

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
DECEMBER 15, 2008**

The State Board of Education met via telephone conference call at 1:30 p.m., CST, on December 15, 2008.

Present..... 6	Absent.....5
Mr. Fielding Rolston, Chair	Mr. Flavius Barker
Mr. Jim Ayers	Mr. Richard Ray
Ms. Vernita Justice	Dr. Melvin Wright
Ms. Carolyn Pearre	Dr. Richard Rhoda, Ex-Officio
Dr. Jean Anne Rogers	Miss Brittni England, Student Mbr
Ms. Teresa Sloyan	

Others present in the Conference Room and On the Call:

- Dr. Gary Nixon, Executive Director, State Board of Education
- Dr. David Sevier, Deputy Executive Director, State Board of Education
- Mr. Rich Haglund, Legal Counsel, State Board of Education
- Mr. Art Fuller, Executive Administrative Assistant, State Board of Education
- Ms. Phyllis Childress, Executive Assistant, State Board of Education
- Mr. Ralph Barnett, Department of Education
- Ms. Vickie Hall, Department of Education
- Mr. Bruce Opie, Department of Education
- Mr. Morgan Branch, Department of Education
- Ms. Lynne Cohen, Department of Education
- Ms. Susan Brotherton, Department of Education
- Ms. Rebecca Johns Womack, Department of Education
- Ms. Cory Curl, Department of Finance and Administration

Chairman Rolston called the meeting to order.

I.A. Official List of Textbooks for Section III (Science, Health/Wellness, PE, Agricultural Education, and Family & Consumer Sciences)

Mr. Morgan Branch, Department of Education, presented this item. He noted that there were some deletions of titles from the list since first reading and that this was not an unusual occurrence.

ACTION: Vice Chair Pearre moved to approve this list. **Mr. Ayers** seconded. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

I.B. Transitional License and Teacher Education Program Approval, Rule

Dr. David Sevier, State Board of Education, presented and noted that this item 1) collapses several licenses into a new license (the transitional license); 2) allows organizations that are not necessarily institutions of higher education to, within certain guidelines, apply to become teacher training programs and

recommend candidates for licensure; and 3) raises grade point averages for those candidates who obtain licensure through an alternative route.

Mr. Bruce Opie, Department of Education, stated that the Department will continue to monitor these programs and hold them to the same standard as traditional teacher training programs.

Ms. Justice asked whether any classroom management training for candidates would be offered.

Ms. Becky Kent, Department of Education, replied that this topic is covered under the teacher training standards in the same way it is covered in traditional training programs.

Vice Chair Pearre asked how mentoring occurred.

Ms. Kent responded that TeachTN has a 25 day mentoring component and utilizes retired teachers in the same content area for this purpose.

ACTION: Vice Chair Pearre moved to approve. **Mr. Ayers** seconded. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

I.C. Tennessee Learning Centered Leadership Policy

Dr. Nixon presented this item as clarification. This policy was deferred at the November meeting to allow for language to ensure alignment between the Tennessee Instructional Leadership Standards (TILS) and the Tennessee Academy for School Leaders. This draft further clarifies the process for transitioning to the new license.

ACTION: Ms. Sloyan moved to approve. **Vice Chair Pearre** seconded. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Chairman Rolston reminded members of the January 29th Workshop and Joint Meeting with the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and January 30th SBE meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Approved by: _____ Date _____