

**State Board of Examiners  
Minutes of the Meeting  
held in the First Floor Conference Room,  
100 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, NJ**

**April 5, 2001**

**Present:** Assistant Commissioner Ellen Schechter, Chairperson  
Mr. John F. Knapp, Acting Secretary  
Michael Walters, Deputy Attorney General  
Dr. Vito Germinario, Chairperson, Legal Committee  
Dr. Mary Jean Guidette, Chairperson, Credentials Review Committee  
Ms. Ida Bilbow  
Mr. Richard Dorow  
Dr. Donald Farish  
Ms. Joanne Gales  
Mr. James Gay  
Ms. Mary Jane McNally  
Dr. Robert Petix  
Mr. Peter Tirri

**Absent:** Dr. Ronald Applbaum  
Dr. Michael Knowlton  
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

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

The minutes of the February 22, 2001 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:

**Michael Chenkin**

Substance Awareness Coordinator Certificate of  
Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS)

**Susan Paroly** Speech-language Specialist

**Danielle Vorbe** Standard Elementary School Teacher

**Linda Quattrini**, who is applying for School Nurse certification, did not attend the meeting.

### **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:

<b>Darryl T. Aquil</b>	Substance Awareness Coordinator - Denied
<b>Michelle Cisar</b>	Supervisor - Denied
<b>Teresa Henry</b>	Teacher of Spanish Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS) - Denied
<b>Heather Horsley Cox</b>	Speech-language Specialist - Granted
<b>Carol Palermo-Granger</b>	School Social Worker - Granted
<b>Timothy W. Schroeder</b>	School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility – Denied

Mr. Schroeder was awarded partial credit for graduate study in leadership and human resource management and communications.

### **Legal Committee Report**

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

#### **Order to Show Cause**

**Jose Acosta** - Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review due to a conviction for possession of marijuana/hash and possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) or analog.

**Suzanne Amabile** – Criminal conviction for 3<sup>rd</sup> degree misappropriation of entrusted property.

**Anthony Bermudez** - Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review due to a conviction for possession of marijuana.

**Stephen Booth** - Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review due to a conviction for possession of marijuana.

**Reginald Boswell** - Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review due to a conviction for robbery.

**Tanya Brown** – Conviction for simple assault of a student.

**Christopher Ciuppa** - Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review due to a conviction for possession of marijuana/hash.\*

**\* At its meeting of November 14, 2002, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause issued to Ciuppa since the offense had been expunged from his record.**

**Michael Covello** – Tenure matter alleging unbecoming conduct involving defrauding of a school district.

**Robert Duffield** – Conviction for sexual assault. Division of Youth and Family Service (DYFS) investigation substantiated the sexual abuse of a student.

**John Gomez** – Conviction for sexual contact. DYFS substantiated allegations of the sexual abuse of a student.

**Tama Hart** - Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review due to convictions for felony possession of a CDS or analog, felony charges of resisting arrest and felony possession of a CDS on school property.

**Marvin Lopez** – DYFS investigation substantiated allegations of the sexual abuse of a student.

**Kenneth Lumpkin** - Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review due to a conviction for possession of marijuana. The Board also voted to block issuance of a Teacher of Social Studies certificate.

**Loretta Palumbo** - Allegations of sexual misconduct with a student.

**Kenneth Pitter, Sr.** - Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review due to a conviction for taking indecent liberties with children.

### **Revoke**

**Gregory Daglis** - Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review due to a conviction for possession of marijuana.

**Robert A. Dombloski** – Conviction for one count of criminal contempt in the 4<sup>th</sup> degree for violating a restraining order obtained by the mother of two of his students.

**Carlos Folleco** – One of the conditions for entrance into a Pre-Trial Intervention Program was the surrender of Mr. Folleco’s teaching certificates. Prior to that, DYFS had substantiated allegations of the sexual abuse of a student.

In the matter of **Mary Bauer**, the Board voted to deny the request for certification following revocation. The Board determined that Ms. Bauer has not demonstrated

sufficient evidence of rehabilitation since the revocation of her certificate. Only 2½ years have elapsed since the revocation and during that time, Ms. Bauer has not shown evidence of rehabilitation from the underlying cause that prompted revocation.

In the matter of **Wallace Doman**, the Board voted to deny the request for certification due to a 1997 conviction for aggravated assault with a weapon.

In the matter of **Joan McNutt**, the Board voted to table the matter. All Board members will be provided with the opportunity to review the Initial Decision in the matter of Joan McNutt.

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

**Kimberly Bachman**  
**Constance Badomi**  
**Claire Geveke**  
**James Kimbell**  
**George Montgomery**  
**Mark Mullen**

**Paul O'Connor**  
**Bridget Riley**  
**Margaret Shaffer**  
**Dr. Benjamin Williams**  
**Kenneth Wilson**

### **Old Business**

Peter Tirri and Ida Bilbow made an inquiry concerning the status of the letter of September 11, 2000 from the Board to the members of the State Legislature concerning N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.3 and Assembly Bill No. 2437.

Deputy Attorney General Michael Walters advised that the status of the inquiry will be researched and an update to the Board will be forthcoming.

### **New Business**

On behalf of Commissioner Vito Gagliardi, Sr., Chairperson Ellen Schechter raised the issue of the unintended consequences of the 2.75 Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) for new teachers that became effective September 1, 2000. After much discussion, the general consensus of the Board was that the fairest resolution would be to amend the requirement and apply it prospectively to candidates working toward baccalaureate or higher degrees. It was agreed that individual reviews before the Board would be inappropriate.

Mr. Richard Dorow requested that the Credentials Review Committee meet at 9:15 a.m. rather than at 9:45 a.m. to review their cases. The Board agreed.

### **Secretary's Report**

Acting Secretary, John F. Knapp advised the Board that the State Board of Education had affirmed the State Board of Examiners' decisions in the matters of Linda Avellino and Anthony Polizzi. The Board was also advised that the State Board of Education had affirmed the State

Board of Examiners decision in the matter of M.S., the legal matter that had been consolidated with a DYFS case.

The next meeting of the State Board of Examiners is scheduled to be held on **Thursday, May 10, 2001**, in the first floor conference room, **100 Riverview Plaza**, Trenton, New Jersey.

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