

**Minutes  
State Board of Education  
Monday, September 22, 2008**

The Arizona State Board of Education held a regular meeting at the Arizona Department of Education, 1535 West Jefferson, Room 417, Phoenix, Arizona. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

**Members Present:**

Dr. Vicki Balentine, President  
Mr. Jacob Moore, Vice President  
Superintendent Tom Horne  
Ms. Bonnie Kasey  
Mr. Jesse Ary 9:04 am  
Dr. John Haeger  
Mr. Larry Lucero  
Ms. Anita Mendoza  
Mr. Jaime Molera  
Dr. Karen Nicodemus  
Ms. Cecilia Owen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Dr. Balentine

ROLL CALL

Mr. Yanez

1. BUSINESS REPORTS

A. President's Report

Dr. Balentine welcomed Ms. Bonnie Kasey as the new teacher representative.

Dr. Balentine shared that she had the opportunity to participate in the Where We Stand series; a national PBS documentary that focuses on America's place in the world standing with education. Dr. Balentine encouraged everyone to watch the documentary and participate.

B. Superintendent's Report

1. Recognition of Intel's 2008 Schools of Distinction:  
Sabino High School, Tucson Unified School District  
Laguna Elementary School, Scottsdale Unified District
2. Other items as necessary

Ms. Cathy Poplin gave an overview of the awards received by Sabino High School and Laguna Elementary School.

Supt. Horne stated there were 6 National awards and Arizona won 2 of the 6, recognized the work of each school and presented their awards.

Supt. Horne recognized the successful professional development conducted by the Accountability Division, the Office of English Language Acquisition Services and the Internal & External Leadership Section.

## C. Board Member Reports

Mr. Moore shared that he and Dr. Nicodemus attended the College & Career-Ready Policy Institute and ADP Leadership Team Meeting held in Washington, DC, September 10-12, 2008.

Mr. Moore shared that Arizona was one of the eight states asked to participate. The goal of the Institute and ADP Network is to ensure that state education policies are designed and implemented in ways that ensure that every student graduates from high school ready for college.

Mr. Moore provided Board Members a complete handout report and stated that the next session will be held in Alexandria, VA, November 18-20, 2008.

Dr. Haeger shared that he is again the Chair of the Teacher Quality and Support Committee and the focuses are:

- Teacher Compensation
- Professional Standards Board

Results of various studies will be put together and the matter of a Professional Standards Board will eventually come before discussion with the State Board.

Dr. Nicodemus stated that she attended a meeting with representatives from the Governor's office, Universities, and a JTED Superintendent. The topic of this meeting was to have Universities review Career and Technical Education in terms of meeting admissions requirements. One of the immediate outcomes of the meeting was that the Universities are willing to look at a clearing house in terms of looking at requirements at statewide level rather than a University to a specific district dialogue.

Mr. Lucero reminded the Board Members that on October 16<sup>th</sup> WestEd will be holding their quarterly meeting in Arizona and encouraged the Board to attend. One of the panel discussions will be immigration issues and their impact to education and children. Mr. Lucero provided a handout with all of the meeting information.

## D. Director's Report

Mr. Yanez asked that if any Board Members would like to attend the WestEd meeting to notify him in order to make the appropriate procedures and coordinate with WestEd.

### 1. Update regarding the AIMS Task Force

Mr. Yanez provided an update in preparation for the AIMS Task Force meetings.

It is very likely that the Task Force will begin their work prior to the next State Board Meeting. Mr. Yanez also informed that he has been in dialogue with Dr. Balentine and Mr. Moore to ensure that the Task Force is able to meet all of the requirements that the law dictates in a effective and efficient manner.

A letter from Dr. Balentine and Mr. Moore was sent to Dr. Dean Hynd and Dr. David Garcia from the College of Education at ASU to request their assistance in terms of developing the agenda and planning out the work. Mr. Yanez stated that he will be meeting with Board leadership and Dr. Garcia to begin the work of the AIMS Task Force.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consideration to approve minutes
  - 1. May 19, 2008
  - 2. August 25, 2008
  
- B. Consideration to Approve Contract Abstracts
  - 1. McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act.
  - 2. Learn & Serve Projects/ Service Learning
  - 3. Learn & Serve Projects/ Tutoring and Mentoring Programs
  
- C. Consideration to approve trainers for the Structured English Immersion Provisional and Full Endorsements
  
- D. Consideration to approve the 2009 Refugee Children School Impact Grant
  
- E. Consideration to appoint Timothy Trent to the Professional Practices Advisory Committee
  
- F. Consideration to revoke the teaching certificate of Paul Milton Knutson, pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-550
  
- G. Consideration to approve funding for the State Administration of the Child Nutrition and Summer Food Service Programs
  
- H. Consideration to approve the designation of alternative media producers to adapt standard print textbooks and/or provide specialized textbooks, pursuant to HB 2441
  
- I. Consideration to approve Professional Preparation Programs for the following institutions:
  - 1. Argosy University
  - 2. Grand Canyon University
  - 3. Rio Salado College
  
- J. Consideration to appoint the following individuals to the AIMS Task Force, pursuant to HB2211:
  - 1. Dr. Jim Zaharis, Chair
  - 2. Dr. Charles Santa Cruz
  - 3. Dr. Joe O'Reilly
  - 4. Melinda Jensen
  - 5. Dr. Deborah Gonzalez
  - 6. Chuck Essigs
  - 7. Dr. Alan Storm

Dr. Balentine recused herself from voting due to a contract related to the Amphitheater Unified District.

*Motion by Mr. Moore to approve the consent agenda.*

*Second by Dr. Nicodemus*

*Motion Passes*

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- Dana Naimark is the President and CEO of the Children's Action Alliance. Ms. Naimark gave an over view of her non-profit organization and stated her concerns with the high teen pregnancy rate in Arizona. Ms. Naimark asked for a review and update of the rules that govern sex education.
- Alexa Magee; student at Horizon High School. Ms. Magee asked that more information related to abstinence, STD's and treatment options, unplanned pregnancies, and prenatal care be available to students. Ms. Magee urged the Board to revise the state guidelines in order to provide accurate and complete sex education programs in schools.
- Dr. Howard Shore is a child clinical psychologist. Dr. Howard shared his opinion on reasons why students make poor choices and how the sex education rules from 1990 need to be updated in order to provide students effective information.
- Rev. Dr. Walter Wieder, minister from the Unitarian Universalist Church. Rev. Weider asks for more information to be provided to students so that they can make better choices. Rev. Wieder urged the Board's support.
- Dr. Mary Schlotterer; practicing OB/GYN. Dr. Schlotterer stated in her opinion the importance of not only sex education but also reproductive health and asked to provide students with honest information through an update to the sex education rules.
- Eleanor Eisenberg, requested on behalf of various members of the Coalition of Healthy Arizona Teens to either make this matter an agenda action item or refer it to staff for further research. She urgently request the Board to take further action on this subject at least in terms of study and shared that Arizona is one of the states that has the greatest teen pregnancy rate and also one of the greatest drop-out rates amongst teens. Ms. Eisenberg stated that revising the sex education rules can be part of the remedy for both issues.

Dr. Balentine asked Mr. Yanez to analyze the proposal and provide a report to the Board.

Mr. Yanez stated he would provide the information requested to be discussed at a future Board meeting.

4. GENERAL SESSION

- A. Presentation and discussion regarding the results of the Spring 2008 AIMS administration

Mr. John Stollar introduced Dr. Robert Franciosi to conduct the presentation and informed the Board he would be taking notes as to any requests the Board may have.

Dr. Franciosi's PowerPoint presentation referenced data from 2005 through 2008 for grades 3-8 and High School in the areas of Math, Reading, Writing and Science. This data also reflected the proficiency percentage for each ethnic group and ELL students. Dr. Franciosi's presentation included proficiency rates per county and improvement in the TerraNova/DPA scores for Math and Reading.

Dr. Franciosi explained that the transition from 2005 to 2008 to a new test affected results. Ms. Mendoza asked if there was information on the percentage of Hispanic students that are also ELL students? Mr. Franciosi informed he did not have the information at the time.

Dr. Balentine asked for a presentation of the AZELA test so that the Board has a better understanding of the test in particular when looking at re-classification.

Dr. Nicodemus asked if there was additional research on the relationship between the AZELA test and a student's proficiency on the AIMS test.

Mr. Molera asked Dr. Franciosi if a comparison of the different test results within School Districts. Dr. Franciosi said that information could also be researched and provided. Ms. Roberta Alley shared that a new test for Special Education students is being revised and the test must remain at grade level per federal law.

Ms. Alley clarified that the blueprints for the test are not identical year to year. Ms. Mendoza requested further information. Dr. Franciosi shared test results by county.

Dr. Franciosi proceeds with further review of the 2008 AIMS Test results. These results are available for public review through the Board office.

- B. Presentation, discussion and possible consideration of matters related to the proposed AIMS Request for Proposals. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) and (3), the Board may vote to convene in executive session to review confidential information and/or for discussion or consultation for legal advice.
- C. Presentation and discussion regarding AIMS-A. Discussion may include, but is not limited to, specific test items and possible modifications for the 2008-2009 school year. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) and (3), the Board may vote to convene in executive session to review confidential information and/or for discussion or consultation for legal advice.

*Motion by Mr. Moore to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of consultation for legal advise and to review confidential information related to Items B and C*

*Ms. Mendoza second.*

*Motion passes at 10:55 am*

*Meeting reconvenes at 11:51 am*

- D. Presentation, discussion and possible consideration to initiate corrective action relating to Enterprise Academy Charter

School's failure to comply with the terms of the 2007 suspension agreement

Ms. Deanna Rowe provided an overview of the item. She explained that Enterprise Academy was granted a one year suspension of it's charter for last school year.. She stated that Enterprise Academy has not opened this year, in violation of it's charter.

Copies of all correspondence was provided to Board Members and no further information has been received from Enterprise Academy. As of September 22, 2008 the Charter Board had not received any further documentation or communication from the school regarding the intent to open for the current school year.

*Motion made by Mr. Ary to move to instruct staff to negotiate the terms of a surrender agreement with the charter operator. If terms cannot be reached or if the charter operator does not take the necessary steps and begin providing instruction prior to the October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, that the charter operator be placed on the agenda for the consideration of notice of intent to revoke the charter for failing to comply with the terms of its charter contract.*

*Second by Ms. Owen*

*Motion Passes*

*Dr. Balentine recessed the meeting at 11:57 a.m. for lunch and reconvened at 12:34 p.m. Dr. Haeger did not return after the lunch break.*

E. Presentation and discussion regarding the revised Arizona Educational Technology Plan

Ms. Cathy Poplin, Brett Hinton, and Dr. Chris Johnson provided the update.

Ms. Poplin referred to the handouts provided to the Board Members and the PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Hinton explained the process for the 2008 Tech Revision Plan. In the last four months the committee has addressed specific needs in the classrooms. Currently, a draft is being prepared, which will be reviewed in November 2008.

Mr. Hinton shared the timeline for the revision update with the goal to present a final plan to the Board in April or May 2009. The purpose is to provide a technology plan that both large and small schools can use.

Ms. Poplin presented a list of item guidelines that have been reviewed in the process of developing the technology draft. Valuable input has come from other state departments such as Virginia and Texas.

Dr. Johnson will be writing the final proposal and he will be focusing on 11 strands and explains that the plan requires a strong data base and funding to ensure a successful outcome.

Mr. Lucero asked if there are any other resources other than the legislature.

Ms. Poplin explained they are working with various businesses to better maximize the funding available.

Mr. Molera asked if there has been any discussion with the School Facilities Board.

Ms. Poplin said they have and they are using the work of the School Facilities Board to guide the process of the Tech Plan.

Mr. Ary asked how many school districts are not up to standards to participate in the study.

Ms. Poplin answered that only about 1% are using dial-up for internet connection and about 70% are connected at a much higher speed. Ms. Poplin said that the state is doing above average.

Ms. Poplin also informed that E-Rate funding will be used to support the rural areas. More frequent E-Rate trainings are now available to assist schools with their Technology Ed. Plans.

Ms. Poplin asked to provide further updates in the future and provide the Board with a draft once it is ready.

- F. Presentation, discussion and consideration to initiate rulemaking procedures for proposed rule R7-2-612 (E), relating to the Teaching Intern Certificate

Ms. Amator stated that currently there is a two year limit on the Intern Certificate but the field has expressed a need to extend that limit to three years. Changing the limit to three years aligns with NCLB requirements and gives interns a more reasonable time frame to complete program requirements.

Ms. Amator requested that the Board approve to open the rule making process for this rule.

*Mr. Lucero moved to initiate the rulemaking procedures for the proposed rules, R7-2-612, relating to the Teaching Intern Certificate.*

*Second by Ms. Mendoza*

*Motion Passes*

- G. Presentation, discussion and consideration to initiate rulemaking procedures for proposed rule R7-2-614 (L), relating to the Early Childhood Teaching Endorsement

Ms. Amator explained that the purpose of this amendment would be to give applicants two options to show professional knowledge competency; the first option would be taking the 21 semester hours. The second option would be to pass the AEPA Professional Knowledge Test for Early Childhood.

The rule would also extend the deadline for waiving the coursework and practicum until 2012. This will extend the time that kindergarten teachers will have to obtain their Early Childhood Endorsement.

Dr. Nicodemus asked if two certificates would be required for teachers to move between Pre-School through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

Ms. Amator stated that the endorsement would allow the holder to teach Pre-School through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. The endorsement would be required as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 for Pre-School and kindergarten.

Ms. Amator called Ms. Amy Corriveau to provide more information. Ms. Corriveau added that the amendment to the endorsement would extend the deadline and allow current kindergarten teachers to use their current experience to in order to obtain this endorsement that will become a requirement.

Ms. Amy Corriveau informed the Board that a survey was conducted with school districts and stakeholders to find out what was needed and what the schools could provide for this endorsement.

- Ms. Ellaine Serbeck, ASU professor asked to delay making a decision until there is a statewide picture of what will be required from the Universities. Multiple groups of people will be impacted and they need more clear information. Ms. Serbeck Requested to postpone this item until the December Board Meeting in order for the field to prepare more information.

Dr. Nicodemus asked who decided on the 2012 deadline?

Ms. Corriveau stated that 195 districts were surveyed to find out what the needs were for teachers and stakeholder meetings were also conducted.

*Ms. Owen moved to initiate the rulemaking procedures for proposed rules, R7-2-614, relating to the Early Childhood Teaching Endorsement.*

*Second by Ms. Mendoza*

*Motion passes*

- H. Presentation, discussion and consideration to initiate rulemaking procedures for proposed rule R7-2-608, relating to the Early Childhood Teaching Certificate  
Ms. Amator stated that this request was a continuation on the discussion of the previous agenda item. In 2004 the new Early Childhood teaching certificate was approved with the understanding that it would become effective mandatory for Pre-School and Kindergarten July 1, 2009. The request for the amendment would help current Pre-School teachers continue working while attending school to obtain their degree.

*Mr. Moore moved to initiate rulemaking procedures for proposed rules, R7-2-608, relating to the Early Childhood Teaching Certificate.*

*Second by Ms. Owen*

*Motion passes.*

*Mr. Molera temporarily left the meeting and did not vote. He returned for the next item.*

- I. Presentation, discussion and consideration to approve the proposed statewide framework for internship programs for school leaders.

Ms. Amator stated that as the State Board had requested the ADE has created a statewide framework for internship programs in school leadership.

The goal of the internship is to provide significant opportunities to school leaders as they are guided by district and university personnel.

Ms. Amator said there were teams from the eight universities that offer School Administrative Preparation. These teams focused on what the field needs and what universities can provide.

Ms. Amator referred to a PowerPoint presentation and explained the selection process and components for the framework. The products of this work are the components of the internship, university and district partnerships, mentors for the interns, competencies based on national standards an intern learning plan, program materials and monitoring and evaluation.

Time and expectations were considered and the minimum of three years experience was an item of revision. Originally five years were required and that was changed to three years and there was one team member who suggested for this to be lowered to two years. This suggestion was based on the fact that some universities have received grants to offer full time one year paid internships.

A superintendent and principal certificate requires three years of teaching experience.

Ms. Amator informed that some universities have begun the work and others are waiting on approval of the framework to begin. Six of the eight programs that participated have conditional approval of their Ed. Leadership programs only through December of 2008. Once the framework is approved the ADE will give the universities on a timeline.

Dr. Balentine introduced Ms. Susan Painter.

- Susan Painter, Director of Certification Programs for Administration at ASU West. Ms. Painter stated she was a participant in the creation of the framework for the internship programs and it was an outstanding experience.

Ms. Painter expressed that another concern is that the current Board Rule of three years experience for a certificate would be superseded by this framework and she wanted the Board to be aware of this.

Dr. Balentine asked Ms. Amator for clarification on the certificate requirements that would be superseded. Dr. Balentine mentioned that in the past there has been discussion of the supervisor and superintendents certificates to have equivalent K-12 experience and asked if the framework would eliminate that.

Ms. Amator deferred the question to Ms. Patty Hardy and stated that her recommendation would be for the framework to follow the rule.

Mr. Yanez stated that as a matter of policy the rule that is in place will trump any framework.

Ms. Patty Hardy explained that the framework was developed from principals only. Requirements for superintendents or supervisors were not discussed.

Dr. Nicodemus asked how many years does that rule that is in place require and Mr. Yanez responded three years.

Mr. Yanez stated that his recommendation would be for the framework to conform with the rule in place.

Ms. Amator said that they would be glad to make any changes that the Board deems necessary.

*Dr. Nicodemus moved to approve the proposed statewide framework for internship programs for school leaders, as presented.*

*Second by Supt. Horne.*

*Motion passes.*

- J. Presentation, discussion and consideration to approve passing scores for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

Ms. Amator stated that in May 19, 2008 the Board adopted Foreign Teacher teaching certificate and approved the TOEFL test. At that time the cut score had not been set. Ms. Amator explained that the skill areas tested are reading, writing, listening and speaking. Also explained the process of how each section is scored.

Dr. Balentine asked if the request was to approve the scoring process rather than determining the passing score.

Mr. Moore asked when the validity of the passing scores would be brought back for review of the Board. Ms. Amator stated it would be in less than a year.

*Ms. Mendoza moved to approve the passing scores for the Test of English as a Foreign Language, as presented.*

*Second by Dr. Nicodemus*

*Motion passes.*

- K. Presentation and discussion regarding the acceptance of transfer credit hours for approved teacher preparation programs

*Item tabled.*

- L. Consideration to appoint the nominating committee to recommend a slate of candidates for 2009 State Board of Education officers

Dr. Balentine stated that she has asked Dr. Haeger and Mr. Ary to serve on the committee and stated that if any Board members have a potential leadership interest to please notify Mr. Yanez.

5. ADJOURN 2:18pm

*Mr. Lucero motioned to adjourn*

*Second by Mr. Molera*

*Motion passes.*