

MINNESOTA BOARD OF TEACHING

Board of Teaching Minutes May 11, 2012

Board members present: Erin Azer, Jim Bartholomew, John Bellingham, Dan Bittman, Lesa Covington

Clarkson, Kristi Delaney, Kim Hill, Ron Hill, Mike Larson, Karen Palmen, Leonard

Runck

I. Call to order: The May 11, 2012, meeting of the Minnesota Board of Teaching was convened by Chair, L. Runck at 8:37 a.m. at the Minnesota Department of Education, Conference Center A, room 13.

Chair L. Runck welcomed Board members and introduced new Board member Erin Azer.

II. Business Meeting

A. Approval of Agenda with Flexibility: L. Covington Clarkson moved approval of the agenda with flexibility. D. Bittman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of the April 13, Board of Teaching minutes: D. Bittman moved approval of the Consent Agenda. J. Bartholmew seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Institutional and Program Approvals:

The following licensure programs are being recommended for INITIAL approval by reviewers who evaluated Request for Initial Program Approval (RIPA)

University of St. Johns- College of St. Benedict: approval through June 30, 2014

8710.4400 Teachers of English as a Second Language K-12

Concordia University- St Paul: approval effective January 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014

8710.5700 Teachers of Special Education: Learning Disabilities

The following licensure programs were granted **Interim Conditional Approval** earlier this year and have now met the criteria to be recommended for **Full Continuing Approval**:

Minnesota State University-Mankato: full approval through June 30, 2014

8710.5050 Teachers of Special Education: Academic and Behavioral Strategist

University of St. Thomas: full approval through June 30, 2014

8710.5050 Teacher of Special Education: Academic and Behavioral Strategist 8710.5600 Teacher of Special Education: Emotional or Behavioral Disorders

8710.5700 Teacher of Special Education: Learning Disabilities

8710.5850 Teacher of Special Education: Autism Spectrum Disorders

8710.5400 Teacher of Special Education: Developmental Disabilities

3. Waiver requests:

Anoka Hennepin – ALP	Tracy Bengtson	Experimental Program
Duluth – Care and Treatment Center	Jill Anderson Kristina hayes Betty Pawlikowski Tami Stafstrom-Allen Hamilton Smith Christine Post Daniel Nelson Jeanne Kilburg Tanya Jackson Stephanie Gottschald Christopher Bergman Anderw Bergman Edwinae Bangsund Jane Ness Kristy Sheldon'Barbara Paquette Sally Ockwig-Larson Julie Kolquist Barbara Johnson Sharon Dalbec Dorothy Opack Nancy Wittmer Cathy Smith Brenda Schomberg Moira Olson Cassie Letourneau Robi Hyman Elizabeth Groski Karen Adams John Hoban Kevin Preckel	Experimental Program Experimental Program Experimental Program Experimenatl Program
ISD 287 – ALC	Lori Breidenbach Randee Gurban	Experimental Program Experimental Program
River Bend – ALC	Kory Anderson	Experimental Program
SOCRATES	Pam Koenen	Experimental Program

- 4. Report: Variance and Temporary Limited License Appeals issued. Report was received.
- **5. Clarification of prior Board action**: "Hold harmless" language from February 10, 2012, Board of Teaching action is construed to mean that the Board provided a window of time, until July 1, 2015, whereby no action will be taken against Minnesota school districts relating to new ASD licensure requirements.
- **C. Discretionary Variance Requests**: None at this time.
- **D. Community Expert Requests**

Board members were given time to review materials.

- D. Bittman moved to approve all Group I First Time Nonlicensed Community Expert requests with the exceptions of. Yinghua Academy (Stommes). R. Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- J. Bartholomew moved to approve the request from Yinghua Academy (Stommes). L. Covington Clarkson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Group I – First Time Nonlicensed Community Expert Requests approved

ISD 287	David Tombers	Law Enforcement 10-12
Best Academy	Rahima Sheik Ahmed	Arabic Language, K-8
Spring Lake Park	Anna Tobar	Elementary Education-Spanish Immersion K-3
Yinghua Academy	Pamella Stommes	Elementary Education, grade 5

M. Larson moved to approve all Group II Renewal/Repeat Nonlicensed Community Expert requests. R. Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Group II Renewals and Repeats Nonlicensed Community Expert Requests approved

Minneapolis Schools	Rebecca Steffens	Early Childhood Special Education
Minnetonka Schools	Yinglu Wang	Elementary Education – Chinese Immersion, K-6
Moorhead Schools	Michele Rolewitz	American Sign Language, 9-
Shakopee Schools	Susan Colvin	Parent Educator
Spring Lake Park	Francisca Aranda	Elementary Education – Spanish Immersion, K-6

E. MDE Report: No report given.

F. Public Comment:

Barbara Washington and Paul Spies, Metropolatin State University, commented on the report submitted for consideration regarding their institutional approval.

Jo Olsen, College of St. Scholastica, provided the "MACTE Minute."

III. Unfinished Business

- A. Report: Special education licensure rules implementation plans: Members from the Special Education Implementation Working Group presented materials regarding implementation progress and communications: Joan Breslin-Larson (MDE, Special Education), George Holt (MDE, Program Finance), Eric Kloos (MDE, Special Education), Mary Lindell, (MDE, Special Education), and Kathy Manley (MDE, Educator Licensing).
- **B. Resolution**: Adopt a resolution relating to the issuance of Autism Spectrum Disorder licenses: R. Hill moved to adopt resolution regarding the issuance of an Autism Spectrum Disorder License. K. Palmen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD OF TEACHING RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS LICENSES

WHEREAS, the Board of Teaching recently adopted Minnesota Rule 8710.5850, establishing a new Special Education licensure field specific to Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD); and

WHEREAS, the scope of the new ASD license is birth through age 21; and

WHEREAS, throughout the rulemaking process and at the public hearing on September 19, 2011, the Board of Teaching stated that we would provide an opportunity for licensed Minnesota Special Education teachers who are currently serving students with ASD to demonstrate the new ASD licensure standards through an alternative process; and

WHEREAS, the Board has developed a process whereby, for a limited time, licensed Minnesota Special Education teachers may use prior coursework, professional development, and experience to demonstrate competence in the new ASD standards; and

WHEREAS, MN Rule 8710.7600 requires all licensure programs to incorporate early and ongoing clinical experiences as well as student teaching; and

WHEREAS, teachers utilizing this alternative process will have had clinical experiences and student teaching specific to the scope of their existing Special Education license(s); and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §14.055 gives the Board authority to issue a variance to one of its rules;

THEREFORE, the Board authorizes its Executive Director to allow the issuance of ASD licenses that align with the scope of the base license(s) held by the teacher for the duration of the alternative process.

Approved by the Board of Teaching on May 11, 2012

IV. New Business

- **A. Update: MDE Development of Teacher and Principal Evaluation processes:** Greg Keith (MDE, Evaluation Specialist) provided updates and information about MDE's current initiatives relating to the legislatively mandated Teacher Evaluation and Principal Evaluation processes.
- B. Action: Discretionary Variance Request from Teach For America:

Daniel Sellers (TFA Executive Director, Twin Cities) provided information and answered questions regarding the Teach For America discretionary variance request.

R. Hill moved to authorize a discretionary variance request for Teach for America to allow the 2012 cohort to be issued limited licenses for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years. D. Bittman seconded the motion. J. Bartholmew, D. Bittman, L. Covington Clarkson, K. Delaney, K. Hill, R. Hill and L. Runck, voted yes. J. Bellingham, K. Palmen and M. Larson voted no. E. Azer abstained. The motion carried.

- **C.** Report: Development of reformed institutional and program approval processes: Karen Balmer provided a powerpoint with history and current context regarding the development of the redesigned institutional and program approval processes.
- D. Action: Extension of program approval expiration dates for programs expiring in 2013: R. Hill moved to extend the expiration dates for licensure programs expiring on June 30, 2013, by one year to June 30, 2014, to allow additional time for the development of the PERCA system. M. Larson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Action: Expectations for participation in the Teacher Performance Assessment (TPA) in 2012-2013: Karen Balmer provided updates and information on Teacher Performance Assessment. Comments from the audience were taken: Jo Olson (St. Scholastica), Rose Chu (MDE, Assistant Commissioner), Paul Spies (Metropolitan State).
 - K. Hill moved to adopt the steering committee recommendation to approve 2012-2013 TPA participation and scoring expectations. R. Hill seconded the motion. After discussion, R. Hill called the question; two-thirds of the board supported the motion. D. Bittman, K. Delaney, R. Hill and L. Runck voted yes. J. Bartholomew, J. Bellingham, L. Covington Clarkson, and M. Larson voted no. E. Azer, K. Hill and K. Palmen abstained. The motion did not carry.
- V. Reports: None at this time
- **VI. Working Lunch**: John Kercher from NovusAgenda provided a demonstration for board members regarding the NovusAgenda program that will host board information.
- VII. Licensure Matters: Chair L. Runck closed meeting for Licensure Matters at 1:15 p.m.
 - J. Bellingham moved that the Board of Teaching adopt the Stipulation Agreement in the matter of the teaching license of Emily Kathryn Ruggles signed by Emily Kathryn Ruggles on April 24, 2012, and that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Stipulation Agreement on behalf of the Minnesota Board of Teaching. J. Bartholomew seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - D. Bittman moved to adopt the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order vacating the Order of February 10, 2012, and will issue a teaching license to Ryan C. Copenhaver. K. Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was reopend to the public at 1:22 p.m.

VIII. Adjourn: Chair Runck moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

Next meeting: Friday, June 15, 2012 (Note: The June 15 meeting will be held in Sauk Rapids, Minnesota, as part of the Board's annual retreat.)