

**MINUTES  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OCTOBER 19, 2012**

The State Board of Education met for its regular meeting in Room 12 of the Legislative Plaza, Nashville, Tennessee, at 9:00 a.m., CST, on October 19, 2012.

**Present..... 9      Absent..... 1**

<b>Mr. Fielding Rolston, Chairman</b>	<b>Dr. Melvin Wright</b>
<b>Ms. Janet Ayers</b>	
<b>Mr. Mike Edwards</b>	
<b>Ms. Vernita Justice</b>	
<b>Ms. Carolyn Pearre</b>	
<b>Mr. Lonnie Roberts</b>	
<b>Dr. Jean Anne Rogers</b>	
<b>Ms. Teresa Sloyan</b>	
<b>Dr. Richard Rhoda, Ex-Officio</b>	

**Chairman Rolston** opened meeting with a welcome and an announcement that item III.A will be moved to the January meeting so target numbers can be appropriately identified.

**I.      Consent Items**

- A.      *Adoption of Agenda***
- B.      *Approval of Minutes from July 27, 2012, August 13, 2012, and August 27, 2012.***

**ACTION:**      Item III.A was removed from the agenda. **Ms. Sloyan** moved acceptance. **Ms. Ayers** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**II.     Action Items (First Reading)**

**A.      *Transitional Licensure Policy***

**Dr. David Sevier** of the SBE presented this item. He informed the board that this item was presented in response to PC 1072, a new law designed to help higher education faculty become high school teachers. These teachers would be required to pass the same licensure exams in the same manner as any other licensed teacher. Also, these teachers would complete all other requirements like mentoring and inservice training. Candidates would obtain a license limited to grades 9-12 with an

endorsement in the content area mirroring the subjects taught at the college or university.

**Ms. Sloyan** asked about the evaluation of higher education faculty and how they would be considered for licensure. **Dr. Sevier** responded that this would be determined as an aspect of the Department of Education's implementation of the law and policy.

**ACTION:** **Ms. Sloyan** moved acceptance. **Mr. Roberts** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. *Distance and e-Learning Policy***

**Dr. David Sevier** of the SBE presented this item. Public Chapter 999 directs the SBE to set class sizes for virtual schools. Board staff worked with the Department of Education and local education agencies that are currently engaged in e-learning. After discussion it was determined that a reasonable variance from standard class sizes is to allow those schools with value-added scores of 3 or higher to exceed the class size numbers in statute by 25%.

**ACTION:** **Mr. Edwards** moved acceptance on first reading. **Dr. Rogers** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. *Automatic Revocation, Rule***

**Ms. Dannelle Walker** presented this item. This revision adds two offenses for automatic license revocation if convicted: sexual battery by an authority figure and statutory rape by an authority figure.

**ACTION:** **Dr. Rogers** moved acceptance on first reading. **Mr. Roberts** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**D. *Head Lice and Scabies Infestations, Rule***

**Ms. Jan Bushing** presented this item. This rule change places the state in compliance with the CDC and health department rules.

**ACTION:** **Vice Chair Pearre** moved acceptance on first reading. **Mr. Roberts** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**E. *Special Education Programs and Services, Rule***

**Mr. Bill Wilson** presenting concerning the timeline for school systems to conduct eligibility interview and prepare an initial *IEP* for children with disabilities. The U.S. Department of Education has recently opined that

school systems should not suspend this process for school breaks in the schedule. Therefore, this rule proposes to delete the 40 day school rule and adopt action to within 60 calendar days. This will bring us in line with many other states. Additionally a public hearing will be conducted on December 11, 2012, regarding this issue.

**ACTION:** **Vice Chair Pearre** moved acceptance on first reading. **Ms. Ayers** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**F. Inventions and Innovations Curriculum Standards**

**G. Technological Design Curriculum Standards**

**These items were taken as a block.**

**Ms. Casey Haughner-Wrenn** presented these items on behalf of the SDE. She noted that these are updates to an existing course- Inventions and Innovations. The Technological Design course is a high school level course designed for those students with an interest in engineering.

**Ms. Sloyan** asked whether the courses had been looked at through the lens of the Common Core State Standards and **Ms. Haughner-Wrenn** replied that the applied nature of these courses is in alignment with the CCSS. **Chairman Rolston** asked why Algebra I was a recommended prerequisite, but not required. **Ms. Haughner-Wrenn** replied that, as a matter of practice, the SDE makes recommendations to LEAs instead of creating requirements.

**ACTION:** **Mr. Edwards** moved acceptance on first reading. **Ms. Sloyan** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**H. Automotive Technology Curriculum Standards**

**Ms. Casey Haughner-Wrenn** presented these items on behalf of the SDE. These are an update to the current suite of automotive repair courses currently offered. This course helps create a more holistic approach to that is aligned to the ASE industry standard.

**ACTION:** **Mr. Edwards** moved acceptance on first reading. **Ms. Ayers** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**I. Barbering Curriculum Standards**

**Casey Haughner-Wrenn** presented these items on behalf of the SDE. This item is in response to the request from LEAs for a new program of study in barbering. Currently, LEAS are teaching this as a special course. The adoption of these standards will allow for a more uniform

curriculum that allows a student to become licensed after 1500 hours of instruction. **Chairman Rolston** asked that these be some editing prior to second reading to improve the awkward language related Skills USA.

**ACTION:** **Vice Chair Pearre** moved acceptance on first reading. **Mr. Edwards** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**J. Medical Terminology Curriculum Standards**

**Casey Haughner-Wrenn** presented these items on behalf of the SDE. This is an introductory health informatics course and is part of an emerging field. Currently this course is being taught at partnering higher education institutions. **Chairman Rolston** asked about the adding prerequisites to this course, especially Biology, before presenting the item again on second reading.

**ACTION:** **Mr. Roberts** moved acceptance on first reading. **Ms. Ayers** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. Action Items (Final Reading)**

**A. *This item was removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting by Chairman Rolston***

**B. *Official List of Textbooks for Cycle V/Section V: Reading K-8 Final reading of the Official List of Textbooks for Cycle V/Section V: Reading K-8.***

**Mr. Morgan Branch** of the SDE presented the list of reading texts. He noted that these books were evaluated in light of the adopted Common Core State Standards. **Mr. Edwards** asked about the pricing of textbooks and the price difference between paper and electronic copies. **Mr. Branch** responded that many books come with an electronic and CD-based version. **Dr. Rogers** asked how these books would help students make the shift between information text and writing. **Mr. Branch** responded that since the books were evaluated with the CCSS in mind that these books should serve that purpose well. **Commissioner Huffman** commented that the CCSS will help create economies of scale that will help the textbooks cost situation in the future.

**ACTION:** **Mr. Edwards** moved acceptance on final reading. **Mr. Roberts** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. Teacher License Actions Policy, Rule**

**Ms. Dannelle Walker** presenting. This item was previously removed from July meeting as an exploratory process to consider probationary status. It was determined that the probationary status was the least favored option so we are now recommending formal reprimand option as the better option. **Mr. Edwards** asked if this was the item that gave TEA concerns, but that has been resolved now. The terminology changed from public reprimand to formal reprimand.

**ACTION:** **Mr. Roberts** moved approval. **Mr. Edwards** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
<b>Janet Ayers</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Mike Edwards</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Vernita Justice</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Carolyn Pearre</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Lonnie Roberts</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Jean Anne Rogers</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Fielding Rolston</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Teresa Sloyan</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Melvin Wright</b>			<b>X</b>

The motion passed unanimously.

**D. Approved High School Courses: Course Substitution Clarification**

**Ms. Heather Justice** presented this item on behalf of the SDE. This item is a technical adjustment to a footnote that changes the number of social studies credits from ½ to 1 on the Approved List of High School Courses.

**ACTION:** **Ms. Sloyan** moved acceptance on final reading. **Vice Chair Pearre** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Teacher License Actions**

- A.** *Nathan Justin Brown – Revocation*
- B.** *Matthew Curry – Suspension, one (1) year, with contingency*
- C.** *Bridget Easterly – Revocation, concurrent*
- D.** *Virginia Gray – Suspension, two (2) years*

- E.** *Myles Holliday – Suspension, one (1) year*
- F.** *Nick Hooker – Suspension, concurrent*
- G.** *Christy Hunt – Suspension, two (2) years*
- H.** *Thatcher Lamm – Denial*
- I.** *Steven L. McCuiston – Revocation, concurrent*
- J.** *Christopher Tucker – Denial*
- K.** *Jennifer Wingo -- Revocation*

**ACTION:** Items A. through K. were taken together for vote. **Vice Chair Pearre** moved approval. **Mr. Edwards** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Janet Ayers</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Mike Edwards</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Vernita Justice</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Carolyn Pearre</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Lonnie Roberts</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Jean Anne Rogers</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Fielding Rolston</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Teresa Sloyan</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Melvin Wright</b>			<b>X</b>

The motion passed unanimously.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

**Chairman Rolston** noted future meeting dates for 2013 as follows:  
February 1, April 19, July 26, and October 25.

The Chairman also acknowledged the work of the department on the previous day's workshop. **Dr. Nixon** announced that the board staff offices will be moving to a new location December 5.

Meeting adjourned 9:40 am.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_