

**MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
200 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201**

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

March 6, 2014

Minutes

The 384th meeting of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) was held at Maryland State Department of Education, 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201 on March 6, 2014. Mr. Darren Hornbeck, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

The following members were in attendance:

Ms. Shirley Brandman, Dr. Lorraine E. Cornish-Harrison, Dr. Colleen Eisenbeiser, Ms. Ayana English-Brown, Ronald S. Goldblatt, Esquire, Mr. Darren R. Hornbeck, Dr. Alyssia James, Dr. Barbara Martin Palmer, Dr. Karen L. Roe, Dr. Theresa D. Stafford and Dr. Jamey Tobery-Nystrom.

The following members were absent:

Ms. Merlyn M. Bell, Ms. Cathy G. Cerveney, Ms. Louise E. DeJesu, Dr. Mary Ellen Lewis, Dr. Donna Newcomer, Ms. Dawn Pipkin, Dr. Bryan D. Powell, Ms. Michelle Revells, Dr. Carl Roberts, Ms. Valerie Saxton Sharpe and Ms. Jean Satterfield.

The following Maryland State Department of Education staff members were present:

Dr. Joann Ericson, Ms. Linda Murel (Recorder), and Derek Simmons, Esquire, Attorney General's Office.

PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Recognition of Guests

Ms. Geraldine Duval, Maryland State Teachers Association and from the Maryland State Department of Education: Ms. Michelle Dunkle, Mr. Tony South, Ms. Renee Spence, Ms. Penelope Thornton Talley and Ms. Mary Vorhees.

Public Comment

None

State Board Update

Mr. Tony South updated the PSTEB on the actions of the February 25, 2014 State Board meeting. Highlights included:

- Recognition of New Song Academy in Baltimore City and Robert R. Gray Elementary School in Prince George's County being selected as 2013-2014 National Title I Distinguished Schools in Maryland.
- Congratulations to Sean McComb, Maryland's 2014 Teacher of the Year on his selection as one of four finalists for National Teacher of the Year.
- Authorization of a two year extension of Maryland's Elementary and Secondary Education Flexibility Waiver. Included in the proposed extension is a request to delay by one year the use of data generated by the Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Assessments to be included in the decision making process for personnel.
- Adoption of the framework for transitioning from the current High School Assessment instruments to the PARCC Assessment instruments.

Ms. Shirley Brandman asked if any waiver conversations have taken place yet and Mr. South replied no.

Mr. South informed the PSTEB that the next State Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2014.

UTeach Towson University Presentation

Ms. Michelle Dunkle provided the PSTEB with two informative handouts regarding the UTeach Towson University presentation. The purpose of this Race to the Top grant is to enhance the quantity and quality of STEM secondary teachers. In addition to Race to the top funding, Towson University received a grant award from the National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI) to complete a four-year cycle and build sustainability. In addition the University of Maryland College Park was awarded funding from NMSI to implement another UTeach program: Terrapin Teachers. Ms. Dunkle noted that there is a strong need for collaboration among all stakeholders.

Currently, 40 universities across the U.S., including UT Austin, are implementing UTeach programs. The state of Texas has a similar program; 55 percent of the students make a decision at the junior level to go into teaching. 60 percent of students at Towson University have decided to go into teaching.

Legislative Update

Ms. Renee Spence provided a handout on Common Core, MSA, ESEA Waiver and PARCC Bills 2014 and provided a legislative update to the PSTEB. She shared that teachers are saying that the standards are changing the way teaching is being done in the 21st century. There is an enhanced focus on critical thinking skills and the content.

Approval of the February 6, 2014 Minutes

Mr. Darren Hornbeck stated that since there was no quorum the minutes could not be approved for February 6, 2014. The item will be placed on the April 3rd PSTEB agenda.

Proposed Agenda Items for April 3, 2014 Meeting

Dr. Joann Ericson suggested the following items for the April 3, 2014 meeting:

- Approval of February 6, 2014 minutes;
- Approval of March 6, 2014 minutes;
- State Board Report;
- Certification Review Board Result

COMAR 13A.12.04.02 - Assistants in Administration and Supervision and COMAR 13A.12.04.03 - Superintendent

Dr. Ericson shared the language proposed by the board at the last meeting. Dr. Hornbeck credited Dr. Ericson for the language of the regulation. This item will be placed again on the April 3, 2014 meeting agenda as there was no quorum.

Ethics Overview

Derek Simonsen, Esquire gave an overview of the Maryland Public Ethics Law (handout provided).

- Conflicts of Interest
- Financial Disclosure
- Lobbyist Disclosure
- Procedures
- Local Government

Mr. Simonsen recommended electronic filing and if there were questions board members could contact him or ethics staff for assistance.

Letter from Dr. Carl Roberts Shared with PSTEB

Mr. Hornbeck shared a letter of resignation from Dr. Carl D. Roberts. Dr. Roberts resigned from the Public School Superintendents' Association of Maryland (PSSAM) on February 7, 2014. Since he resigned he can no longer represent PSSAM and cannot continue to serve on the PSTEB.

Adjournment

Mr. Hornbeck adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m. No action could be taken as there was not a quorum.