

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Education Professional Standards Board
COPY: EPSB Education Partners
EPSB Staff
FROM: Phillip S. Rogers, Executive Director
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SUBJECT: August 2010 EPSB Update

Mission Statement

The Education Professional Standards Board, in full collaboration and cooperation with its education partners, promotes high levels of student achievement by establishing and enforcing rigorous professional standards for preparation, certification, and responsible and ethical behavior of all professional educators in Kentucky.

Worth Remembering

"I start with the premise that the function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers." – Ralph Nader

CRACE

The Committee to Review Admission and Clinical Experiences (CRACE) held its final meeting June 7, 2010. The committee's report will be presented to the EPSB during the August 2, 2010 board meeting. Several members from the committee will be present to address questions from board members.

The committee is asking the EPSB to significantly raise the standards for admission to Kentucky's teacher preparation programs. CRACE also encourages teacher preparation programs to continue the trend toward increased district collaboration including significantly increasing clinical experiences for all new teacher candidates.

Review of InTASC Teacher Standards

The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) has released new teacher standards for public comment. In its news release the CCSSO related, "*The Model Core Teaching Standards: A Resource for State Dialogue (Draft for Public Comment)* was developed by a committee of the Interstate Teacher and Assessment Support Consortium (InTASC) convened by CCSSO and included practicing teachers, teacher educators, and state education agency staff. These standards comprise a set of principles of effective teaching, revised from the 1992 model standards, and demonstrate a new vision for teaching."

Currently EPSB staff is reviewing the new standards and drafting comments for submission to CCSSO. The Model Core Teaching Standards document, the companion paper State Policy Implications of the Model Core Teaching Standards, and the link to the public comment survey all can be found at www.ccsso.org/intasc. I encourage teacher education programs and P-12 educators to review the new standards and submit comments.

EPSB at KASA

EPSB staff members had a strong presence at the annual July conference of the Kentucky Association of School Administrators. Cindy Godsey took the LEAD Training on the road and presented a pre-conference session for administrators who were attending the meeting, then she joined Marcie Lowe and Mike Carr for two days at an information table to help administrators with questions related to EPSB areas of responsibility. They visited with over 200 educators during the course of the conference. Finally, Mike conducted a concurrent session to explain the recent changes in certification regulations, including the revised TC-HQ process.

Certification and LEAD information/updates on the web

Those who wish to view the training sessions presented around the state each year by the Division of Certification may do so on their personal computers. To brush up on the basics of certification types in Kentucky or learn of recent changes in certification, visit: <http://epsb.ky.gov/certification/index.asp>. If you would like to learn more about the LEAD process, visit: <http://epsb.ky.gov/certification/LEAD.asp>. At either of these sites, you can quickly get the most up-to-date information.

Reappointment to NCATE BOE

I am pleased to announce my reappointment to the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Board of Examiners (BOE). I have served on the NCATE BOE for three years and look forward to three more years in which I will have the opportunity to participate in the review of teacher preparation programs outside of Kentucky. Serving on accreditation teams is excellent professional development since each visit expands my network of professional contacts.

Principal Review Committee

The committee is just beginning its work with two programs approved and one in the process. The institutions with principal preparation programs have until December 31, 2011, to submit proposals for approval before their current programs sunset. The committee is made up of principals, superintendents, a university representative, and other sister agency personnel.

Master's Review Committee

Teacher Leader programs have been on the approval track since August 2008. The committee has recommended nine (9) teacher leader proposals since that time. There are approximately seven (7) IHEs remaining to be reviewed. I am pleased to report that the committee continues to maintain the same high standards for IHEs coming through now as they did for those IHEs who came through first.

All master's degree programs within schools of education will sunset on December 31, 2010.

NCATE Board of Examiners Training

Dr. Donna Gollnick from the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education led two-day Board of Examiner (BOE) training for the Division of Educator Preparation (DEP). The trainees included EPSB (board members and staff), P-12

practitioners (teachers and administrators), higher education (faculty and administrators), and state education organizations. There were four consultants as well as two DEP staff members assisting Dr. Gollnick. The training added 47 additional BOE to the division's list of available evaluators.

The uniqueness of the training this year was that it was totally electronic. Every trainee was told to bring a laptop computer. Murray State University provided access to its data system that housed all of the documents developed for MuSU accreditation in 2009. The training modules were placed on the EPSB website and linked to the agenda. This paperless training helps to prepare BOE members for NCATE's redesign that will be more technology dependent.

Continuing Education Option (CEO)

The new CEO is well underway. The first cohort from the Central Kentucky Education Cooperative (CKEC) submitted plans for review the week of July 5 – 9. CEO Plans from KEDC are expected to be delivered the first week of August. Currently thirty-three (33) candidates have enrolled, with growing interest from across the state. CEO Portfolio scoring for the original cohorts will take place the last week of July.

New Teacher Survey

Data from the pilot New Teacher Survey are being compiled and reviewed for publication this fall. Based on input from universities, the redesigned instrument aligns survey questions with the Kentucky Teacher Standards and indicators, permitting the EPSB and teacher preparation programs to analyze the survey results more discretely. Additional questions regarding special populations were included at the request of the IHEs to align with data needed for the Title II report.

Because the survey is a pilot, the results will not be used by the EPSB for program evaluation; however, the standard reports will be available for public review on the KEPP website. A raw data set will be available upon request to preparation programs. Questions regarding the survey should be submitted to Jaime.rice@ky.gov.

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

There will be 587 candidates (392 first-time and 195 re-take candidates) receiving scores this fall for the 2008-2009 enrollment period. Two hundred ninety-four (294) have currently enrolled for 2009-2010. These candidates have received a total of \$308,750 in federal subsidies. Due to the large enrollment and estimated 75% reimbursement in December, all superintendents have been notified of the possibility of prorating the substitute reimbursements and \$200 candidate stipend per day for two days.

Kentucky Teacher Internship Program

Resource teacher and university contract payments have all been finalized. Resignations of interns during 2009-2010 allowed for funds to be available to reimburse districts that funded interns. This was welcome news for those districts. New contracts for 2010-2011 have been mailed to universities.

Communications to districts regarding those interns denied due to budget for 2009-2010 have begun. Professional Learning and Assessment staff sends multiple emails to districts ensuring that those teachers are guaranteed entry into KTIP.

National Independent Education Standards Board Association (NIESBA)

I am pleased to announce the official unveiling of the first national organization for independent standards boards. In the organizing stage for the better part of two years, NIESBA was officially formed in June at the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) annual meeting. A recent press release indicates that NIESBA has been formed “to foster communication among the standards boards, establish a national presence on behalf of professional educators and provide information and support to jurisdictions seeking to establish independent standards boards.”

Currently thirteen states have independent standards boards, boards that regulate the education profession and are independent of the state’s board of education. States with independent standards boards include California, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Kentucky, Minnesota, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Vermont, Washington, and Wyoming.

Dale Janssen, Executive Director of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, was chosen to be the first Chair of the organization. I was honored to be selected to be the first Vice Chair. Janet Welk, Executive Director of the North Dakota Education Standards and Practices Board, is the Member at Large.

Mike Carr re-elected as NASDTEC representative

Our director of certification, Mike Carr, was re-elected for a second term as the NASDTEC Southern Region Director at the group’s recent conference in June. Mike will be responsible for coordinating activities among the southeastern states, which includes organizing the annual regional meeting. He also serves on the Board of Directors that guides NASDTEC activities and initiatives, including the upcoming search for a new executive director for the organization. Mike was also named to the National Conference Planning Committee, which will seek speakers and coordinate all other aspects of next June’s conference to be held in Sacramento, CA. Mike will be traveling to the conference site in August and will attend NASDTEC Board meetings twice during the upcoming school year, but EPSB will bear no expenses for travel in connection with these trips.

EPSB Employee Furloughs

Like all other state agencies under the Executive Branch, all EPSB employees and contractors will be required to be furloughed six days during the 2010-2011 fiscal year. The Governor has required that three of the six days be on a Friday before three holidays (Labor Day, Memorial Day and Veterans Day) resulting in the closing of all state offices on those days. The remaining three days will be taken during the months of October, March, and June with agencies having flexibility on when employees are furloughed.

Welcome to Linda Nickel

We are very pleased to welcome Linda Nickel to the EPSB. Linda has replaced Cindy Owen (who left us in pursuit of a higher calling...working at her church). Linda serves as our project specialist for the P-20 data collaborative project, and we are delighted to have someone of her knowledge and experience supporting this important work.

Consultant changes in Certification Division

EPSB will lose a veteran consultant when Toni Lewis retires on Friday, August 27. Toni has been with the EPSB since 1990 when it was a part of KDE. We will all miss Toni, but she has a number of plans for her retirement, and she is a person with many interests, so we are sure that she will enjoy her newfound time on her farm in Switzer. Best of luck and a huge “thank you” to Toni.

As Toni retires, the division will welcome back Norma Andrade. Norma returns August 1st to help with the “summer rush,” and we are very happy to have her experience back with the agency. With the division moving from six to five consultants two years ago, it is good to have an experienced person back in Toni’s position.

Saying Goodbye to an Honored Colleague

By now you probably know that August 31 will be Dr. Marilyn Troupe’s last day with the EPSB. Marilyn has served the EPSB notably for 13 years, and she has set a high bar of excellence in the accreditation of Kentucky’s preparation programs. Additionally, she is nationally recognized as a distinguished and passionate voice for high standards for all educators and the institutions that prepare them. I am only one of her many colleagues here at the EPSB, around the state, and throughout the nation who will miss her.

If you are wondering about how Marilyn is feeling, I can give some insight. In preparing the update memo I view all the calendars of the leadership staff. When I viewed Marilyn’s last month with the EPSB, on September 1 she had only one entry for the month –“Permanent vacation.”

Meetings, Conferences, Etc

- August 1 – EPSB study session (no business conducted)
- August 2 – EPSB regular meeting
- August 3 – South east/south central Educational Cooperative meeting
- August 3/6 – Scoring
- August 4 – KBE retreat
- August 5 – KBE regular meeting
- August 5 – Committee to Review Redesigned Master’s Programs meeting
- August 6 – Green River Regional Education Cooperative meeting
- August 9 – Interim Joint Committee on Education meeting
- August 10 – Governor’s Transforming Education in Kentucky Task Force meeting
- August 18 – Kentucky Educational Development Cooperative meeting
- August 19 – EPSB staff leadership meeting
- August 20 – EPSB kick off for Kentucky Employees Charitable Campaign
- August 24 – Committee to Review Redesigned Master’s Programs meeting
- August 25 – Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative meeting