

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of the Meeting-Amended May 1, 2008
held at the Mercer County Office
1075 Old Trenton Road, Trenton, NJ**

December 6, 2001

- Present:** Acting Assistant Commissioner Jay Doolan, Acting Chairperson
Mr. John F. Knapp, Secretary
Allison Colsey-Eck, 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. Michael Knowlton
Dr. Robert Petix
Mr. Peter Tirri
Ms. Gloria Tunstall
- Absent:** Dr. Ronald Applbaum
Michael Walters, Deputy Attorney General

The meeting was called to order by Acting Assistant Commissioner Jay Doolan. Mr. Doolan announced that notice of the meeting had been provided in accord with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, *N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.*

The minutes of the October 1, 2001 meeting were approved and adopted. Ms. Ida Bilbow abstained from the vote.

Commissioner of Education Vito A. Gagliardi, Sr., addressed the members of the Board. The Commissioner thanked the members for their hard work and dedication. He noted that he particularly appreciated their efforts because he had been a member of the Board and understood the responsibilities that they had undertaken.

Individual Credentials Review – Presentation:

Suzanne Riemann, who is applying for a Teacher of Elementary School Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing, attended the meeting, made a brief presentation and answered questions from the Board regarding her experiences.

Kathleen Celli, 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:

Stephen Boettger	Teacher of Health and Physical Education Certificate of Eligibility – Denied
Louise Huber	School Psychologist – Denied. Partial credit was awarded for 3 graduate credits in educational foundations, 6 graduate credits in education of the handicapped, 16 graduate credits in testing and clinical techniques including all required areas of study and the externship.
Tina G. Miller	School Psychologist – Granted
Roger Monel	School Business Administrator Certificate of Eligibility – Granted
Andrea Weaver	Student Personnel Services – Denied. Partial credit was awarded for study in vocational guidance and community agencies.

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

Lenore Allen – Allegations of unbecoming conduct involving an unacceptable pattern of violent and threatening behavior toward students.

Henry Alston – Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review due to rape and drug convictions.

Patsy Briante - Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review due to multiple drug convictions.

Patrick D. Collins –Drug conviction for possession of a controlled dangerous substance (marijuana) with intent to distribute.

Ralph DiPasquale – Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review due to convictions for theft by deception and official misconduct in the 3rd degree.

Neal Ercolano –Criminal conviction for simple assault and proven tenure charges of unbecoming conduct involving the assault of a student.

Barnet B. Ingraldi – Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review due to a conviction for felony 4th degree possession of a weapon.

Darren James – County Substitute Certificate - Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review due to a conviction for felony medical fraud.

Elizabeth Jermyn - Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review due to a conviction for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.*

*** The Board later discovered that, due to a clerical error by the Township, it had received incorrect information. In fact, the allegation of a violation of a Township ordinance against Elizabeth Jermyn had been dismissed. Therefore, at its meeting of June 13, 2002, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause it had issued to her at its December 6, 2001 meeting.**

Christopher Marinelli –Convictions for 3rd degree luring and enticing a child and 4th degree endangering the welfare of a child.

Marcia Moskowitz - Proven tenure charges of unbecoming conduct and inefficiency involving failure to maintain a safe and orderly classroom and taking a prolonged absence.

Sharon Nicoll – Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review due to a conviction for importation of cannabis in England.

Hayward Vereen – Conviction for criminal sexual contact in the 4th degree.

Revoke

Sheree Baker – Conviction for conspiracy and theft by deception. The charges stemmed from Ms. Baker's participation in defrauding the State Health Benefits Program.

Leonard Bart – Unbecoming conduct involving allegations of sending amorous notes and poems to a student.

Theodore Johnson – Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review due to his conviction for rape/assault, conspiracy to commit burglary, theft, receiving stolen property and criminal mischief.

Daniel Lynn – Conviction for two counts of sexual assault, criminal sexual contact and official misconduct.

Keith Mathis - Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review due to his conviction for attempted drug abuse and criminal possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

In the matter of **Justyna Brunetti**, the Board voted to block issuance of certification to Ms. Brunetti until June 1, 2002, based on the recency of her shoplifting conviction. In June 2002, upon receipt of official documentation showing that no other additional crimes have been committed, Ms. Brunetti may resubmit her certification application. *

* **Brunetti** had the offense expunged by way of an Order of Expungement dated November 2, 2005.

In the matter of **Joseph Q. Davis**, the Board voted to table the matter and request that Mr. Davis submit Judgments of Conviction for all criminal convictions.

In the matter of **Dawn R. Jones**, the Board voted to table the matter pending receipt of a Judgment of Conviction in the matter of Ms. Jones' 1990 welfare fraud conviction.

In the matter of **Christopher Migrone**, the Board voted to table the matter in order to obtain further information concerning the nature of his conviction. Mr. Migrone must submit a Judgment of Conviction.

In the matter of **Brandon Mosley**, the Board voted to table the matter in order to obtain further information concerning his conviction for leaving minor children unattended in a car. Mr. Mosley must submit a Judgment of Conviction.

In the matter of **Jerry H. Regalado**, the Board voted to table the matter and request additional information from the State-Operated School District of the City of Newark concerning its allegations of Mr. Regalado's misconduct.

In the matter of **Brian T. Russo**, the Board voted to block his application for a County Substitute certificate based on his permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review. The disqualification is based on Mr. Russo's convictions for felony 3rd degree manufacture/distribution of a controlled dangerous substance and felony 3rd degree theft of movable property.

In the matter of **Greg Stier**, the Board voted to affirm the decision of the State-Operated School District of the City of Newark and deny Mr. Stier's appeal. The Board determined that Mr. Stier did not submit any compelling evidence showing that the school district acted arbitrarily in

issuing its recommendation of a “disapproved” performance rating for Mr. Stier’s participation in the Provisional Teacher Program/Alternate Route.

In the matter of **Gladys Williams**, the Board voted to remove her from the agenda as her conviction was expunged and she has now received approval for public school employment from the Office of Criminal History Review.

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

Frederick M. Ayres
Eugene W. Brown
Charles Kaska
Attilio Luppino

Jennifer Moore
Kathryn Scarbrough
Stephanie Tyler-McTier
James Zaccari

Assistant Commissioner Jay Doolan announced to the Board that John Knapp had been appointed by the State Board of Education as Director of the Office of Licensing and Credentials. The Board warmly congratulated Secretary Knapp. Chairperson Doolan also updated the Board on the schedule concerning the comprehensive review of the certification code. Chairperson Doolan pointed out that there has not been a comprehensive, systemic review of the certification code since the 1950's.

Secretary Knapp advised the Board that he would forward for their review the updated Licensing Discussion Paper, which was disseminated at the State Board of Education's meeting of December 5, 2001. Additionally Board members will receive licensing staff's proposed changes to the legal subchapter of the certification code and the recent amendments with regard to the administrative subchapter of the code, which were presented to the State Board of Education on December 5, 2001. Secretary Knapp also shared with the Board that State Board of Education members expressed concern at the December 5th meeting about the newly adopted 2.75 grade point average (GPA) requirement for new teachers.

In response to an inquiry from Mr. Tirri, both Chairperson Doolan and Secretary Knapp addressed the recent steps that have been taken in the Office of Licensing to address the backlog of certification applications. Efficiency measures have included daily and weekend overtime and scheduling off-site workdays so as to remove telephone distractions. Additional staffing and an upgrade of the office technology have also been requested, which are expected to assist with the turnaround time for credentials review.

Mr. Tirri asked that Commissioner Gagliardi be made aware of the Board's desire to let their recommendations be communicated to the Legislature with regard to the Criminal History Record statute that was adopted in June 1998.

Dr. Knowlton asked that an acceptable and regular site be made available for Board meetings. Dr. Guidette offered that the Board was welcome to use the facilities at the Middlesex County Office. Chairperson Doolan apologized for the parking situation during the major construction project currently in process at the department's Riverfront complex.

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

Lenore Allen	Barnet B. Ingraldi
Henry Alston	Darren James
Patsy Briante	Elizabeth Jermyn
Justyna Brunetti	Christopher Marinelli
Kathleen Celli	Christopher Migrone
Patrick D. Collins	Brandon Mosley
Joseph Q. Davis	Sharon Nicoll
Dawn R. Jones	Jerry H. Regalado
Ralph DiPasquale	Suzanne Riemann
Neal Ercolano	Hayward Vereen

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled to be held on **Thursday, January 17, 2002**, at the **Library for the Blind**, 2300 Stuyvesant Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey.