

Professional Licensure Standards Board
Tuesday, May 12, 2009

A meeting of the Professional Licensure Standards Board was held in the auditorium of the Arkansas Department of Education, on May 12, 2009. Members of the Board present were Brenda Brown, Dr. Mitch Holifield, Kathy Howell, Sheila Jacobs, Don McGohan, Donna Morey, Andrew Tolbert, Dr. John Beineke, Dale Query, Dr. Tony Finley, Mona Moore, Ron Tolson and Beverly Williams. Dr. Peggy Doss and Michelle Hayward were unable to attend. Guests in attendance were, Jeanne Jones-ADHE, Terri Dorrough-ADE Office of TQ and one other guest.

There were thirteen (13) voting members present, representing a quorum and two non-voting members present.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am and the agenda was distributed.

II. Approval of the Minutes –Friday, April 14, 2009

Ms. Howell made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting date April 14, 2009 as written, seconded by Ms. Morey, motion passed unanimously.

III. Fund Balance – As of 04/30/09 is \$194,343.05 – The third investigator has been hired. Her name is Debby Farris. She has worked as a school resource office (SRO) and for the department of community corrections (DCC).

IV. Code of Ethics Investigation – Nine (9) cases were presented to the ARSBOE on Monday, May 11, 2009.

V. Recommendations from Office of Professional Licensure: Ron Tolson -The committee members discussed and made changes and motions on the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing Initial and Standard Administrator Licensure. They are listed below:

- a) Page 1, item 3.02.2.3-Dr. Holifield made a motion to change grade levels 4-8, 7-12 and or post secondary to P-12, seconded by Dr. Finley, motion passed unanimously.
- b) Committee changed wording of school librarian to media specialist throughout the document.
- c) Page 6, item 4.02.2.1-Dr. Finley made motion to leave Building Level at least three of four years of teaching experience, seconded by Dr. Beineke, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tolbert made a motion to edit all changes approved by the committee to (Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing Initial and Standard Administrator Licensure)and that they go out for public comment, seconded by Mr. McGohan, motion passed unanimously

VI. PLSB Rules on Code of Ethics to include new legislation and any other recommended revisions

- a) **Subpoena Power**-Ms. Morey made a motion that this board PLSB give delegates the power to issue subpoena to the ethics sub-committee for evidentiary hearings, seconded by Ms. Howell, motion passed unanimously
- b) **FOIA**- section was discussed by the committee and changes were made
- c) **Use of Allegation Form**-inclusion of this language was discussed by the committee and changes were made on the document
- d) **Testing Investigations**- inclusion of this language was discussed by the committee and changes were made on the document
- e) **Legislative Audit Reports**- inclusion of this language was discussed by the committee and changes were made on the document
- f) **AAA Stipulations**- modification to the language in this section was discussed by the committee and changes were made on the document

Ms. Jacobs made a motion to edit all changes approved by the committee to (Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing The Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators) and they are to go out for public comment and come back to the committee for review, seconded by Ms. Morey, motion passed unanimously.

VII. Further Discussion about ALP's and Waivers if the Educator attends out of state institution:

- a) **Shortage Areas** – More discussion before August
- b) **NCATE accredited IHE**– More discussion before August
- c) **What stipulations?** – More discussion before August

VIII. Other Agenda Items:

- a) Next meeting date is Tuesday, July 14, 2009
- b) Election-revote on sub-committee.

IX. Adjournment