

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

**December 12, 2002**

**Present:** Assistant Commissioner Judith Weiss, Chairperson  
Ms. Joan Brady, Secretary  
Michael Walters, Deputy Attorney General  
Dr. Michael Knowlton, Chairperson, Legal Committee  
Ms. Joanne Gales, Chairperson, Credentials Review Committee  
Ms. Ida Bilbow  
Mr. Richard Dorow  
Dr. Donald Farish  
Mr. Mr. William King  
Ms. Mary Jane McNally  
Dr. Stuart Schnur  
Dr. Rodney Smith  
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

**Absent:** Mr. James Gay  
Dr. Robert Petix  
Mr. Peter Terri

The meeting was called to order by Assistant Commissioner Judith Weiss, who announced that the meeting complied with the Open Public Meetings Act.

The case of Elizabeth Miller was withdrawn from the legal agenda.

The minutes of the November 14, 2002 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:

Mary Margaret Monillas	Teacher of Reading
Lisa M. Peters	Supervisor

Ms. Peters was accompanied by her supervisor, Jack McCulley, who spoke on her behalf.

### **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:

Annette R. Ademek	School Nurse - Denied
Evelyn M. Falkowski	Speech-language Specialist – Granted
Carla K. Fisher	Preschool through Grade 3 Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – Denied
Barbara J. Janukowicz	Speech-language Specialist – Granted
Maria G. Simonelli	Teacher of Latin Certificate of Eligibility – Granted

### **Legal Committee Report**

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

In the Matter of the Certificate of Thomas Gaye. The Board voted to accept the proposed settlement.

John Brandemarte – The Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of his conduct and crime and because his conviction disqualifies him from employment with any institution under the supervision of the Department of Education.

William Corsey, III - The Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of his conduct and crime.

Michelle Docimo – The Board voted to accept the surrender of her certificates with the force and effect of revocation.

William Duffy – The Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him because his conviction disqualifies him from employment in any institution under the supervision of the Department of Education.

Josh Hennion – The Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of his conduct.

Melissa Sneider - The Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to her based on the level and nature of her crime.

Norman Tomasello - The Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of his conduct and crime and because his conviction disqualifies him from employment with any institution under the supervision of the Department of Education.

Sylvia Bernard - The Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to her based on the level and nature of her conduct.

David Clanton – The Board voted to take no action against his County Substitute certificate because his conduct did not rise to the level to warrant further action.

Bruce Deisinger - The Board voted to accept the surrender of his certificates with the force and effect of revocation.

W. Craig Dougherty - The Board voted to accept the surrender of his certificates with the force and effect of revocation.

Donald Gerraty – The Board voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information from the Office of Criminal History Review.

Michael Tehan - The Board voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information from the Office of Criminal History Review.

Cheron Walden – The Board voted to take no action against her County Substitute certificate.

Anthony Almeida – The Board voted to take no action to block the issuance of a certificate to him.

Buffy Bohinski – The Board voted to block her application for certification as her conviction would disqualify her under N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq.

Albert Mazza – The Board voted to take no action to block the issuance of a certificate to him.

Alan Springle – The Board voted to take no action to block the issuance of a certificate to him.

Jeffrey Bolden – After a hearing, the Board voted to revoke his County Substitute certificate based on his disqualification from employment in public schools pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq.

Catherine Cooper – After a hearing, the Board voted to suspend her teaching certificates until June 30, 2004, effective immediately, based on her conduct as proven in a tenure hearing.

Kenneth Pitter – After a hearing, the Board voted to revoke his Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing as he is disqualified from employment in public schools pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq.

Douglas Scocco – After a hearing, the Board voted to revoke his teaching certificates based on the level and nature of his conduct and crime.

Haywood Vereen – After a hearing, the Board voted to revoke his teaching certificates based on the level and nature of his conduct and crime.

Robert Vitacco – After a hearing, the Board voted to revoke his teaching certificates based on the nature and level of his conduct and crime.

Danita Wilson – After a hearing, the Board voted to revoke her teaching certificate based on the level and nature of her conduct.

### **Old Business**

There was no new business.

### **New Business**

The Board discussed the requirement under the federal No Child Left Behind Act that paraprofessionals employed in school districts upgrade their credentials by obtaining at a minimum an Associate's Degree or 60 college credits. Assistant Commissioner Weiss advised that Department of Education has advocated various options that are acceptable under the federal law in addition to the 60 credits requirement.

### **Secretary's Report**

Ms. Brady informed the Board that the Department would very shortly be issuing the proposed new regulations governing certification. She indicated that a paper shared with the State Board of Education at its meeting of December 4, 2002 provided the timelines for proposing and adopting the new certification regulations. The Department will publish the preproposal in the New Jersey Register.

Dr. Mary Jean Guidette, a former member of the State Board of Examiners and the former Middlesex County Superintendent of Schools, was a guest at the meeting. Ms.

Brady read a resolution that was prepared in her honor and gave Dr. Guidette a gift for the occasion of her retirement.

The next meeting of the State Board of Examiners is scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2003 in the first floor conference room, 100 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.

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