



Minnesota Board of Teaching

Board of Teaching Minutes

March 14, 2014

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting (CC-8)

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Legislative Committee Meeting (CC-8)

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Disciplinary Committee

9:30 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

Board members not present: Lesa Covington Clarkson, Jim Grabowska, Erin Azer

I. Call to Order: The March 14, 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.

A. Krafthefer made a motion for approval to go into closed session. K. Palmen seconded that motion. **The motion passed.**

II. Business Meeting

A. Approval of Agenda with *extreme flexibility*: L. Woelber moved for approval of the agenda and J. Barnhill seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

B. Consent Agenda: J. Barnhill moved for approval of the agenda and M. Larson seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Ms. Krafthefer moved to approval to move onto a closed session regarding Licensure Matters. K. Palmen seconded that motion. **The motion passed.**

1. Waiver requests:

Anoka-Hennepin – ALC	Erica Dahlin	Experimental Prog.
Runestone Area Ed District – ALC	Joyce Wagenius Michael Leedahl	Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog.
St. Louis Park – Care and Treatment Center	Sandra Maw	Experimental Prog.
Waconia – ALC	Tracy Riley	Experimental Prog.

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3. Institutional Approvals –

C. Nonlicensed Community Expert Request

1. GROUP I – First Time Nonlicensed Community Experts
First-time Community Experts

Bemidji Regional Interdistrict	Amy Johnson	Academic and Behavioral Strategist K-12
Best Academy	Leonard Cain	Emotional Behavior Disorders K-12
ISD 287	Emily Pickford	Autism Spectrum Disorders B-12
	Erika Andrade	Emotional Behavior Disorders K-12
Lake Superior	Barbara Mattson	Early Childhood Education B-Grade 3
Minneapolis	Yoseris Rosado	Bilingual Education and Kindergarten (Immersion)
New Century Academy	Brenda Rick	Science 5-8
Sibley East	Eric Bryant	Business 5-12

M. Larson made a motion to approve the request from Bemidji Regional Inter district, ISD 287, Lake Superior, Minneapolis Public Schools, New Century Academy. A. Krafthefer seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

There was discussion regarding Best Academy, Harvest Prep and Mastery Schools.

K. Palmen requested discussion of the following names from the nonlicensed community expert list for discussion: Joshua Daramola, (Best Academy, Harvest Prep, Mastery Schools); Miglo Badal (Best Academy), Nilupa Nipa, (Best Academy, Harvest Prep). A. Krafthefer also requested that Brenda Rick (New Century Academy) be pulled for discussion.

J. Bellingham moved for a motion to approve the First Time Community Expert requests, with the exception of Joshua Daramola, Miglo Badal, Nilupa Nipa and Brenda Rick. The motion was so moved by L. Woebler and was seconded by M. Larson. **The motion passed.**

L. Woelber made a motion to discuss approval for Mr. Daramola. The motion was seconded by M. Larson. Emily Peterson, Special Education Director for Best Academy, Mastery and Harvest Prep Charter Schools came forward and after her presentation and discussing the case with board members regarding Joshua Daramola, **the motion failed 4-3.**

M. Larson made a motion to approve first time community expert request for Nilupa Nipa. L. Woelber seconded that motion. After Ms. Peterson’s interpretation of what she believed to be an

older application and after Board discussion regarding the lack of information on the application, there was a verbal vote and **the motion failed 5-2.**

L. Woelber made a motion to discuss approval for Milgo Badal. M. Larson seconded that motion. After board discussion, there was a verbal vote and **the motion passed 6-1.**

1. GROUP II – Community Experts M. Larson made a motion to approve the renewal of the nonlicensed community expert and was seconded by A. Krafthefer. **The motion passed.**

Brooklyn Center	Yuanxiang Shi	Chinese Language K-12	
Edina	Amandine Schonecker Zhuo Wang	Elementary Education Immersion K-6 Chinese Language K-8	Both requests for 14-15 SY due to visa renewal needs.
St. Paul Schools	Danielle Setness	French Language K-12	
Twin Cities International Elementary School	Ibrahim Aden Wesam Shaker	Arabic Language K-8 Arabic Language K-8	

Discretionary Variance Requests

1. Discretionary Variance Requests

Kittson Central, Lancaster, and Tri-County School	Kristi Heine	School Social Worker PreK-12
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2. L. Wolber made a motion to approve Kittson Central, Lancaster and Tri-County School for a discretionary variance. The motion was seconded by M. Larson. **The motion passed.**

E. Public Comment

Bob Utke, MACTE - Mr. Utke presented the MACTE minutes to the Board members. (See link for materials).

Debra Dillon, Karen Capino and Bradke spoke before the Board regarding the upcoming regarding the upcoming Teach for America program application.

III. Unfinished Business:

A. MTLE German Subtest I

E. Doan spoke about the adopted change to the MTLE German Subtest. In April 2013, the Board adopted a panel based recommendation to raise the raw passing score by one point. No action was taken by the board to reverse this decision and the changes will go into effect beginning with the April 14, 2014 test date.

IV. New Business:

A. University of Minnesota Twin Cities – District 916 Non-Conventional EBD Program Presentation

Jennifer McComas, Professor of Educational Psychology, Meagan McAlester from ISD 916 and Dan Naidicz, Special Education Director from ISD 916 presented their proposed nonconventional EBD Licensure Program. (the presentation was provided in meeting materials) An approval decision is tentatively scheduled for Board action in April.

V. Reports:

A. Board Chair Report: – J. Bellingham, Board Chair reported that next year the Board of Teaching will be in operating deficit, if supplemental funding by the MN Legislature is not granted. He explained that Board will not appoint a full-time Executive Director until clarity on the FY 2015 budget is received. At the upcoming April 11, 2014 meeting of the Board, the policy committee will propose the establishment of an ad hoc licensure committee. In addition, Chair Bellingham proposed the development of a study group to study all issues related to the MTLE. It will be comprised of two (2) Board of Teaching members, two (2) MACTE members, and two (2) stakeholder representatives. It was noted that a summer retreat for the Board members is crucial and will take place in July for Board Members. The July date is TBD.

B. Staff Reports: Erin Doan, Interim Executive Director reported to the Board that the Board of Teaching's Supplemental Budget Request was declined and that future requests continue to be presented to members of both the House and Senate Education and Education Finance Committees. Ms. Doan presented an update on the latest legislative activity related to the Board of Teaching and offered additional training for Board members on the EPPAS program software, following the Board Meeting.

C. Minnesota Department of Education (MDE): Richard Wassen, Director of Educator Licensing spoke in support of the proposed University of MN/District 916 EBD program.

D. Legislative Committee – Discussion led by J. Barnhill focused on the development of a 2015 Legislative platform. The Legislative Agenda, companion piece House File 2871, Senate File 2646 and the Leg Committee believes that these two bills are strongly consistent with Task Force recommendations, address the problems we've seen with the testing and use of the Basic Skills MTLE test, and also provides brevities to people who are in aversion settings, people that are speaking English as a second language. The Board would like to strongly recommend that as a board they reach out to their representatives, senators and people in your networks to encourage voting for these bills.

VI. Licensure Matters:

Licensure Matters: Chair Bellingham closed the Board of Teaching Board meeting for Licensure Matters at 10:00 a.m.

K. Palmen moved to adopt the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order denying the licensure application of Flurohn Crutch until August 13, 2015 and until he can meet other requirements of the Board. A. Krafthefer 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 meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Next meeting: Friday, April 11, 2014