

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
100 Riverview Plaza
Third Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
December 6, 2007**

Present: Dr. Jay Doolan, Assistant Commissioner, Chair
Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Mr. Michael Walters, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. Joanne Gales, Chair, Credentials Committee
Mr. Jerome Bohnert
Dr. Carlos Hernández
Dr. Patricia McGeehan
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Adam Pfeffer
Dr. Christopher Nagy
Mr. Peter Tirri

Absent: Ms. Gail Cropper
Mr. James Gay, Chair, Legal Committee
Mr. Michael Kruczek
Dr. Herman Saatkamp
Mr. Barry Worman

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Peter Tirri, who read the appropriate notice that the meeting complied with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Dr. Higgins read the roll call, duly noted above.

Mr. Jerome Bohnert moved and Dr. Patricia McGeehan seconded a motion to adopt the minutes of the November 1, 2007 meeting. The minutes were unanimously adopted, with Dr. Herman Saatkamp and Mr. Peter Tirri abstaining.

Resolution

Dr. Adam Pfeffer moved and Mr. Peter Tirri seconded a resolution honoring Mr. Jerome Bohnert on his retirement from Board and from his position as School Business Administrator in Paramus. The resolution was approved unanimously, and

Mr. Bohnert expressed his appreciation for the resolution and for the opportunity to serve on the Board.

Individual Credentials Review-Presentations

Caterina Cowie	Standard Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization in Mathematics
Susan Ferguson	Standard School Library Media Specialist
Arlene Somers	Standard Teacher of Elementary School (N-8)

Credentials Review Consent List

Applicants Present at the November 1, 2007 Board Meeting. Ms. Joanne Gales made a motion that the Board adopt the decisions in the following matters on the Credentials Review Committee Consent List of cases. Ms. Mary Jane McNally seconded the motion. The candidates in the following cases were present at the November 1, 2007 meeting and made presentations to the Board. With Dr. Carlos Hernández abstaining, the Board adopted the following actions by a vote of 7 – 0.

Richard F. Cote, J.	Cooperative Education Coordinator – Hazardous Occupations The appeal was denied.
Stephen Kaplan	Teacher of English Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing The appeal was granted.
	Teacher of Theatre Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing The appeal was granted.
Kerry Marcus	Teacher of Italian Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing The appeal was granted.
Ivelyses Pillot	School Counselor The appeal was denied but partial credit was granted for study in community agencies and for the practicum experience.
Nivia Rojas	School Social Worker The appeal was granted.

Applicants Not Present at the November 1, 2007 Board Meeting. Ms. Joanne Gales made a motion that the Board adopt the decisions in the following matters on the Credentials Review Committee Consent List of cases. Ms. Mary Jane McNally seconded the motion. With Dr. Carlos Hernández abstaining, the Board adopted the following actions by a vote of 7 – 0.

Susan Jensen Teacher of Family and Consumer Science – Foods,
Nutrition, and Food Science
The appeal was denied.

Legal Committee Report

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

Evidentiary Hearing

Laurie Rosen – by a vote of 7-0 with Dr. Jay Doolan abstaining, the Board voted to table this case until January 17, 2008.

Initial Review

Kathleen Bowler – by a vote of 7-0 with Dr. Jay Doolan abstaining, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificate(s) should not be revoked.

Lynne Harkness – by a vote of 7-0 with Dr. Jay Doolan abstaining, the Board voted to table the case until a later meeting.

Jacqueline Johnson – by a vote of 7-0 with Dr. Jay Doolan abstaining, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificate(s) should not be revoked.

William Johnson – by a vote of 7-0 with Dr. Jay Doolan abstaining, the Board voted to table the case until a later meeting.

Gerald Jones – by a vote of 7-0 with Dr. Jay Doolan abstaining, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate(s) should not be revoked.

Alyson Kerr – by a vote of 7-0 with Dr. Jay Doolan abstaining, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificate(s) should not be revoked.

James Lyback – by a vote of 7-0 with Dr. Jay Doolan abstaining, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate(s) should not be revoked.

Jessica Oravitz – by a vote of 7-0 with Dr. Jay Doolan abstaining, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificate(s) should not be revoked.

Second Review

William Friend – by a vote of 7-0 with Dr. Jay Doolan abstaining, the Board voted to accept the voluntary surrender of his certificate(s) with the full force and effect of revocation.

Self Report

Barbara Kelly – by a vote of 7-0 with Dr. Jay Doolan abstaining, the Board took no action to block the application.

Thomas Melvin – by a vote of 7-0 with Dr. Jay Doolan abstaining, the Board took no action to block the application.

Matthew Seniuk – by a vote of 7-0 with Dr. Jay Doolan abstaining, the Board took no action to block the application.

Reconsideration

Daniel McHarris – by a vote of 7-0 with Dr. Jay Doolan abstaining, the Board voted to vacate the order of suspension and to amend the order to show cause to suspend his certificate(s). The amendment resulted in an order to show cause as to why his certificates should not be revoked for 18 months.

OAL Initial Decision

Aikaterini Karis – by a vote of 7-0 with Dr. Jay Doolan abstaining, the Board voted to reject the decision of the Administrative Law Judge and to revoke Ms. Karis' certificate(s).

Steven Kramer – by a vote of 7-0 with Dr. Jay Doolan abstaining, the Board voted to table this case until a later meeting.

William Masuch – by a vote of 7-0 with Dr. Jay Doolan abstaining, the Board voted to accept the decision of the Administrative Law Judge to revoke Mr. Masuch's certificate(s).

Anita Natalini – by a vote of 7-0 with Dr. Jay Doolan abstaining, the the Board voted to accept the decision of the Administrative Law Judge to dismiss the case.

Legal Consent List

None

Other Business

In the Matter of the Certificates of John Ahern, by a vote of 7-0 with Dr. Jay Doolan abstaining, the Board voted to accept a settlement involving the surrender of his Supervisor certificate and the retention of his Principal certificate.

In the Matter of the Certificates of Theodore Wurster, by a vote of 7-0 with Dr. Jay Doolan abstaining, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement of voluntary surrender of all certificates with the full force and effect of revocation.

Old Business

No matters of old business were raised.

New Business

No matters of new business were raised.

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 1:34 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be on Thursday, January 17, 2008, in the **First** floor conference room, 100 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.

Minutes prepared and certified by Robert R. Higgins, Secretary

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