

State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting

February 24, 2000

Attending: Assistant Commissioner Ellen Schechter, Chairperson
Ms. Ida B. Graham, Secretary
Ms. Arlene Lutz, Deputy Attorney General
Dr. Vito Germinario, Chairperson, Legal Committee
Dr. Elspeth Goodin, Chairperson, Credentials Review Committee
Ms. Ida Bilbow
Dr. Donald Farish
Ms. Joanne Gales
Mr. James Gay
Dr. Mary Jean Guidette
Dr. Richard Malanowski
Mr. Peter Tirri

Absent: Dr. Ronald Applbaum
Dr. Robert Petix
Ms. Deidre Walker

The meeting was called to order by Assistant Commissioner Ellen Schechter, Chairperson. Deputy Attorney General Michael Walters, who will be advising the State Board of Examiners, was introduced to the Board.

The minutes of the November 4, 1999 meeting were approved and adopted. Dr. Elspeth Goodin abstained from the vote.

Individual Credentials Review - Presentation

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

Faith B. Fisher – Supervisor
Robert G. Klinck – School Administrator and Principal Certificates of Eligibility
Margo J. Pisack – School Nurse
Lenore S. Powell – School Psychologist
Gloria Velebir – Teacher of the Handicapped

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:

Jan E. Geary – Speech-language Specialist – Granted
Megan MacMullin – School Social Worker - 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

Peter Bellomo – Drug conviction. Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review.

Robert H. Bolmer – Convicted on charges of sodomy with a juvenile and debauching and impairing the morals of a minor.

Sandra Joyner – Proven tenure changes for chronic and excessive absenteeism, unbecoming conduct and abandonment of position.

Rossie Kearson – Convicted on charges of theft by deception. Permanently disqualified from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review.

Daniel Lynn – Convicted on charges of sexual assault, criminal sexual contact and official misconduct.

Walter Moore – Convicted on charges of subscribing to a false tax return.

Patrick Riley – Drug conviction. Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review

Revoke

Peter Loria
Anthony Puca
Eugene Williams
Daniel Woodside

In the matter of **Lawrence Bridget** the Board unanimously voted to block issuance of a certificate to him based upon his permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review. The disqualification was based upon Mr. Bridget's 1990 and 1995 drug convictions.

In the matter of **Calvin Cuavers** the Board unanimously voted to block issuance of a certificate to him based upon his permanent disqualification by the Office of Criminal History Review. The disqualification was based upon a 1979 conviction on charges of complicity to 4th degree robbery/conspiracy to commit robbery.

In the matter of **Stewart Diaz** the Board unanimously voted to block issuance of a certificate to him pending receipt of additional information.

In the matter of **Thomas Imhof** the Board unanimously voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause issued to him on November 5, 1998 as his conviction has been expunged.

In the matter of **Jason Phillips** the Board unanimously voted to block his application for certification for the following reasons. The Board unanimously voted to deny certification based upon the level and nature of his conduct. In addition, the Board found insufficient evidence of rehabilitation because Mr. Phillips is still on probation. Finally, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A: 6-7.1, his conviction permanently disqualifies him from employment in any school or institution under the supervision of the Department of Education.

In the matter of **Theresa Lockhart Ranuro** the Board unanimously voted to block issuance of a certificate to Ms. Lockhart Ranuro based upon her permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review. The disqualification was based upon Ms. Lockhart Ranuro's 1990 drug conviction.

In the matter of **Michael Trzaska** the Board unanimously voted to vacate the Order to Show cause issued to Mr. Trzaska on June 19, 1997 as his conviction has been expunged.

In the matter of **Hugo Vicari** the Board unanimously voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause issued to Mr. Vicari on January 23, 1997 as the tenure charges against Mr. Vicari were dismissed.

In the matter of **Daniel Woodside** the Board authorized the Board Secretary to indicate to the Division of Pensions that the Board strongly recommends that the State Board of Examiners action have no impact on Mr. Woodside's pension benefits.

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

Alberta Blackwell	Gregory Karol
Eileen Brogan	Karen Krumbine
Ketih Buckmaster	Craig Messmer
Ja-Neen Coombs	Michael Paris
Rupert Crawford	Beverly Perry
Joudon Ford	Anthony Polizzi
Kevin Jenkins	Kerry Van Eenennaam

The Deputy Attorney General Arlene Lutz advised the Board that the Supreme Court refused to hear Frank Robert's appeal in the matter of the revocation of his teaching certificate.

The Supreme Courts action affirms the State Board of Examiners authority to conduct hearings when no material facts of a case are in dispute.

Assistant Commissioner Ellen Schecter made a motion to appoint JoAnne Gales to the Credentials Review Committee. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Secretary Ida Graham advised the Board that Frank Hicks resigned from the Board due to an expansion of his job responsibilities. His resignation was accepted and his contributions to the Board will be missed. Secretary Graham also alerted the Board that the Division of Pensions has indicated that they will be forwarding, for the Board's review, numerous judgments of conviction for teaching staff members convicted for participation in a fraudulent insurance scheme.

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

Peter Bellomo	Walter Moore
Faith Fisher	Margo J. Pisack
Sandra Joyner	Lenore S. Powell
Rossie Kearson	Gloria Velebir
Robert Klinck	

The next meeting of the board is scheduled to be held on April 6, 2000 at the Middle School Auditorium at the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf, 320 Sullivan Way, West Trenton, NJ.

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