

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
November 30, 2012**

Present: Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Ms. Jennifer Campbell, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. Daniela Ivancikova, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. JoAnn Gales
Ms. Kristin Hennessy
Mr. Derek Jess
Dr. Patricia McGeehan
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Timothy Purnell
Mr. Peter Tirri
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

Absent: None

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

Dr. McGeehan moved to adopt the minutes of the September 21, 2012 meeting, and Dr. Purnell seconded the motion. With Mr. Jess and Ms. Tunstall abstaining, the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Individual Credentials Review

The following individual attended the meeting to respond to any questions from the Board:

Jeanne Apryasz

School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility

James Cordery, who is seeking a Principal Certificate of Eligibility, Ellen Hale, who is seeking a Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization in Language Arts/Literacy Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing, Beatriz Novo, who is seeking a Teacher of Spanish Certificate of Eligibility, Paul Orbe, who is seeking a Teacher of Biological Science Certificate of Eligibility, John Palsi, who is seeking a School Administrator Certificate

of Eligibility, and Meredith Van Arsdale, who is seeking a Supervisor Certificate (reconsideration), were 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 consent list, and Ms. Hennessy seconded the motion. The candidates in the following cases were present at the September 21, 2012 meeting. With Mr. Jess and Ms. Tunstall abstaining, the Board adopted the following actions by a unanimous vote.

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| Regina Basilone | Supervisor – The Board denied her application for certification. |
| Terry Caliste | School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification. |
| John Paul Gazzara | Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization in Language Arts/Literacy Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board denied his application for certification. |
| Linda Hooks Jaworski | Supervisor – The Board denied her application for certification. |
| Michael Mascellino | Supervisor – The Board denied his application for certification. |
| Mildred Waale | School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification. |

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| Jamayla Scott | School Counselor – The Board denied her application for certification. |
| Virginia Vertetis | Principal Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification. |

Ms. Gales made a motion that the Board adopt the decision in the following matter on the credentials review consent list, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. The candidate in the following case was not present at the July 26, 2012 meeting. The Board adopted the following action by a unanimous vote.

Daniel Pacifico

Teacher of Business: Computer Applications and Business Related Technology – The Board vacated its decision of September 21, 2012 and denied his application for certification.

Ms. Gales made a motion that the Board adopt the decision in the following matter on the credentials review consent list, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. The candidate in the following case was present at the September 21, 2012 meeting. With Mr. Tirri recusing himself and Mr. Jess and Ms. Tunstall abstaining, the Board adopted the following action by a unanimous vote.

Giovanni Cusmano

School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification.

New Business

Dr. Higgins reported to the Board that this was the last meeting for DAG Jennifer Campbell and that DAG Daniela Ivancikova had been assigned to advise the Board on legal matters.

The Board reviewed two reports issued by the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance regarding the Mansfield and Verona school districts and directed staff to schedule the certificate-holders named in the reports for review at a future meeting for consideration of whether to initiate proceedings against their certificates.

Mr. Jess made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice, which was duly seconded by Dr. Purnell and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:25 a.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:40 p.m.

Legal Committee Report

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

Brian K. Ammon – This matter was withdrawn from the agenda.

Rose L. Farrell – Ms. Farrell appeared before the Board for a hearing on the sanction issue. Following the hearing, the Board took the matter under advisement and deferred determination until a future meeting. Mr. Tirri recused himself.

Jill Kubicki – Ms. Kubicki appeared before the Board for a hearing on the sanction issue. Following the hearing, the Board took the matter under advisement and deferred determination until a future meeting.

Judah Landa – Mr. Landa did not appear for a scheduled hearing, and the Board deferred determination until a future meeting.

Lara M. Wilson – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to suspend her certificate pending her successful completion of a pretrial intervention program.

Amy E. Brewer – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and her disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Lorye Craver – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and her disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Albert J. Crosta – By a vote of 7 to 1, with Mr. Tirri opposing, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

David Eidel – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to suspend his certificates pending disposition of criminal charges.

Kathryn Schmicking Guerra – By a vote of 7 to 0, with Dr. McGeehan recusing herself, the Board voted to revoke her certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct and her disqualification from public employment.

Diana E. Martinez – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and her disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Daniel A. Padilla – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Kelly J. Richter-Jobes – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and her disqualification from employment in the public schools.

F. Gloria Snauffer – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and the revocation of her certificates in another state.

Lia Trembath – By a vote of 7 to 1, with Mr. Tirri opposing, the Board voted to revoke her certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Maria Parise – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her Student Personnel Services and School Social Worker certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Catherine DePaul – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificates should not be suspended pending disposition of criminal charges.

Jernee Kollock – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificates should not be suspended pending disposition of criminal charges.

Dara Kurlander – This matter was withdrawn from the agenda.

Jeffrey Logandro – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificates should not be suspended pending disposition of criminal charges.

Nicholas Martinelli – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificates should not be suspended pending disposition of criminal charges.

Daniel Michielli – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificates should not be suspended pending disposition of criminal charges.

Sharon Strack – By a vote of 8 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.

Scott Van Hoven – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificates should not be suspended pending disposition of criminal charges.

Kyle S. Daniw – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Patricia Aquino Lozano – By a vote of 7 to 0, with Ms. Tunstall abstaining, the Board voted to take no action against her certificates.

Gerard B. Gruenfelder – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to lift the suspension it had issued and reinstate his certificates.

Carol Anne Futrell – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to deny her request to remove decisions and minutes from the Department's website. However, the Board agreed to amend previous decisions and/or minutes.

Stephen Vespe – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to grant his request.

Broderick Boxley – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter, in which he relinquished his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Thomas Gant – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter, in which he relinquished his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation. DAG Daniela Ivancikova recused herself and did not participate in this matter.

Brian Gross – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to reject the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter.

Steven L. Todzia – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter, in which he relinquished his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Jayne S. Howard – By a vote of 7 to 0, with Ms. Tunstall recusing herself, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause it had issued and take no action against her certificates.

Dr. McGeehan made a motion that the Board adopt the following matters that were on the legal consent list memorializing the Board’s legal decisions from a previous meeting, and Dr. Purnell seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote.

Orders to Show Cause

Brian Corcoran
Edward Esposito
Joseph Greco
Eugenio Morales
Raymond Moreno
Darryl Powell
Charles Reilly

Revocations/Suspensions

Jeffrey Berke
Donna Covely
Wesley Gilmer
Emanuel Henderson
Derek Hildreth
John Iurato
Michael Janes
Derick Jerinsky
David Kelly
Mark Kisselbach
Raymond Leneweaver
Barbara Lentine
Francisco Lindo
Joseph Mifsud

Joseph Ponsi
Randi True

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Order to Show Cause

William (Guillermo) Santamaria

Jason Dorrell was withdrawn from the legal consent list.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Secretary's Report

There was no secretary's report.

Adjournment

Dr. McGeehan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Ms. Gales and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Thursday, December 13, 2012 in the first floor conference room, 200 River View Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.

Minutes prepared by Jeffrey H. Lieberman

Minutes certified by Robert R. Higgins, Secretary

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