

**PHONE CONFERENCE OF STATE BOARD OF GENERAL & VOCATIONAL  
EDUCATION**

**Monday, April 24, 1995**

The State Board of Education had a phone conference on Monday, April 24, 1995 at 10:17 a.m. The phone conference was held in the Director's Board room.

In attendance at the meeting:

Mr. Richard Smith, Chair, State Board of Education  
Mr. Bill Fisher, Vice-Chair, State Board of Education  
Mrs. Elaine Scott, State Board of Education  
Mr. Carl Baggett, State Board of Education  
Mr. Mitch Llewellyn, State Board of Education  
Mr. Jim McLarty, State Board of Education  
Mrs. Rae Rice Perry, State Board of Education  
Dr. Gary Beasley, State Board of Education  
Dr. James Whitmore, State Board of Education

Mr. Gene Wilhoit, Director, Arkansas Department of Education  
Dr. Bobbie Davis, Finance & Administration  
Mr. Jim Boardman, Planning & Curriculum  
Mr. Frank Anthony, Technical Assistance  
Mr. Reginald Wilson, Executive Assistant to the State Board of Education  
Dr. Emma Bass, Assistant to the Director for Policy Development  
Ms. Elizabeth Boyter, Legal  
Ms. Gayle Morris, Supervisor, Communications  
Ms. Julie Rhodes, Governor's Office  
Mr. Richard Nagel, Arkansas Education Association  
Dr. Charles Knox, Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators

Mrs. Cynthia Howell, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette  
Mr. James Jefferson, Associated Press

## ISSUES DISCUSSED DURING PHONE CONFERENCE

### I. **Recommended Revisions of Standards to be Effective 1995-96**

1. Personnel who lack certification but who possess a degree, be permitted to have a Deficiency Removal Plan for a three-year period with yearly progress noted; i.e., a minimum 6 hours per year for teachers and a minimum of 12 hours per year for administrators. \* (Standard X, Section C, page 16) **The motion was made by Dr. Whitmore and seconded by Mr. Fisher. The motion carried unanimously.**
  
2. Present class size and teaching load standards be followed; however, K-6 class size maximums may be exceeded by 10% when a one-half time instructional aide is employed for those classes exceeding the maximum. The current required average student/teacher ration for the respective grade level or building must be maintained. \*(Standard V, Section B, page 8). **After much discussion from Mr. Richard Nagel, Dr. Charles Knox, and Board Members, Mr. Llewellyn made the motion to table items 2-5 until the Board had more time to review them. It was seconded by Mrs. Perry. The motion was defeated by the following vote.**

For

Perry  
Llewellyn

Against

Scott  
Baggett  
Fisher  
McLarty  
Whitmore  
Beasley

**Mr. McLarty made the motion to table item # 2 only and Mrs. Scott seconded. The motion was defeated by the following vote:**

For

Scott  
Baggett  
McLarty

Against

Fisher  
Llewellyn  
Beasley  
Whitmore

Perry-Abstained

**Mrs. Scott made the motion to adopt the issue as it pertains to kindergarten only and study the other effects on the other grades. It was seconded by James Whitmore. The motion carried with the following vote:**

**For**

**Scott  
Baggett  
McLarty  
Beasley  
Whitmore**

**Against**

**Fisher  
Llewellyn**

**Perry-Abstained**

3. A school district superintendent be permitted to serve as a half-time principal if properly licensed, in those schools requiring only a half-time principal (enrollment less than 300).

A full-time superintendent may at the discretion of the local school district teach no more than 2 classes per day. (This shall be the only responsibility outside the superintendency.) \*(Standard X, Section A, page 15). **The motion was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. McLarty. The motion carried unanimously.**

4. Extend professional staff development for K-3 teachers to include K-5 teachers. \*(Standard V, Section A, 3, page 8) **The motion was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mrs. Perry. The motion carried unanimously.**

5. The credit definition should be changed to read: A unit of credit shall defined as the credit given for a course which meets for the minimum of 120 clock hours. \*(Standard IX, Section B, page 14). **The motion was made by Mrs. Scott and seconded by Mr. McLarty. The motion carried unanimously.**

After much deliberation, the Administrative Team determined that the time frame for implementing the one-half unit oral communications was covered adequately in item #1 and; therefore, did not come forward with that recommendation.

- II. Mrs. Perry, chair of the retreat committee, reported that the committee recommended Hope Ar as the site for the 1995 retreat. **Mrs. Scott moved that we accept the recommendation of the committee and it was seconded by Mr. McLarty. The motion carried unanimously.**
- III. Mr. Reginald Wilson reminded each member of the board to turn in a list of their top five educational issues to his office.
- IV. Mr. Llewellyn requested, during the lunch meeting, a group discuss the format for the retreat.

**Mr. McLarty made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Mr. Whitmore, and carried unanimously.**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Recorded by Reginald Wilson