

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
100 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
October 16, 2008**

Present: Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Ms. Sookie Bae, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. Joanne Gales, Chair, Credentials Committee
Mr. James Gay, Chair, Legal Committee
Mr. Terrence Crowley
Mr. Derek Jess
Mr. Michael Kruczek
Dr. Patricia McGeehan
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Christopher Nagy
Dr. Adam Pfeffer
Mr. Peter Tirri

Absent: Dr. Jay Doolan, Assistant Commissioner, Chair
Dr. Carlos Hernández
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

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

A motion was made to adopt the minutes of the September 11, 2008 meeting, which was duly seconded. The minutes were approved as corrected by a unanimous vote.

Individual Credentials Review-Presentations

The following individual attended the meeting:

Christopher Kamps	Teacher of Social Studies Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing
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Kathleen Cafiero, who is seeking a Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization in Language Arts/Literacy, and Kimberly Freeman, who is seeking a Teacher of Preschool Through Grade Three certificate, did not present at the meeting.

Credentials Review Consent List

Ms. Gales made a motion that the Board adopt the decisions in the following matters on the Credentials Review Committee Consent List of cases. Dr. McNally seconded the motion. The candidates in the following cases were present at the September 11, 2008 meeting and made presentations to the Board. The Board adopted the following actions by a unanimous vote, with Mr. Crowley abstaining in the Teresa Catalano matter.

Teresa Catalano	School Counselor – The Board denied her application for certification.
John Faure	Standard Teacher of Social Studies – The Board denied his application for certification.
Debra Giambra	School Counselor – The Board granted her credit for a six semester hour practicum. She will complete all other outstanding certification requirements before issuance.
Marianela Gonzalez	Standard Teacher of Spanish – The Board granted her application for certification.
Jeanne Liwacz	Teacher of Elementary School and Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization in Mathematics Certificates of Eligibility with Advance Standing – The Board denied her applications for certification.
Loretta Lombardi	Teacher of the Handicapped – The Board denied her application for certification.
Diane Nickoloff	School Nurse – The Board granted her application for six semester hour credits in school nursing.
Dennis Peterson	Standard Teacher of Earth Science – The Board denied his application for certification.
Denise Uniacke	School Counselor – The Board granted her application for a six semester hour credits practicum.

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candidates in the following cases were not present at the September 11, 2008 meeting. The Board adopted the following actions by a unanimous vote.

Pamela Alkins-Guallab	School Psychologist – The Board denied her application for certification. She received partial credit for certain requirements.
Kathryn A. Blackstone	Standard Teacher of Elementary School (N-8) – The Board denied her application for certification.
Anita Christian	Standard Substance Awareness Coordinator – The Board granted her application for certification.
Stacy Snider	Standard Teacher of Speech Arts and Dramatics – The Board denied her application for certification. She received partial credit for certain requirements.

Legal Committee Report

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

Darlene Donahue – Ms. Donahue appeared before the Board with her attorney, Michael E. Damm, Esq., for a hearing on the sanction issue. Following the hearing, the Board voted 10 to 0 to table this matter for further review.

Joanne Carter-Lee – By a vote of 9 to 0, with Mr. Gay recusing himself, the Board voted to revoke her certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Askia Nash – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Paul Ash – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Dawn Benson – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to table this matter in order to obtain further information.

Matthew Bergman – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificates should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Toniann Cerbo – By a vote of 9 to 0, with Dr. McGeehan recusing herself, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her substitute credential should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and her disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Cornell L. Davis – By a vote of 9 to 0, with Dr. Pfeffer recusing himself, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his substitute credential should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Steven Gonzalez – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Carl Hill – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificates should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Gary Holman – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificates should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

James Kazanjian – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificates should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Taufeeq Mitchell – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his substitute credential should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Lori Lowenstein-Mase – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificates should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Richard Naylor – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificates should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Paul Sturm – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge to revoke his certificate.

Dionna Bryant – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Thomas Calloway – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Tim Macaluso – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Thomas M. McGovern – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Lucy Soto – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to block her application for certification.

Darren Gamel – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to deny his appeal challenging the determination of the Office of Licensure and Credentials that he is not eligible for the certificate he is seeking.

Mark Hessing – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to deny his appeal challenging the determination of the Office of Licensure and Credentials that he is not eligible for the certificate he is seeking.

Dana Kahlbom – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to table this matter in order to obtain further information.

Wesley Little – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to grant his appeal challenging the determination of the Office of Licensure and Credentials that he is not eligible for the certificate he is seeking.

Craig McDaniel – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to deny his appeal challenging the determination of the Office of Licensure and Credentials that he is not eligible for the certificate he is seeking.

Olga Verycken-Ramirez – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to deny her appeal challenging the determination of the Office of Licensure and Credentials that she is not eligible for the certificate she is seeking.

Delora Hill – By a vote of 8 to 2, the Board voted to grant her appeal and to provide her an additional year in the provisional teacher program.

Richard Schwab – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his teaching certificate with the force and effect of a revocation, with all attendant consequences.

Kelly Lynne Welch – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of her teaching certificate with the force and effect of a revocation, with all attendant consequences.

Mr. Gay made a motion that the Board adopt the following matters that were on the legal consent list memorializing the Board's legal decisions from the September 11, 2008 meeting, and Mr. Kruczek seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote.

Orders to Show Cause

Keri Ann Brekne
Raymond Gilmore
Layshell Layton
Joseph Lemme
Scott Marlin
Christian McCarthy

Hearings

Greg Eisenstein
Barbara Horner
Jacqueline Johnson

Other

Nina Chavis
Janet Romano
Judy Safi
Eileen Bowker
Stephanie Nock
Julie Sachson
Janice Jones
Rosalyn Vinson

Mr. Gay made a motion that the Board adopt the legal decision in the matter captioned *In the Matter of the Credential of Robert Dilullo* that was on the legal consent list, and Dr. Nagy seconded the motion. The decision was adopted by a vote of 9 to 0, with Mr. Crowley recusing himself.

Old Business

The Board continued its discussion of the reports issued by the Office and Fiscal Accountability and Compliance (OFAC) in the following matters: “Stanhope School District, Possible Deficit and Reporting Deficiencies” and “Freehold Regional High School District, Review of Academic Compensation.” Dr. Pfeffer made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice with regard to these matters. Mr. Crowley seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:54 a.m.

The Board returned to the public session at 11:59 a.m.

Following a discussion, Dr. Nagy made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive additional legal advice with regard to these matters. Dr. McGeehan seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:04 p.m.

The Board returned to the public session at 12:18 p.m.

The Board requested staff to provide information at its next meeting that would enable it to review the conduct of the Stanhope school district's former Superintendent of Schools and former School Business Administrator as detailed in the OFAC report.

New Business

Dr. Higgins reported that language was being drafted for a proposed amendment to the statute governing appointments to the Board so as to allow the Commissioner to appoint the president of a non-public college or university with a teacher preparation program to the Board in one of the seats designated for the president of a State college.

Secretary's Report

There was no secretary's report.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Thursday, November 20, 2008, in the first floor conference room, 100 River View Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.

Minutes prepared by Jeffrey H. Lieberman

Minutes certified by Robert R. Higgins, Secretary

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