

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
100 Riverview Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
July 19, 2007**

Present: Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Mr. Michael Walters, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. Joanne Gales, Chair, Credentials Committee
Mr. James Gay, Chair, Legal Committee
Mr. Jerome Bohnert
Mr. Richard Kaplan
Dr. Christopher Nagy
Dr. Adam Pfeffer
Dr. Herman Saatkamp
Mr. Peter Tirri

Absent: Dr. Jay Doolan, Assistant Commissioner, Chair
Ms. Gail Cropper
Dr. Barbara Gitenstein
Mr. Michael Kruczek
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Mr. Barry Worman

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Peter Tirri, who read the appropriate notice that the meeting complied with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Dr. Saatkamp moved that the Board adopt the minutes of the June 7, 2007 meeting, and Mr. Gay seconded the motion. With Mr. Kaplan and Mr. Bohnert abstaining, the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Kaplan made a motion to change the order of items on the Board's agenda, which Dr. Nagy seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

Dr. Higgins read a resolution commending Arlene Lutz, the Board's Legal Coordinator, for her service to the State Board of Examiners. Dr. Saatkamp moved that the Board adopt the resolution and Mr. Gay seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Gay made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice on the matters captioned *In the Matter of the Certificate of Steven Schantz, In the Matter of the Certificate of Scott Copperman, In the Matter of the Certificate of Michael Schailey, In the Matter of the Certificate of Robert Selfridge, In the Matter of the Certificate of Thomas Cantillon, In the Matter of the Certificate of Theodore Wurster, In the Matter of the Certificates of Elaine Nestel and In the Matter of the Certificate of Marianne Madara*. Dr. Saatkamp seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:17 A.M.

The Board returned to the public session at 11:30 A.M.

Mr. Gay made a motion, which Mr. Bohnert seconded, that the Board take the following actions:

- Reject the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificate of Steven Schantz*;
- Accept the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificate of Scott Copperman*;
- Accept the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificate of Michael Schailey*;
- Accept the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificate of Robert Selfridge*;
- Reject the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificate of Thomas Cantillon*;
- Reject the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificate of Theodore Wurster*;
- Reject the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificates of Elaine Nestel*; and
- Reject the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificate of Marianne Madara*.

The motion was carried by a unanimous vote. As a result of the vote, the follow actions will occur:

- The teaching certificate of Scott Copperman will be revoked;
- The teaching certificate of Robert Selfridge will be revoked; and
- The teaching certificate of Michael Schailey will be suspended for two years, effective immediately.

Ms. Gales made a motion that the Board adopt the decisions in the following matters on the Credentials Review Committee Consent List of cases. Dr. Saatkamp seconded the motion. The candidates in these cases were present at the June 7, 2007 meeting and made

presentations to the Board. With Mr. Bohnert and Mr. Kaplan abstaining, the Board adopted the following actions by a vote of 5 to 0.

Kristen Anderson	Teacher of Elementary School Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board granted her application for certification.
Melissa Guyer	Guidance Counselor – The Board granted her application for certification.
Terrence Kelleher	Teacher of the Handicapped – The Board denied his application for certification.
Dr. Philip Paterno	Supervisor – The Board granted his application for certification.
Irene Rauch	School Counselor – The Board denied her application for certification.
Susan Snyder	Standard Teacher of Students with Disabilities – The Board granted her application for certification.
Dr. Robert Wagner	Teacher of Physical Education – The Board granted his application for certification.

Ms. Gales made a motion that the Board adopt the decisions in the following matters on the Credentials Review Committee Consent List of cases in which the candidates were not present at the June 7, 2007 meeting to make presentations. Dr. Saatkamp seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Elizabeth Kenny-Foggin	Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant - The Board denied her application for certification.
Yahaira Rosario	Teacher of Spanish – The Board denied her application for certification.

Mr. Gay made a motion that the Board adopt the matters that were on the Legal Committee consent list memorializing the Board's legal decisions from the June 7, 2007 meeting, and Dr. Saatkamp seconded the motion. With Mr. Kaplan abstaining, the following decisions on the legal consent list were adopted by a unanimous vote:

Orders to Show Cause
Anthony Calandrillo
Noel Wilson
William Thompson

Hearings – Revoke certification

John Collier
Norman Dellas
Shauna Ehlers
Gunter Evdokimoff
Charles Young

Block application for certification

Peter DeFelice

Deny appeal for certification

Colleen Knoedler

Deny motion for stay

Bruce Skerbetz

Mr. Gay made a motion that the Board adopt the Order of Revocation in *In the Matter of the Certificates of Earl Hayes* that was on the legal consent list, and Dr. Saatkamp seconded the motion. With Mr. Tirri recusing himself, the motion was passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Legal Committee Report

The Legal Committee reviewed all legal cases and presented its recommendations to the Board. The Board took the following actions:

Eileen Bowker – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board transferred the appeal to the Credentials Committee for advisement.

Meryl Gill – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board denied her appeal for certification as she has no completed the test requirement.

Pamela Griffin – With Mr. Tirri recusing himself, by a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to deny her appeal as she is not eligible for the certificate that she is seeking.

Gina Hand – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board granted her appeal with modification and extended the time for her to complete the requirements for certification.

Kiana Lawhorn - By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board granted her appeal with modification and extended the time for her to complete the requirements for certification.

Peter Salek-Nejad – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board denied his appeal as he is not enrolled in a State approved program.

Ellen Muench – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board granted her appeal for permission to participate in the Provisional Teacher Program for one additional year.

Gary Butler – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board took no action to block his application for certification.

Patricia Covell – With Mr. Kaplan voting no, by a vote of 6 to 1, the Board took no action to block her application for certification.

Richard Czibik - With Mr. Kaplan voting no, by a vote of 6 to 1, the Board took no action to block his application for certification.

Ryan Hoyt – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board took no action to block his application for certification.

Isben Jeudy – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board blocked his application for certification based on the serious nature of his conviction.

Francis Monahan - By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board blocked his application for certification based on the serious nature of his conviction.

Julie Newman – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board took no action to block her application for certification.

Leslie Phillips - By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board blocked his application for certification based on the serious nature of his conviction.

Noel Segarra - With Mr. Kaplan voting no, by a vote of 6 to 1, the Board took no action to block his application for certification.

Diana Solomon - With Mr. Kaplan voting no, by a vote of 6 to 1, the Board took no action to block her application for certification.

Mr. Gay made a motion to table the remaining cases on the legal agenda until the meeting of September 20, 2007. Dr. Nagy seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Individual Credentials Review-Presentation

The following individuals attended the meeting, made brief presentations and answered questions from the Board regarding their experiences:

Theresa M. (Cota) Bryan	Teacher of Pre-School through Grade Three Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing
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Deborah Burleigh	Principal Certificate of Eligibility
Vickie Geannakakis	Associate School Library Media Specialist Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing
George Scott Holden	Teacher of Social Studies
Silvia Marques	School Counselor
Donald Aikens	Teacher of Law Enforcement Certificate of Eligibility
Carol Cannerelli	School Administrator – Ms. Cannerelli was accompanied by Dr. Cheryl Simone, Superintendent, Washington Township School District, Sewell, who spoke on her behalf.
Laura Caramagna	Teacher of Elementary School (K-5) Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – Ms. Caramagna was accompanied by Catherine Mania, former vice principal in the Diocese of Paterson, who spoke on her behalf. Mr. Tirri recused himself from the presentation.
Sharron Coleman	School Counselor
Caitlin Dolan	Teacher of Elementary School (K-5), Teacher of Students with Disabilities or Teacher of the Handicapped

Catherine Booth, who is seeking a Substance Awareness Coordinator Certificate, Joan M. Buonafide, who is seeking Teacher of Elementary School in Grades K-5 and Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization in Science certificates, Lynn Irby Jackson, who is seeking a Supervisor certificate, Paula Griskey McGraw, who is seeking Standard Teacher of Elementary School in Grades K-5 and Standard School Library Media Specialist certificates, Ericka Reed, who is seeking a Teacher of English as a Second Language certificate, and Suzanne Wichansky, who is seeking a School Counselor certificate, were not present at the meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 12:17 as a quorum was no longer present.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be on Thursday, September 20, 2007 in the **Third** floor conference room, 100 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.

Minutes prepared by Arlene G. Lutz

Minutes certified by Robert R. Higgins, Secretary

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