

**State Board of Examiners
Amended Minutes of Meeting
100 Riverview Plaza
Trenton, New Jersey
May 6, 2004**

Present: Ms. Joan Brady, Secretary
Mr. Michael Walters, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. Kathleen Asher, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. Joanne Gales, Chair, Credentials Committee
Dr. Michael Knowlton, Chair, Legal Committee
Mr. Jerome Bohnert
Ms. Ida Bilbow
Dr. Donald Farish
Mr. James Gay
Mr. William King
Ms. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Robert Petix
Dr. Stuart Schnur

Absent: Assistant Commissioner Richard Ten Eyck, Chair
Dr. Rodney Smith
Mr. Peter Tirri
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Joanne Gales, who announced that the meeting complied with the Open Public Meetings Act.

The minutes of the April 1, 2004 meeting were approved.

Individual Credentials Review-Presentation

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

James Bancroft	School Social Worker
Sharon Ann Dunn	Student Personnel Services
Zane Gratz	School Social Worker
Julia Henneberry	Teacher of Physical Science Ms. Henneberry was accompanied by Thomas O'Dowd, Science Supervisor, Summit Public Schools, who spoke on her behalf.
David M. Hinkle	Teacher of Health and Physical Education Certificate of Eligibility
Brian Lee	Teacher of Health and Physical Education Certificate of Eligibility
Jeff Lisciandrello	Teacher of Music Certificate of Eligibility Mr. Lisciandrello was accompanied by Mary Jane McDonald, Principal, New Brunswick Public Schools, who spoke on his 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:

Joseph Muniz	School Business Administrator Certificate of Eligibility The Board voted 10 to 0 to deny his application for certification. Mr. Muniz was given partial credit for coursework in economics and accounting.
Adam Shrager	Teacher of Mathematics Certificate of Eligibility - The Board voted 10 to 0 to grant his application for certification.
Shahrzad Tehrani	Student Personnel Services – The Board voted 10 to 0 to grant her application for certification.
Amy Vendrasco	School Nurse – The Board voted 10 to 0 to grant her application for certification.

Legal Committee Report

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

Ms. McNally made a motion to go into Executive Session in order to discuss legal matters. Mr. Bohnert seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote, and the Board went into Executive Session at 11:17 A.M.

The Board returned to the public session at 11:25.

Dr. Knowlton made a motion to add the cases of John Buller, Frances Purciello, Lawrence Kemmet and Troy Jenkins to the agenda. Ms. Bilbow seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

Dr. Knowlton made a motion to reject the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificates of John Buller*, which was seconded by Dr. Petix. By a unanimous vote, the Board rejected the proposed settlement.

Dr. Knowlton made a motion to accept the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificates of Troy Jenkins*, which was seconded by Dr. Farish. By a unanimous vote, the Board agreed to suspend his certificates for 18 months.

Dr. Knowlton made a motion to accept the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of Lawrence Kemmet*, which was seconded by Ms. Bilbow. By a unanimous vote, the Board agreed to suspend his certificate for one year.

Dr. Knowlton made a motion to withdraw the Order to Show Cause in *In the Matter of Frances Purciello*, which was seconded by Ms. Bilbow and carried by a unanimous vote.

Mary Ellen Berbenich – The Board unanimously voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to her based on the nature and level of her conduct and crime.

Justin Bozinta – With Mr. Gaye recusing himself, the Board unanimously voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the nature and level of his conduct.

Shirley Ann Brown – The Board unanimously voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to her based on the level and nature of her conduct.

Robert Casally – The Board unanimously voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

Sally Curtiss – The Board unanimously voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

Gerald Fowlkes – The Board unanimously voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the nature and level of his conduct and crime.

James Gannon – The Board unanimously voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on his disqualification from public school employment.

Samuel Gitkin – The Board unanimously voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the nature and level of his conduct and crime.

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

Robert Janowicz – The Board unanimously voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on his disqualification from public school employment,

Donald Mack – The Board unanimously voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on his disqualification from public school employment.

Roslyn Major – The Board unanimously voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to her based on the level and nature of her conduct.

Dale Mancuso – With Mr. King recusing himself, the Board unanimously voted to table the matter pending receipt of further information.

Adam Martin – The Board unanimously voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on his disqualification from public school employment.

James Nafus – The Board unanimously voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of his conduct and crime.

James O'Donnel – The Board unanimously voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of his conduct and crime.

Edward Sanicki – The Board unanimously voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on his disqualification from public school employment.

William Weimer – The Board unanimously voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on his disqualification from public school employment.

Kathy White – The Board unanimously voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to her based on the level and nature of her conduct.

Ira Woods – The Board unanimously voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

Joseph Longo – The Board unanimously voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Tyrone McCullough – The Board unanimously voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause because his offense was expunged.

Andrew Espinoza – The Board unanimously voted to deny his appeal because he lacks the required coursework.

Terence Galion – The Board unanimously voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Tawanna Workman – The Board unanimously voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Gordon Bocher – The Board unanimously voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

Carla Cream-Grant – The Board unanimously voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

Kenneth Mortensen – The Board unanimously voted to grant his appeal and find him qualified to apply for certification.

Elyse Rotter Shore – The Board unanimously voted to deny her appeal for lack of jurisdiction.

Grace Giglio – The Board unanimously voted to table the matter pending resolution of the tenure case currently before the Commissioner.

Dennis Gilliams – The Board unanimously voted to revoke his certificate based on the nature and level of his conduct.

Michael Jubanowski – The Board unanimously voted to revoke his certificates based on the nature and level of his conduct and crime.

Raymond Milligan – The Board unanimously voted to revoke his certificate based on the nature and level of his conduct and crime.

Steven Ribnicky – The Board unanimously voted to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of his conduct and crime.

Philip Scardilli – The Board unanimously voted to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of his conduct and crime.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Ms. Brady reminded Board members that the end-of-year luncheon will be held after the meeting on June 10, 2004.

Ms. Brady also advised Board members of proposed changes to the test requirement for certification and proposed amendments to the certification regulations, which include the GPA requirement and criminal checks for county substitutes.

Secretary's Report

There was no Secretary's report.

Dr. Petix made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Bilbow and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 A.M.

The next meeting of the State Board of Examiners is scheduled for Thursday, June 10, 2004 in the first floor conference room, 100 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.

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