

ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ARIZONA STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION

The Arizona State Board of Education and the Arizona State Board for Vocational and Technological Education held a regular meeting on June 23, 2014 at the Arizona Department of Education, 1535 West Jefferson Street, Room 417, Phoenix, Arizona. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Members Absent
President Tyree	Dr. Hart
Ms. Hamilton	Mr. Molera
Ms. Rogers	Dr. Rottweiler
Superintendent Huppenthal	Mr. Moore
Mr. Ballantyne	
Mr. Jacks	
Vice President Miller	

9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, MOMENT OF SILENCE, AND ROLL CALL

1. BUSINESS REPORTS

A. President's Report

No report

B. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Huppenthal welcomed two new Associate Superintendents joining the Department of Education: Dr. Cecilia Johnson, Highly Effective Teachers and Leaders and Carol Lippert, High Academic Standards.

The Superintendent spoke about the Move On When Reading program and the success seen across the state. Approximately 800 students are at risk of failing compared to over 4,000 students two years ago. He talked briefly about the summer reading program available to all students in the State.

Superintendent presented the 2014 History Teacher of the Year, Marci Olson, Paradise Valley Unified School District

Superintendent Huppenthal, along with Karla Phillips, gave a brief presentation of the new website of the State Council on the Education for Military Children. Karla Phillips and Superintendent Huppenthal also gave a brief presentation on AZDash.

President Tyree thanked Ms. Phillips for her dedication and hard work in developing this website and program.

C. Board Member Reports

Vice President Miller thanked Karla Phillips for her enthusiasm and assistance in developing the new websites. Vice President Miller attended the Arizona Business and Education Council on May 30 which focused on Arizona education funding. He suggests approaching the legislature to discuss where we are, why we need more money going forward and how that money will be spent and allocated so the members of the legislature can understand and support more funding for education.

D. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Thompson reminded the Board that the Annual Board Retreat is scheduled for August 4, 2014. The August 25th Board meeting and all future meetings will be held in the new State Board Meeting Room, Room 122 on the first floor.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consideration to approve Arizona State Board of Education minutes for:
 - 1. May 19, 2014, Regular Session
 - 2. May 19, 2014, Executive Session
- B. Consideration to approve the following contract abstract for Migrant Education Program FY2014 – Yuma Elementary School District
- C. Consideration to accept funds in the amount of \$20,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts on behalf of the Arizona Department of Education to support the one year pilot program Arts2Go, pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-204
- D. Consideration to approve additional monies for teacher compensation for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 to San Simon Unified School District, pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-952 and A.R.S. § 15-537

Member Ballantyne made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Superintendent Huppenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

4. ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION CONVENING/ACTING AS THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION FOR THIS ITEM ONLY

- A. Presentation, discussion and consideration to approve the following Career and Technical Education programs for embedded Arizona Career and College Ready Standards for Mathematics for the purpose allowing the issuance of mathematics credits, pursuant to R7-2-302(4)(a), including:
 - 1. Engineering Sciences
 - 2. Construction Technologies
 - 3. Welding Technologies

Dr. Jennifer Johnson spoke to the Board regarding this item. In December 2013, four CTE programs were approved by the Board and two CTE programs were approved in May, 2014. Dr. Johnson asked the Board for approval on the three additional programs with integrated credits being submitted at this time.

Member Ballantyne made a motion to approve CTE programs in Engineering Sciences, Construction Technologies and Welding Technologies for equivalent credit to be used toward the 4th credit of mathematics required in the Board high school graduation requirements, as presented. Member Jacks seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

1. GENERAL SESSION

- A. Presentation, discussion and consideration to initiate rulemaking procedures for proposed amendments to Board rules R7-2-604 through R7-2-604.04 regarding professional preparation programs.

Mr. Todd Peterson, Deputy Associate Superintendent of the Educator Excellence Section and Ms. Beth Driscoll, Educator Program Specialist, presented item. Ms. Driscoll gave a brief PowerPoint presentation explaining the rationale and giving examples of proposed changes. She highlighted the streamlining of the process, the length of proposed approval, reporting requirements and program submission dates. Ms. Driscoll informed the Board of the committee meetings and stakeholder meetings that were held to discuss the proposed changes. A Rules Hearing will be held on July 16th for further discussion.

Mr. Peterson spoke about the work of the Department's committees which will help define processes. Mr. Peterson explained the makeup of the committees. Member Miller asked for a copy of the list of the members of the committees.

Kelly McManus, Stand for Children, spoke briefly to the Board regarding teacher preparation programs. She stated the biggest conversation that needs to happen is how the department is developing and determining what an acceptable level of effectiveness is for this program and its graduates. She is excited for this process and is happy to be involved in it.

Kim Tobey, Director of Teacher Education Initiatives and Innovations at Rio Salado College spoke to the Board and is excited to be a part of the program. She is supportive and excited about the process. She wants to make sure the program is working within the non-traditional student prospective.

Member Ballantyne made a motion to initiate rulemaking procedures for proposed amendments to rules R7-2-604 through R7-2-604.04 regarding professional preparation programs. Member Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Presentation, discussion and consideration to close the rulemaking record and adopt proposed rules R7-2-301 and R7-2-302 regarding online and distance instruction pursuant to A.R.S. §15-808.

Executive Director, Christine Thompson spoke to the Board regarding this item. A Rules Hearing was held on June 16, 2014 with no attendance or comments.

Member Ballantyne made a motion to close the rulemaking record and adopt the proposed amendments to rules R7-2-301 and R7-2-302 related to online and distance instruction. Vice President Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. Consideration to accept the recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee to deny the application for certification to Amaechi U. Akpa.

Mr. Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator for the State Board of Education addressed the Board regarding this item. Amaechi Akpa applied for a Substitute teaching certificate on September 3, 2013. Mr. Akpa was convicted of wire fraud on April 18, 2003 by the United States District Court. He was originally sentenced to 24 months of incarceration and a three year term of supervised release, later amended, with restitution of approximately \$60,000.00. Mr. Akpa signed a plea agreement in which he claimed a loss by theft and was convicted of participating in a scheme to defraud or to obtain money or property by means or material false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises. On October 5, 2005, Mr. Akpa applied for teacher certification. The Professional Practices Advisory Committee ("PPAC") reviewed his application on February 14, 2006. The PPAC recommended denial of his application for certification with a 6-0 vote. Subsequently, Mr. Akpa withdrew his application for certification. Mr. Akpa applied for teacher certification and was advised that his 2013 application required a review by the PPAC of the State Board of Education ("State Board"). On March 11, 2014 the PPAC reviewed Mr. Akpa's application packet. The

PPAC found that the application was substantively incomplete because Mr. Akpa failed to include all the requested letters of references. Mr. Akpa then provided two additional letters of reference. On May 13, 2014, the PPAC conducted a review of Mr. Akpa's application. By a vote of 5 to 0, the PPAC recommended that the State Board deny Amaechi Akpa's application for certification.

Mr. Akpa was present and addressed the Board. He apologized to the Board and takes full responsibility for his actions.

Member Miller made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee to deny the application for certification for Amaechi U. Akpa. Member Jacks seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- D. Presentation, discussion and consideration to accept the proposed settlement agreements to suspend the teaching certificates held by the following individuals:
1. Randall Robinson

Mr. Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator for the State Board of Education addressed the Board regarding this item. Mr. Randall Robinson was not present and gave written statement for the Board to proceed in the action today.

Randall D. Robinson held a Standard Elementary Education certificate valid from November 7, 2007 through January 18, 2013. On February 12, 2012, the Superintendent at Indian Oasis Middle School reported to the Investigative Unit, allegations that pornographic materials had been discovered on Mr. Robinson's district-issued computer. Mr. Robinson's computer was inspected and it revealed Mr. Robinson accessed pornographic websites on his school-assigned computer. Mr. Robinson was dismissed from Baboquivari Unified School District on February 14, 2012. During the fall 2012 school year, Mr. Robinson obtained a position at Northern Arizona Academy. While there on December 7, 2012, he accessed and attempted to access a number of sites, topics, and personalities related to pornography and adult entertainment. His employment was terminated on December 17, 2012. On April 8, 2014, the Arizona State Board of Education filed a complaint against Mr. Robinson based on the allegations of unprofessional conduct. Subsequent to the filing of the complaint, discussions were entered into to resolve the complaint without a hearing. The Professional Practices Advisory Committee ("PPAC") reviewed the proposed settlement agreement on May 13, 2014 and voted 5 to 0 to approve the proposed Settlement Agreement for a Suspension, with conditions, against any and all teaching certificates held by Mr. Robinson and that it be maintained as part of his permanent record. The terms of the settlement agreement include the following:

- A suspension of certification, with conditions, through June 30, 2017.
- Successful completion of participation in counseling, therapy, or a treatment program which addresses the use of pornography.
- Complete a Board-staff approved training course on professionalism.
- Written proof of successful completion shall be provided to the State Board.

Mr. Miller asked if he holds a current certification. Mr. Easaw confirmed he does not hold a current certification.

There was no motion made to accept the settlement agreement. Member Miller made a motion to reject the settlement agreement. Mr. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Amy Lynn Lantz

Mr. Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator for the State Board of Education addressed the Board regarding this item. Ms. Lantz was present for the meeting. Amy L. Lantz holds a Standard Elementary Education certificate valid from February 4, 2010 through August 6, 2016. On April 16, 2013, the Principal at Copper Canyon Elementary School reported to the Investigative Unit allegations that Ms. Lantz was observed drinking from a clear glass bottle with a screw top while in her classroom with students. The principal suspected that an alcoholic beverage was in the bottle. Ms. Lantz tested positive at a professional

substance testing facility for having a blood alcohol content of .125. Ms. Lantz later resigned from her employment at Copper Canyon Elementary School. On February 21, 2014, the Arizona State Board of Education filed a complaint against Ms. Lantz's certification based on the allegations of having consumed alcohol while on campus and in the classroom. Subsequent to the filing of the complaint, Ms. Lantz and the Investigative Unit entered into discussions to settle the case without a hearing. The Professional Practices Advisory Committee ("PPAC") reviewed the proposed settlement agreement on May 13, 2014 and voted 5 to 0 to approve the Settlement Agreement for a Suspension, with conditions, against any and all teaching certificates held by Ms. Lantz and that it be maintained as part of her permanent record. The terms of the settlement agreement include the following:

- A suspension of certification, with conditions, for one year.
- Successful completion of participation in counseling, therapy, or a treatment program which addresses the use of alcohol
- Written proof of successful completion shall be provided to the State Board
- If written proof of successful completion is not submitted prior to the one-year suspension, the period of suspension will continue until such time as written proof is provided.

Member Jacks asked about the status of completion of counseling and treatment. Mr. Easaw stated counseling has been completed and that information was presented at the PPAC meeting.

Member Jacks made a motion to approve the proposed settlement agreement and issue a suspension, with conditions, through June 23, 2015, of the teaching certificates held by Amy Lynn Lantz. Member Ballantyne seconded the motion. Members Hamilton, Jacks, Rogers, President Tyree and Vice President Miller voted yes. Superintendent Huppenthal and Member Ballantyne voted nay. Motion to approve settlement agreement did not pass. Superintendent Huppenthal made a motion to table this item. Member Ballantyne seconded the motion. Motion to table item passed unanimously.

- E. Board comments and future meeting dates. The executive director, presiding officer or a member of the Board may present a brief summary of current events pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K), and may discuss future meeting dates and direct staff to place matters on a future agenda. The Board will not discuss or take action on any current event summary.

President Tyree reminded members of the August 4th Annual Retreat meeting. More information will follow as to where the meeting will be held.

Superintendent Huppenthal made a motion to adjourn. Member Jacks seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:45a.m.