# State Board of Examiners Minutes of Meeting 100 Riverview Plaza Trenton, New Jersey

### May 8, 2003

**Present:** Mr. Jay Doolan, Acting Chairperson

Ms. Joan Brady, Secretary

Mr. Michael Walters, Deputy Attorney General

Ms. Joanne Gales, Chairperson, Credentials Committee Dr. Michael Knowlton, Chairperson, Legal Committee

Mr. Richard Dorow Dr. Donald Farish Mr. James Gay

Ms. Mary Jane McNally

Dr. Robert Petix Dr. Stuart Schnur Dr. Rodney Smith Mr. Peter Tirri

**Absent:** Ms. Ida Bilbow

Mr. William King Ms. Gloria Tunstall

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson Jay Doolan, who announced that the meeting complied with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Mr. Doolan announced that the Jennifer Mollin had requested that her credentials review case be postponed until she is able to appear before the Board.

The minutes of the April 3, 2003 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:

Clifford Malat School Psychologist

Sr. Eileen Wust Principal Certificate of Eligibility
Kristine Zydel Standard Preschool through grade 3

# **Credentials Review Committee Report**

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

Diana Beasley Davis Principal Certificate of Eligibility - denied. Ms.

Davis was granted partial credit for study in leadership and human resource management.

Erik Falkenstein School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility -

denied. Mr. Falkenstein was granted partial credit

for study in quantitative decision-making.

Boni Luna Teacher of Spanish Certificate of Eligibility -

granted

## **Legal Committee Report**

The Legal Committee reviewed all legal cases and presented its recommendations to the Board.

Dr. Knowlton made a motion to go into Executive Session in order to obtain attorney advice. Mr. Tirri seconded the motion, which was carried, and the Board went into Executive Session at 11:23 A.M.

The Board returned to the public session at 11:33 A.M.

Dr. Knowlton made a motion to add <u>In the Matter of the Certificates of David Wunsch</u> and <u>In the Matter of the Certificates of Christine Nevin Murphy</u> to the Legal Committee agenda. Mr. Gaye seconded the motion, which was carried. The Board then voted to accept the proposed settlement in <u>In the Matter of the Certificates of David Wunsch</u>, in which Mr. Wunsch agreed to accept a one-year suspension of his teaching certificates. It also voted to accept Ms. Murphy's voluntary surrender of her standard teaching certificate and to permit her to complete the Alternate Route.

The Board took the following actions:

<u>Douglas Fenwick</u> – The Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on his disqualification from public school employment.

<u>John Freeman</u> – The Board voted to take no action against his teaching certificate.

<u>Troy Jenkins</u> – The Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of his conduct.

<u>John Luccarelli</u> – The Board voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

<u>Yucef Mayes</u> – The Board voted to block his application for certification based on his disqualification from public school employment.

<u>Ricardo Moran</u> – The Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on his disqualification from public school employment.

<u>Glen Szabo</u> – The Board voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

<u>Troy Bowers</u> – The Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

<u>Deborah Ann Brown</u> – The Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

<u>Bradley Camper</u> – The Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

<u>Alice Carmona</u> – The Board voted to block her application for certification because of the level and nature of the crime.

<u>Clayton Earle</u> – The Board voted to block his application for certification based on his probationary status.

<u>Herman Proctor</u> – The Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

<u>Sandra Sacchetti</u> – The Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

<u>Taduesz Wikiel</u> – The Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

<u>Philip Eichinger</u> – The Board voted to accept the surrender of his certificate with the force and effect of a revocation.

<u>Christopher Thomas</u> – The Board voted to accept the surrender of his certificate with the force and effect of a revocation.

<u>Craig Williams</u> – The Board voted to take no action to block his reapplication for certification.

<u>Gary Barber</u> – The Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of his conduct and crime.

<u>Patsy Briante</u> – The Board voted to revoke her certificates based on her disqualification from public school employment.

<u>Jerome Cochran</u> – The Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of his conduct.

<u>Elmena Jean</u> – The Board voted to revoke her certificate based on the level and nature of her conduct.

<u>Henry Komorowsky</u> – The Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of his conduct.

<u>Suzanne Lepre</u> – The Board voted to revoke her certificate based on her disqualification from public school employment.

<u>Christopher Marinelli</u> – The Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

<u>Adrian Matthew</u> – The Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the nature and level of his conduct and crime.

<u>Sharon Nicoll</u> – The Board voted to revoke her certificate based on her disqualification from public school employment.

<u>Patrick Riley</u> – The Board voted to revoke his certificate based on his disqualification from public school employment.

<u>Marvin Simpson</u> – The Board voted to revoke his certificate based on his disqualification from public school employment.

<u>Joseph Spirra</u> – The Board voted to revoke his certificate based on his disqualification from public school employment.

<u>Bryan Walensky</u> – The Board voted to revoke his certificate based on his disqualification from public school employment.

<u>James Arasz</u> – The Board voted to deny his appeal because he lacks the requisite grade point average for certification.

The Board then voted to go into Executive Session in order to obtain advice of counsel. It entered the Executive Session at 11:55 A.M.

The Board returned to the regular session at 12:02 P.M.

<u>Hattie Black</u> – The Board reviewed the recommendations in the Initial Decision and voted to revoke her certificates based solely on the first finding of the Administrative Law Judge.

<u>Haywood Vereen</u> – The Board voted to deny his motion for a stay of the Board's decision that revoked his certificate while his appeal to the State Board of Education is pending.

#### **Old Business**

The Board voted to recommend to the Pensions Board that it take no action against Hattie Black's pension based on the Board's decision to revoke her certificates.

Ms. Brady was pleased to announce that all current members of the Board whose terms are expiring have indicated that they are willing to serve another term.

## New Business

Members of the Board have been given a proposed schedule of meetings for the 2003-04 school year. After members submit comments concerning the schedule, the final schedule will be distributed at the next meeting.

# Secretary's Report

Secretary Brady announced that the State Board of Education is continuing to review the proposed certification regulations. The State Board is discussing the regulations by subchapters. One of the issues that the regulations address is requiring applicants for the County Substitute certificate to be fingerprinted before the certificate may be issued.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:24 P.M.

The next meeting of the State Board of Examiners is scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 2003, in the first floor conference room, 100 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.