

State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting

September 25, 1997

Attending: Dr. Arnold Speert, Acting Chairperson
Ms. Ida B. Graham, Secretary
Ms. Arlene Lutz, Deputy Attorney General
Dr. Thomas Niland, Acting Chairperson, Legal Committee
Dr. Elspeth Goodin, Acting Chairperson, Credentials Review Committee
Dr. Ronald Applbaum
Ms. Ida Bilbow
Mr. James Gay
Dr. Vito Germinario
Dr. Mary Jean Guidette
Mr. Richard Malanowski
Mr. Peter Tirri
Ms. Joyce Vereen
Ms. Deirdre Walker

Absent: Dr. Barbara Anderson
Mr. Frank Hicks

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Arnold Speert, Acting Chairperson.

The following individuals were sworn in as members of the State Board of Examiners:

Dr. Ronald Applbaum, President of Kean College
Ms. Ida Bilbow, Teacher, Perth Amboy School District
Ms. Deirdre Walker, Principal, Plainfield Public Schools

The minutes of the June 19, 1997 meeting were approved and adopted with one minor revision. The three new members sworn in on this date abstained from the vote.

Richard Anzuini and Charles Tumminelli, Jr. were removed from the agenda.

Individual Credentials Review - Presentation

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

- Susanne Belding - Teacher of Physical Science Certificate of Eligibility With Advanced Standing
 Haley Caravella - Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant
 Maryanne F. Jacaruso - Speech-language Specialist
 John E. Moore, Jr. - Vocational-technical Coordinator: Apprentice Programs
 Dr. Susan Smith, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Data Management at Camden County Technical School accompanied Mr. Moore and spoke on his behalf.

Hope D. Liebes and Susan Rothschild who are both applying for Speech-language Specialist licensure, did not attend the meeting.

Credentials Review Committee Report

The Credentials Review Committee reviewed all credentials review cases and presented its recommendations to the Board. The Board took the following actions:

- Douglas J. Bolton - School Administrator and Principal Certificates of Eligibility. Denied.
 Mary Ellen Koebel - Elementary School Teacher, Teacher of Music. Denied.
 Kristen Schmidt - Student Personnel Services. Denied
 Partial credit was awarded for one (1) year of full-time teaching experience.
 Herman White - Speech-language Specialist. Granted

Legal Committee Report

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

Order to Show Cause

John T. Mangan
 Tyrone Virgil

Revoke

Charles H. Flatt
 Paul Kaiser
 John Robinson
 Judith Shephard
 Belinda Wilson

Vacate the Order to Show Cause as County Substitute Licenses Expired

William H. Blackton
 Joseph Buttito
 Paul L. Chowanec
 Richard Evans
 James D. Harris
 William Houghton
 James Mathers
 Anthony P. McSorley

In the matter of Daniel Cohen, the Board voted to deny Mr. Cohen's appeal of the disapproved rating he received from the State-Operated School District of Paterson for his participation in the Provisional Teacher Program/Traditional Route during the 1995-96 school year. The rating was not found to be arbitrary, capricious or unreasonable.

In the matter of Christopher Fiore, the Board unanimously voted to block issuance of a Teacher of Music Certificate of Eligibility With Advanced Standing pending the outcome of the October 9, 1997 revocation/suspension hearing in the matter of Mr. Fiore's county substitute certificate.

In the matter of Joanne Ratzlaff Malecki, the Board unanimously voted to forward a hearing notice.

In the matter of Cortney W. Renegar, Jr., the Board unanimously voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause issued to Mr. Renegar February 29, 1996 as his disqualification from public school employment was reversed by the State Board of Education making the basis upon which the Order to Show Cause was issued moot.

In the matter of Sondra Yanniello, the Board unanimously voted to hold in abeyance the Order to Show Cause issued to Ms. Yanniello on May 15, 1997 pending the outcome of her appeal of her tenure case before the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey. The Board also unanimously voted to block Ms. Yanniello's application for Student Personnel Services licensure until there is a final decision in the appeal before the Appellate Division.

The Board voted to take no action to suspend, revoke or block licenses to the following individuals:

Nicholas Auriemma	Craig Lordigyan
Amanda M. Baughn	Daniel R. Marks
William Cahill	Scott Nelson
John DeVane	Bonnie Pavao
Kevin Dillon	Kenneth Pitter

The Board moved into Executive Session at 11:15 A.M. to be informed of proposed legal settlement offers. The session concluded at 11:55 A.M.

Secretary Ida Graham distributed to Board members copies of Assembly Bills 1170 and 1171 which requires the State Board of Examiners to keep track of non-tenured individuals that are dismissed from employment for cause. Ms. Graham also disseminated copies of Commissioner Klagholz's Continuing Professional Development of Teachers Revised Concept Paper and advised the Board that Assistant Commissioner Ellen Schechter will attend a future meeting to address the paper and its impact on the Board.

The Board discussed the revocation/suspension hearings to be held on October 9, 1997 and determined that the meeting would commence for the full Board at 10:30 A.M.

The Board was updated concerning the Gloria Jackson legal case and Arlene Lutz, D.A.G. distributed the Commissioner's Decision in the matter of Joyce Brennan.

Mr. Peter Tirri led a discussion concerning the procedures used by the Board when individuals appeal an unfavorable summative rating after completion of a job induction training program. Mr. Tirri believes that there are instances where an individual hasn't seen file materials forwarded to the Office of Licensing and Credentials by a school district to support their contention. Mr. Tirri further believes that individuals should be privy to those materials. It was agreed that the protocol could be changed to accommodate his suggestion however it was noted that the burden of proof is upon teacher candidates to show that the rating received was unwarranted.

Secretary Ida Graham thanked Office of Licensing and Credentials support staff for their contributions in the preparation of Board materials for the September 25th and October 9th meetings.

The following cases should be retained by Board members for future reference:

Susanne Belding	John T. Mangan
Haley Caravella	John E. Moore, Jr.
Christopher Fiore	Joanne Ratzlaff-Malecki
Maryanne F. Jacaruso	Susan Rothschild
Hope D. Leibes	Tyrone Virgil
	Sandra Yanniello

The next meeting of the board is scheduled to be held October 9, 1997 at 100 Riverview Plaza, first floor conference room, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0500.

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