

State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting

April 6, 2000

Attending: Assistant Commissioner Ellen Schechter, Chairperson
Ms. Ida B. Graham, Secretary
Ms. Arlene Lutz, Deputy Attorney General
Dr. Vito Germinario, Chairperson, Legal Committee
Dr. Elspeth Goodin, Chairperson, Credentials Review Committee
Ms. Ida Bilbow
Dr. Donald Farish
Ms. Joanne Gales
Mr. James Gay
Dr. Richard Malanowski
Mr. Peter Tirri

Absent: Dr. Ronald Applbaum
Dr. Mary Jean Guidette
Dr. Robert Petix
Ms. Deidre Simon

The meeting was called to order by Assistant Commissioner Ellen Schechter, Chairperson.

The minutes of the February 24, 2000 meeting were approved and adopted.

Individual Credentials Review - Presentation

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

Allison Bloom-Leff - Speech-language Specialist. Joan Fenster, Educational Supervisor, also spoke on Ms. Bloom-Leff's behalf.

John W. Fulton - School Social Worker

Sue P. Maurer -Teacher of Health Certificate of Eligibility (CE)

Vincent R. Morino - School Business Administrator Certificate of Eligibility

Credentials Review Committee Report

The Credentials Review Committee reviewed all credentials review cases and presented its recommendations to the Board. The Board took the following actions:

Faith B. Fisher – Supervisor – Granted

Robert G. Klinck – School Administrator and Principal Certificates of Eligibility – Denied.
Partial credit was awarded for graduate study in finance.

Margo J. Pisack – School Nurse - Granted

Lenore S. Powell – School Psychologist – Granted

Gloria Velebir – Teacher of the Handicapped - Granted

Legal Committee Report

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

Orders to Show Cause

Jeanne Cuttito – Level and nature of conduct. DYFS substantiated allegations of sexual abuse with a male student.

Fred DelGuercio – Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review. The disqualification was based on a 1973 drug conviction.

Tubias Fox – Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review. The disqualification was based on a 1994 conviction on charges of failure to give a controlled dangerous substance to police.

Theodore Johnson - Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review. The disqualification was based on convictions for rape/assault, conspiracy to commit burglary, theft, receiving stolen property and criminal mischief.

Marilyn Kirby - Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review. The disqualification was based on a 1991 drug conviction.

Joan McNutt – Proven tenure charges of unbecoming conduct involving violation of State security procedures by distribution of portions of the Early Warning Test (EWT), a secure examination.

Gary Mobley - Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review. The disqualification was based on a 1994 drug conviction.

Daniel Pappadoniil - Level and nature of conduct. DYFS substantiated allegations of sexual abuse with a female student.

John Popek – Level and nature of conduct and crime. Pled guilty in 1998 to one count of criminal sexual contact in the 4th degree. DYFS substantiated allegations of sexual abuse with a female student.

Robert E. Smith - Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review. The disqualification was based on a conviction on charges of 2nd degree burglary, felony stealing without consent and auto theft.

Revocations

Lawrence Cohen

Steven Davidson

William Green

Robert Hall

Robert Hulitt

Helen Roseberry – County Substitute Certificate

Suspensions

Manuel Marrero

The suspension is effective April 6, 2000 until April 6, 2004.

Ronald Richardson

The suspension is effective April 6, 2000 until April 6, 2003.

In the matter of **John Cerutti**, the Board unanimously voted to deny the motion for reconsideration.

In the matter of **John Danatzko** the Board unanimously voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause issued November 4, 1999 as Mr. Danatzko's conviction has been expunged.

In the matter of **John Godinsky** the Board unanimously voted to authorize the Secretary of the Board to direct Mr. Godinsky that he has twenty (20) days in which to provide a copy of his petition for expungement of his 1973 conviction along with an explanation of the status of the petition.

In the matter of **Henry Lincoln** the Board unanimously voted to take no action. After careful consideration of the submissions in the case including the Petition, Amended Petition and the Answer, the Board concluded that Mr. Lincoln's behavior did not rise to a level warranting the initiation of legal proceedings that could possibly result in the revocation of his certificate.

In the matter of **Mark Trach** the Board unanimously voted to table the matter while additional legal research is completed concerning his 1979 homicide by vehicle conviction.

In the matter of **Timothy Woods** the Board unanimously voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause issued February 25, 1999 as Mr. Wood's conviction has been expunged.

The Board voted to take no action to suspend, revoke or block certificates of the following individuals:

Dimitra Adams
Katherine Briber
Robin DiGiovanni
Cecilia Dunbar
Shelley Garrison

Andrew Martin
Shelagh Quigley
Bobby Stanley
Philip Wambugu Thuo

The following cases should be retained by Board members for future reference:

Jeanne Cuttuo
Fred DelGuercio
Tubias Fox
John W. Fulton
John Godinsky
Theodore Johnson
Marilyn Kirby
Allison Bloom-Leff

Sue P. Maurer
Joan McNutt
Gary Mobley
Vincent R. Morino
Daniel Pappadoniil
John Popek
Robert E. Smith
Mark Trach

Secretary Ida B. Graham advised the Board that Dr. Petix is ill and hopes to be able to attend the May 11th Board meeting.

The next meeting of the board is scheduled to be held on Thursday, May 11, 2000 at the Middle School Auditorium at the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf, 320 Sullivan Way, West Trenton, New Jersey.