadum	Experimental Program

School	Individual	Program
"	Paula Wolfe	Experimental Program
"	Robert Saumer	Experimental Program
"	Paul Brainard	Experimental Program
"	Laura Rust	Experimental Program
"	Bridget Rahja	Experimental Program
"	Megan Wallis	Experimental Program
Grand Rapids - ALC	Erik Salmela	Experimental Program
"	Erikka Demuth	Experimental Program
"	William Kinnunen	Experimental Program
"	Melissa Ewen	Experimental Program
"	Angelyn Kellin	Experimental Program
"	Dale Christy	Experimental Program
"	Daniel Elhard	Experimental Program
Northeast Metro - ALC	Nii Anyetei Akofio-Sowah	Experimental Program
"	Matthew Onken	Experimental Program
Park Rapids - ALP	Jeffrey Lindstrom	Experimental Program
"	Julie Cook	Experimental Program
Region 6 and 8 SW/WC Coop - ALC and Cooperative	Steven Kuntz	Experimental Program
"	Jill Cihak	Experimental Program
"	Jerry Gladis	Experimental Program
"	Jessie Huhnerkoch	Experimental Program
Sauk Rapids - Rice - ALP	David Anderson	Experimental Program
"	Beth Gadola	Experimental Program
Southern Plains Coop - Care and Treatment Center and ALC	Teresa Davison	Experimental Program
"	Joshua Ensrud	Experimental Program
"	Francelia Simpson	Experimental Program
Waconia - ALC	Mollee Layer	Experimental Program
"	Emily Beltz	Experimental Program
"	Jenna Wolff	Experimental Program
"	Katherine Eidenschink	Experimental Program

3. Program Approvals:

a. Disapproval of Licensure Programs:

- The Board approved the request from **Gustavus Adolphus College** to discontinue the following teacher licensure programs:

- 8710. 4700 Physical Education Conventional Program
 - 8710. 4500 Health Education Conventional Program
 - 8710. 4750 Science – Teachers of Earth/Science
- The Board approved the request from **Twin Cities Teacher Collaborative (TC2)** to discontinue the following teacher licensure programs:
- Endorsement: General Science (grades 5-8)
 - Initial License: Physics (grades 9-12)
 - Initial License: Chemistry (grades 9-12)
 - Initial License: Life Science (grades 9-12)
 - Initial License: Earth and Space Science (grades 9-12)
 - Initial License: Mathematics (grades 5-12)
- b. Request for Initial Program Approval (RIPA):

The Board granted approval to the following new programs through June 2019:

Crown College

Crown College- approval through June 2019		
Rule Number	Licensure Area	Program Level
8710.4500	Teachers of Health Education DUAL Licensure program with Teachers of Physical Education	baccalaureate

C. Nonlicensed Community Expert Requests:

1. Nonlicensed Community Experts: Group I – First Time Community Experts

School	Individual	Course(s)
Bdote Learning Center	Elizabeth Cates	Visual Arts K-12 and Instrumental and Classroom Music K-12
Community of Peace Academy	Melissa Briggs	Academic and Behavioral Strategist K-12
Deer River	Elizabeth Benham	Early Childhood Special Education B-Age 6
"	Kari Schultz	Developmental Disabilities K-12
Grand Rapids	Andrew Almendinger	Emotional Behavior Disorders K-12
"	Scott Stein	Emotional Behavior Disorders K-12
"	Linda Ellis	Developmental Disabilities K-12
Hibbing	Erica Rickords	Specific Learning Disabilities K-12
ISD 287	Jemel Brewer	Emotional Behavior Disorders K-12 Summer Only

School	Individual	Course(s)
"	Sara Steinkamp	Autism Spectrum Disorders B-12 and Developmental Disabilities K-12 Summer Only
"	Devin Bingham	Autism Spectrum Disorders B-12 and Developmental Disabilities K-12 Summer Only
"	Mark Frankel	Autism Spectrum Disorders B-12 and Developmental Disabilities K-12 Summer Only
"	Candice Blazinski	General Education 5-12 Summer Only
"	Daniel Norsten	Autism Spectrum Disorders B-12 Summer Only
Lac qui Parle Valley	Fust Andra	Developmental Disabilities K-12
Lake City	Laura Green	Specific Learning Disabilities K-12
Lake Park Audubon	Ashley Tingelstad	Emotional Behavior Disorders K-12
Lakes International Language Academy	Mengying Zhao	Elementary Education Immersion K-6
NRHEG	Dena Summer	Academic and Behavioral Strategist K-12
Region 6 and 8 SW/WC Coop	Robyn Shea	Autism Spectrum Disorders B-12
"	Mark Field	Autism Spectrum Disorders B-12 and Emotional Behavior Disorders K-12
Region 9 South Central	Michelle Schull	Blind or Visually Impaired B-12
Sauk Rapids - Rice	Brady Roden	Emotional Behavior Disorders K-12
"	Rui Mao	Chinese Language K-8
Shakopee	Alyssa Craig	Autism Spectrum Disorders B-12 Summer Only
Southern Plains Ed Coop	Kendra Mattix	Early Childhood Special Education B-Age 6
Southwest Metro Ed Coop	Alanna Rindahl	Autism Spectrum Disorders B-12 Summer Only
Spero Academy	Crouse Brittany	Academic and Behavioral Strategist K-12
Tracy Area	Shannon Benson	Vocal and Classroom Music K-12

A. Krafthefer made a motion to approve all Nonlicensed First Time Community Expert requests. J. Baumann seconded the motion. The motion passed with a nay vote from Chair Bellingham.

2. Nonlicensed Community Experts: Group II -- Renewals/Repeats Requests

School	Individual	Course(s)
Avalon	Michelle Kartz	Spanish Language K-12
Bdote Learning Center	Jarydd Boston	Elementary Education Immersion K-6
"	Monica Briggs	Elementary Education Immersion K-6
"	Veronica Briggs	Elementary Education Immersion K-6
"	Bernadette Cisneros	Elementary Education Immersion K-6
Community of Peace Academy	Mai Her	Academic and Behavioral Strategist K-12
Deer River	Angela Schanley-Miller	Specific Learning Disabilities K-12
"	Rebecca Philips	Specific Learning Disabilities K-12
"	Patricia Dowling	Specific Learning Disabilities K-12
"	Douglas Grandia	Emotional Behavior Disorders K-12
Ely	Kristina Marshall	Early Childhood Education B-Grade 3
Farmington	Holly Thatcher	Library Media Specialist K-12
Floodwood	Elisa Cortes	Spanish Language K-12
Forest Lake	Ju-Chang Wang	Chinese Language K-12
Greenway	Clare Durand	Emotional Behavior Disorders K-12
Minnetonka	Hsin-Yi Liu	Elementary Education Immersion K-6
"	Jennifer Stenner	American Sign Language K-12
"	Yiyu Guo	Elementary Education Immersion K-6
"	Wenting Qiang	Elementary Education Immersion K-6
Prairie Creek Community School	Jennifer Sanders	Spanish Language K-8
Region 6 and 8 SW/WC Coop	Jamie Breikreutz	Emotional Behavior Disorders K-12
"	Cameron Holm	Emotional Behavior Disorders K-12 and Physical Education K-12
"	Timothy Hayenga	Math 5-12 and Life Science 9-12 and Chemistry 9-12
"	Kurt Schroeder	Autism Spectrum Disorders B-12
"	Michelle Whitcomb-Johnson	Autism Spectrum Disorders B-12
"	Keith Westra	Emotional Behavior Disorders K-12
Rosemount - Apple Valley - Eagan	Sara Capistrant	Autism Spectrum Disorders B-12
St. Paul	Christopher Faust	Visual Arts K-12 Summer Only
Sauk Rapids - Rice	Wei Liu	Chinese Language K-8
Southern Plains Ed Coop	James Miller	Specific Learning Disabilities K-12 and Autism Spectrum Disorders B-12 and Emotional Behavior Disorders K-12

School	Individual	Course(s)
"	Matthew Nielsen	Teacher Coordinator Work Based Learning 9-12 and Autism Spectrum Disorders B-12
"	Jennifer Kafka	Autism Spectrum Disorders B-12 and Emotional Behavior Disorders K-12 and Specific Learning Disabilities K-12
Spectrum High School	Katie Aase	American Sign Language K-12
Thief River Falls	Dillon Lundin	Construction Careers 7-12
Wright Technical Center	Duane Hillesheim	Law Enforcement 9-12
"	Susan Alberg	Cosmetology 9-12

J. Baumann made a motion to approve the Nonlicensed Community Expert – Renewal/Repeat requests with the exception of Bernadette Cisneros (Bdote Learning Center) and Timothy Hayenga (Region 6 and 8 SW/WC Coop). L. Clarkson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a nay vote from Chair Bellingham.

A. Krafthefer made a motion to approve the Nonlicensed Community Expert – Renewal/Repeat request for Bernadette Cisneros (Bdote Learning Center). J. Baumann seconded the motion. The motion passed with a nay vote from Chair Bellingham.

J. Baumann made a motion to approve the Nonlicensed Community Expert – Renewal/Repeat request for Timothy Hayenga (Region 6 and 8 SW/WC Co-op). LA. Stephens seconded the motion. The motion passed with a nay vote from Chair Bellingham, L. Clarkson and LA Stephens. The Board recommended that Mr. Hayenga go through the portfolio process.

Chair Bellingham thanked Heather Ward for her work.

D. Discretionary Variance Requests:

District	Individual	Licensure
Brewster	Jeff Drent	Health Education 5-12
Deer River	Tanis Henderson	School Counselor K-12
"	Lael Storlie	School Counselor K-12
Grand Rapids	Kathleen Fannin	School Counselor K-12
"	Jessica Brown	Speech Language Pathologist PreK-12
Hills-Beaver Creek	Teri Richards	Family and Consumer Science 5-12
Minnetonka	Scott Storlie	Social Studies for Spanish Immersion 5-8
Perpich	John Colburn	Communication Arts and Literature 5-12
Rothsay	Jennifer Sletten	Business Education 5-12
Rushford-Peterson	Tracy Odegard-Smith	Speech Language Pathologist PreK-12
SW/WC Service Coop	Christopher Kraft	Autism Spectrum Disorder K-12
Team Academy	Nadine Omans	English as a Second Language K-12

E. Azer made a motion to approve the Discretionary Variance request for Jeff Drent (Brewster). J. Baumann seconded the motion. The motion passed.

J. Baumann made a motion to approve the Discretionary Variance request for Tanis Henderson (Deer River). L. Clarkson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

J. Baumann made a motion to approve the Discretionary Variance request for Lael Storlie (Deer River). L. Clarkson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

J. Baumann made a motion to approve the Discretionary Variance request for Kathleen Fannin (Grand Rapids). E. Azer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

LA Stephens made a motion to approve the Discretionary Variance request for Jessica Brown (Grand Rapids). E. Azer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

E. Azer made a motion to approve the Discretionary Variance request for Teri Richards (Hills-Beaver Creek). J. Baumann seconded the motion. The motion passed.

J. Baumann made a motion to approve the Discretionary Variance request for Scott Storlie (Minnetonka). L. Clarkson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

J. Baumann made a motion to approve the Discretionary Variance request for John Colburn (Perpich Center). L. Woelber seconded the motion. The motion passed.

E. Azer made a motion to approve the Discretionary Variance request for Jennifer Sletten (Rothsay). L. Clarkson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

D. O'Brien made a motion to approve the Discretionary Variance request for Tracy Odegard-Smith (Rushford-Peterson). L. Woelber seconded the motion. The motion passed.

L. Clarkson made a motion to approve the Discretionary Variance request for Christopher Kraft (SW/WC Service Co-op). J. Baumann seconded the motion. The motion passed.

J. Baumann made a motion to approve the Discretionary Variance request for Nadine Omans (Team Academy). L. Clarkson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

L. Woelber moved to approve the Discretionary Variance request as presented by Executive Director Doan for Beth Ellen Vongenmingen; a licensed counselor from the state of Alaska. E. Azer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- E. Public Comment - Individuals wishing to address the board must sign up prior to the Call to Order and may speak for 3-5 minutes. - none

III. Unfinished Business - none

IV. New Business

A. Adoption of GRE Scores

Ms. Doan reported that last month, information was emailed for consideration of cut scores for recognizing the GRE as a board adopted measure of meeting the basic skills requirements in MN Statute 122A.09. In order to assist with a WI interstate licensure agreement, a recommendation regarding GRE cut scores was made for the Board to adopt the same cut scores as are used by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction for the purpose of teacher licensure; thereby facilitating interstate teacher mobility. The proposed cut scores for consideration were as follows:

The revised GRE® General Test (after 8/1/2011)
www.ets.org Minimum sub-scores:
145 on Quantitative Reasoning
150 on Verbal Reasoning
3 on Analytical Writing

The GRE® Test
(prior to 8/1/2011)
www.ets.org Minimum sub-scores:
540 on Quantitative Reasoning
450 on Verbal Reasoning

E. Azer made a motion to accept the cut scores as recognized by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and recommended by Executive Director, Erin Doan. D. O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion passed.

V. Reports

- C. Minnesota Department of Education – none
- B. Staff – none due to July 14 retreat
- C. Chair – none due to July 14 retreat

Chair Bellingham thanked the BOT staff for setting up the retreat/meeting over the past two days, and for their hard work. He also thanked Board members for a great year. He reminded them to be sure and check email often.

VI. Closed Session for Licensure Matters

J. Baumann made a motion to have Dr. Clarkson as Acting Chair. E. Azer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Michele Owen, assistant attorney with the Attorney General's Office advising attorney to the Board, provided a brief explanation outlining the process for consideration. Nathan Hartshorn, assistant attorney with the Attorney General's Office represented the Board's Discipline Committee.

In the matter of license application of Scott Selmer: Mr. Selmer was represented by Counsel Allen H. Gibas.

E. Azer moved the Board of Teaching adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in the matter of licensure application of Scott Selmer as recommended by the Discipline Committee and that the Acting Chairperson be authorized to sign the Order on behalf of the Board of Teaching. J. Baumann seconded the motion. The motion passed. A. Krafthefer and J. Bellingham abstained.

In the matter of license application of Sarah Woodcock:

E. Azer moved the Board of Teaching adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in the matter of licensure application of Sarah Woodcock as recommended by the Discipline Committee and that the Acting Chairperson be authorized to sign the Order on behalf of the Board of Teaching. D. O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion passed. A. Krafthefer and J. Bellingham abstained.

In the matter of license application of Tamra Smertneck:

E. Azer moved the Board of Teaching adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in the matter of licensure application of Tamra Smertneck as recommended by the Discipline Committee and that the Acting Chairperson be authorized to sign the Order on behalf of the Board of Teaching. LA Stephens seconded the motion. The motion passed. A. Krafthefer and J. Bellingham abstained.

Oliver Larson, assistant attorney general, briefed Board members on recent activities related to the Hernandez, et al, case. Chair Bellingham reminded Board members of the attorney client privilege.

E. Azer made a motion to return to J. Bellingham return as action Chair. D. O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion passed.

E. Azer moved the Board return to Open Session. LA Stephens seconded the motion. The motion passed.

VII. Adjourn

Chair Bellingham announced Board action from Closed Session as follows:

- In the matter of Scott Selmer, the Board adopted The Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order denying the motion for summary disposition and dismissing the proceedings as moot.
- In the matter of Tamra Smertneck, the Board adopted The Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order suspending the teaching license of Tamra Smertneck until June 30, 2017.
- In the matter of Sarah Woodcock, the Board adopted The Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order denying the motion for summary disposition and dismissing the proceedings as moot.

E. Azer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. L. Clarkson seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting ended at 1:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Rosenthal, Recorder

Next meeting: August 12, 2016 in MDE CC-13 at 9:00 a.m.