

**Minutes of the  
North Carolina State Board of Education  
Conference Call Meeting  
Education Building  
301 N. Wilmington Street  
Raleigh, NC 27601-2825  
July 10, 2007**

<b>Education Building, Raleigh</b>	<b>Tuesday, July 10, 2007</b>	<b>Board Room, 11:00 AM</b>
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SBE Vice Chair Wayne McDevitt called the meeting to order and welcomed the SBE members participating by phone and staff and visitors present in the Board Room. He then called for a roll call to determine that a quorum of members was present for the SBE meeting. Ms. Betsy West, Director of State Board Operations, conducted a roll call, and the following members were present:

Howard N. Lee, Chairman	Beverly Perdue
Wayne McDevitt, Vice Chair	Tom Speed
Melissa Bartlett	Kathy Taft
Shirley Harris	John Tate
Kevin Howell	Eulada Watt
Richard Moore	Patricia Willoughby

Also present were:

June St. Clair Atkinson, Superintendent	Carr Ipock, Local Board Member Advisor
Jay Bell, Teacher Advisor	Shirley Prince, Superintendent Advisor

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION**

Vice Chair McDevitt explained that he was chairing the meeting since Chairman Lee was enroute to an out-of-state meeting and would be participating via phone. Mr. McDevitt further explained that the Board was meeting as a committee of the whole and provided details about the conference call structure to the audience. He reminded participants that the meeting was being streamed on the Internet.

Based on legislation enacted during the 2006 session of the General Assembly, Vice Chair McDevitt reminded board members that it is their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and the appearance of conflicts of interest as they handle the work of the Board. He asked if members of the Board knew of any conflict of interest or any appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before them during this meeting. No board members indicated a conflict of interest at this time. The Vice Chairman then requested that if, during the course of the meeting, members became aware of an actual or apparent conflict of interest that they bring the matter to the attention of the chair. It would then be their duty to abstain from participating in discussion and from voting on the matter.

Vice Chair McDevitt welcomed Mr. Kevin Howell and Ms. Eulada Watt, newly confirmed State Board members, to their first official meeting as North Carolina State Board of Education.

**MINUTES**

*Vice Chair McDevitt asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 6-7, 2007, Board meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Kathy Taft and seconded Mr. Tom Speed. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.*

Vice Chair McDevitt called on the Twenty-First Century Professionals chair, Ms. Shirley Harris, to present the TCP items for *Action and Action on First Reading*.

**ACTION AGENDA**

**21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT  
(Ms. Shirley Harris, Chair)**

***ACTION***

**TCP 1 – Program Approval Recommendations from the State Evaluation Committee on Teacher Education**

**Policy Implications:** SBE Policy #QP-B-003

**Presenter(s):** Dr. Kathy Sullivan (Senior Policy Analyst)

**Description:**

The State Evaluation Committee (SEC) on Teacher Education is charged with reviewing reports of on-site program approval visits and recommending program approval actions to the State Board of Education. Program approval recommendations for Barton College, Guilford College, High Point University, UNC-Greensboro, and Warren Wilson College were presented for discussion last month and are presented for action this month.

**Recommendations:**

It is requested that the program approval recommendations of the State Evaluation Committee on Teacher Education be approved as presented.

**Discussion/Comments:**

- Ms. Harris noted that there were no changes to this item since its discussion in June.
- There was no additional discussion.

*Upon motion by Ms. Shirley Harris, and seconded by Lt. Governor Perdue, the Board voted unanimously to approve the program approval recommendations of the State Evaluation Committee on Teacher Education. (See Attachment TCP 1)*

***ACTION***

**TCP 2 – Job Descriptions for Occupational Therapist and Speech-Language Pathologist**

**Policy Implications:** SBE Policy #QP-C-009

**Presenter(s):** Ms. Mary N. Watson (Director, Exceptional Children Division)

**Description:**

Occupational therapists, physical therapists and speech-language pathologists all perform vital roles in the education of children in North Carolina Public Schools. These professionals serve students who have, or are suspected of having, disabilities in a variety of areas and also serve these students' teachers, schools and families to promote improved educational outcomes. The job descriptions for these professionals have been updated with input from a variety of stakeholders to be reflective of the current nature of work and the requisite knowledge, skills, training and licensure necessary for these positions in North Carolina Public Schools.

**Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the job descriptions as listed.

**Discussion/Comments:**

- Ms. Harris noted that there were no changes to this item since its discussion in June.
- There was no additional discussion.

*Upon motion by Ms. Shirley Harris, and seconded by Ms. Kathy Taft, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the job descriptions as listed. (See Attachment TCP 2)*

***ACTION ON FIRST READING***

**TCP 3 – Recommendations from the Advisory Board on Requests for Exception from Teacher**

**Licensing**

**Policy Implications:** SBE Policy #QP-A-021

**Presenter(s):** Dr. Kathy Sullivan (Senior Policy Analyst)

**Description:**

In April 2006 the Board adopted a policy to allow individuals who have not met licensing requirements due to extenuating circumstances to request an exception from the requirement or an extension of time. The request must include documents from the teacher, the principal, the superintendent, and the chair of the local board of education. In June, a similar policy was approved to allow colleges and universities to submit requests for exception to Praxis I testing requirements on behalf of students seeking admission to teacher education programs. Requests are evaluated by a panel chaired by a member of the State Board. Panel recommendations will be presented in closed session.

**Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the actions related to each request be approved.

**Discussion/Comments:**

- This item was discussed in closed session.

*This item was acted on in closed session.*

## INFORMATION AGENDA

### ACTION AGENDA: TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY SYSTEMS REPORT FROM THE BUSINESS/FINANCE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Facilitator(s): Mr. Wayne McDevitt, Chair, and Mr. John Tate, Vice-Chair

### ACTION AND DISCUSSION: TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY SYSTEMS (Mr. Wayne McDevitt, Chair, and Mr. John Tate, Vice-Chair)

#### ***INFORMATION AGENDA***

##### **Update on Contracts**

##### **Discussion/Comments:**

- Ms. Patricia Willoughby indicated that she had questions concerning several contracts but that she would follow up with Mr. Philip Price after the meeting for clarification.

#### **CLOSED SESSION/ADJOURNMENT**

*Ms. Patricia Willoughby moved that the Board go into closed session to discuss legal and personnel matters with its legal advisors. Ms. Melissa Bartlett seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to go into closed session.*

*Ms. Kathy Taft moved that the Board adjourn closed session and return to open session. Ms. Patricia Willoughby seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to reconvene the open session.*

Prior to adjourning the meeting, Vice Chair McDevitt welcomed Dr. Robert Logan to his first State Board of Education meeting. Recently hired, Dr. Logan will serve as the Associate Superintendent for Leadership for Innovation and School Transformations.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Vice Chair McDevitt asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon motion by Ms. Kathy Taft, and seconded by Mr. Tom Speed, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the July 10, 2007, meeting of the State Board of Education.*