



Minnesota Board of Teaching

Board of Teaching Minutes

December 13, 2013

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: Erin Azer, James Barnhill, John Bellingham, Lesa Covington Clarkson, Jim Grabowska, Mike Larson, Diane O’Brien, Karen Palmen, Loy Woelber, Ann Krafthefer

Board members not present: All board members were present and accounted for.

I. Call to order: The December 13, 2013, meeting of the Minnesota Board of Teaching was convened by Chair, John Bellingham at 8:33 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. John reported that there was a quorum present.

II. Business Meeting

A. Approval of Agenda: D. O’Brien moved for approval of the agenda *with extreme flexibility*. and E. Azer seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Consent Agenda: J. Grabowska moved for approval of the Consent Agenda. L. Woelber seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

1. Waiver requests:

Anoka Hennepin – ALC	Stacy Olson	Experimental Program.
Benson – Care and Treatment Center	Terri Collins Taianna Moe Eric Ose	Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog.
Brainerd – ALC	Howard Jacobs	Experimental Prog.
Burnsville – ALC	Kendra Boernke	Experimental Prog.
Chatfield – Credit Recovery Online Program	Mitchell Lee	Experimental Prog.
Crookston – ALC	Joan Darco Kristi Swanson Sarah Hillier	Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog.
Detroit Lakes – ALC & ALP	Terry Jernberg Lucas Holzhueter	Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog.
Great Expectations – Interdisciplinary Model	Kathryn Nelson-Pederson	Experimental Prog.

High School for Recording Arts – Project Based	Barbara Murphy Tracy Richardson Darryl Young Lael Booth Renee Swanson Dan Frey Maureen Foss Sayra Loftus Stella Warira Johnathan Smith Paula Anderson Joseph Cienian	Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog.
Hope Community Academy	Dia Xiong	Hmong Language K-12
Maple River – Multi-categorical STEM	Cory Roeker Suzanne Burman	Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog.
Minneapolis – Care and Treatment Center and Correctional Facility	Johan Owens Ryan Galindo Joan Toohney Carls Nerison	Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog.
Mora – ALC	Peter Eaton Karen Felger	Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog.
North Branch – ALC	Jolene Boucher	Experimental Prog.
Owatonna – ALC	Katherine Forsberg	Experimental Prog.
River Bend Ed District – ALC	Christopher Weymann Rashelle Weicherding Chad Hauser Amy Petersilie	Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog.
Rochester – ALC and ALP	Christine Heruth Amy Stites Jennifer Vaalemoen	Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog.
Rosemount Apple Valley Egan – Chemical Dependency Program	Lisa Machacek	Experimental Prog.
Sauk Rapids – ALP	David Anderson Susan Henkemeyer Beth Gadola	Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog.
St. Paul – Correctional Facility & Care and Treatment Center	Daniel Harty Margaret Schultz-Nelson Lee Youa	Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog. Hmong Language K-12
Shakopee – ALC	Autumn Lee Koomen	Experimental Prog.
Swanville – ALC	Michelle Peterson Paul McKinley	Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog.
Venture Academy – Coaching Model	Lightning Jay Megan Zlatos	Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog.
Vermillion Country School – Project Based	Jennifer Mounsdon Marie Shanks	Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog.
Waseca – ALC	Mandi Nohner John Sakellariou Laura Dewees	Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog.

	Dawn Skinner	Experimental Prog.
Willmar – ALC	Laurie Dennig	Experimental Prog.

2. Report: Variance and Temporary Limited License Appeals

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4. Institutional Approvals

5. Program Approvals

a. Program Requests: Capella University and University of Minnesota Duluth

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C. Nonlicensed Community Expert Request

1. GROUP I – First Time Nonlicensed Community Experts

Best Academy	Bijan Jalali	Developmental Disabilities and Emotional Behavioral Disorders K-12
Bloomington	Madrid Nelson	Spanish Language K-12
Harvest Prep	Bijan Jalali	Emotional Behavioral Disorders K-12
ISD 287	Scott Wasser Jennifer Jensen	Non Licensure Area – Outdoor Motorsports 9-12 Emotional Behavioral Disorders K-12
Menahga	Ryan Keddy	Life Science 9-12, Science 5-8, Math 5-12, and Reading K-12
Minneapolis	Michael Reynolds	Math 5-12
Minnetonka	Nella Huaman	Elementary Education K-6 Immersion
Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan	Xiaochuan Zhang	Chinese Language K-12
St. Paul	Marguerite Dowdy	Bilingual Ed and Elementary Education K-6 Immersion
St. Paul Conservatory	Jennie Ward Penelope Freeh Eric Hagmann Deborah Elias Lisa Berman Stillwell Lillian Charles Fraser Heather Barringer Jessica Ehlert	Theatre K-12 Dance K-12 Vocal and Classroom Music K-12 Dance K-12 Dance K-12 Dance K-12 Theater K-12 Instrumental and Classroom Music K-12 Dance K-12
Sibley East	Theresa Bjorklund	Family and Consumer Science 5-12 and Short Call Sub PreK –Adult
South Washington County	Bai Xiuling	Chinese Language K-12
Southern Plains Ed Coop	Cindy Shure	Emotional Behavioral Disorders K-12

First-time Community Experts

J. Bellingham made a motion to approve the request from Best Academy, Bloomington, Harvest Prep, ISD 287, Menahga, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan, St. Paul, St. Paul Conservatory, Sibley East, South Washington County and Southern Planes Ed Coop. The motion was made to approve by M. Larson and seconded by J. Grabowska. **The Motion passed unanimously.**

1. GROUP II – Community Experts

2. Renewal Nonlicensed Community Experts – L. Woelber moved to approve the renewal of the nonlicensed community expert the motion was seconded by J. Grabowska. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Benson	Debra Hilleren	Parent and Family Ed- Adult
Crookston	Francine Olson	Parent and Family Ed – Adult
Dugsi	Khalif Warsame	Math 5-8
Hmong College Prep Academy	Chanaying Yan	Chinese Language K-12
Lakes International Language Academy	Carlos Pilan	Immersion Elementary K-6, Visual Arts K-12, and Spanish Language K-8
Minneapolis	Rita Farah	Arabic Language K-12
Orono	Shiow-jen Sun	Chinese Language K-12
South Koochiching	Lisa Simon	Visual Arts K-12
Venture Academy	Jonathan Filzen	Reading K-12
Westonka	Tammy Canas-Diaz	Spanish Language K-12

Discretionary Variance Requests

Braham	Kim Biedleman	ESL K-12
Chatfield	LuAnn Klevan	Parent and Family Education Adult
Foley	Jennifer Bartlett	Learning Disabilities K-12
Laporte	Dale Klingenberg	Physics 9-12
Milroy	Samuel Fitzer	Physical Education K-12
	Melissa Lyngen	Early Childhood Special Education B-Age 6
Northhome	Christine Lundin	Social Studies 9-12 (Specifically Psychology)
St. Paul	Xiaomin Liu	Elementary Education K-6 Immersion
Wadena Deer Creek	Leanne Ries	Early Childhood B-grade 3 and Parent and Family Education Adult
Non District – Individual Request	Daniel Namarra	Math 5-12

J. Grabowski made a motion to approve the discretionary variance request and M. Larson seconded the motion. **Motion**

approved unanimously.

E. Public Comment

Nancy Hahn, Teacher Licensure Task Force spoke about the history of Minnesota Teachers Licensure Exam (MTLE), the overview of standard settings and overview of alternative testing arrangements. Jenna Capella, Associate Exam Research scientist for Testing, Measurement & Research Services, joined the presentation by phone and represented the Pearson Evaluation Systems Group. Jenna also reviewed the MTLE Test timing and they both spoke regarding an overview of the MTLE bias review process.

Jennifer McComus – U of MN Special Education - Ms. McComus reported on the experimental Emotional Behavior Disorder (EBD) program .

Jerry Neurengarten – University of Minnesota Duluth – Candidate Special Education licensure program in Duluth.

Lynn Rice – University of MN Duluth - Ms. Rice spoke regarding her great confidence for a Special Education Elementary dual licensure program.

Sandra Geckler – University of Minnesota Duluth - Ms. Geckler is a student in the Special Education Program and spoke regarding the fees associated with becoming a licensed teacher in MN.

Rick Heller – Private Citizen - Mr. Heller attends the meeting representing the disabled community. Mr. Heller attended the board meeting in September to share his concerns regarding the lack of accessibility to the Minnesota NCLB Waiver on the Minnesota Department of Education website. He would also like to see that the handouts for the board meetings to be given ahead of time, so they can review them before the meeting.

Joyce Strand – University of Minnesota Duluth – Ms. Strand is the department chair for Education at University of MN Duluth and shared concerns for candidate requirements in the dual special education and elementary licensure programs at UMD.

III. Unfinished Business:

A. Board of Teaching Officer Elections

On behalf of the Nominating Committee L. Clarkson nominated John Bellingham for the position of Board Chair. A motion to accept was made by J. Garbowska and seconded by Michael Larson.

J. Barnhill nominated M. Larson as Vice-Chair. A paper ballot was held, counted by BOT staff. There being no further nominations, M. Larson was voted in as Vice-Chair.

It was pointed out that the Chair and Vice-Chair positions are automatically members of the Executive Committee.

B. Appointment of Acting Interim Director

A. Hoffman made a motion for Erin Doan to act as the Interim Executive Director for the Board of Teaching until a permanent director can be approved.

E. Azer made a motion to accept Erin Doan as the new Interim Executive Director and M. Larson seconded that motion. **The motion passed and will be in effect starting 12/10/13.**

IV. New Business:

A. MTLE Score Setting: Core Skills for Special Education Exams

After conducting score setting exercises with a panel of MN educators for the MTLE Core Skills Exam in Special Education, a recommended raw score was provided to the Board of Teaching by the Evaluation Systems Group of Pearson.

E. Azer made a motion to adopt the panel based recommendation and J. Grabowska seconded that motion. **The motion passed.**

B. Board of Teaching

V. Reports:

A. Minnesota Department of Education – Nothing to report

B. BOT Legislative Committee - The committee has not convened regarding the 2014 agenda.

C. Staff Reports: None at this time

D. Board Chair Report: Chair Bellingham thanked Allen Hoffman for his work with the BOT as Interim Executive Director. He reported that executive director interviews will be held next week. (12/18/13). The Teacher Licensure Task Force's next meeting will be held on 1/16/14. Recommendations will be sent to the Legislature, Commissioner Cassellius, and this group (BOT members). A teacher licensure program recommendation will be coming in February.

E. D. O'Brien recommends that the BOT Board meetings add time to the agenda and would like to see handouts included in the BOT Board meeting archive.

Chair Bellingham made a motion to close this meeting and move on to Licensure Matters at 12:05 p.m. Motion to move on to Licensure Matters was made by J. Grabowska and seconded by K. Palmen. **The motion was approved.**

VI. Licensure Matters: Chair Bellingham closed the meeting for Licensure Matters at 11:50 a.m.

E. Azer moved to adopt the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order denying the licensure renewal application of Stephanie Johnson. J. Grabowska seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.**

L. Woelber moved to adopt the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order denying the licensure application of Eric Hart. K. Palmen seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.**

E. Azer moved to adopt the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order, Teaching Stipulation Agreement. Ms. Carver has accepted the stipulation and has since moved to Montana. The motion was seconded by J. Grabowska. **The motion carried unanimously.**

J. Barnhill moved to adopt the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order denying the licensure renewal application of Calvin Goggleye for a period of one year. K. Palmen seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.**

K. Palmen moved to adopt the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order denying the licensure application of Brady Lawrence for a period of one year. J. Grabowska seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.**

E. Azer moved to adopt the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order denying the licensure renewal application of Darcy Miller (a/k/a Darcy J. Tillman). K. Palmen seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting was reopened to the public at 12:45 p.m.

VII. Adjourn: A motion was made to adjourn and seconded. ***The Motion was approved.***

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Next meeting: Friday, January 10, 2014