

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Education Professional Standards Board
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EPSB Staff
FROM: Phillip S. Rogers, Executive Director
DATE: August 3, 2009
SUBJECT: August 2009 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

“A ship in harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for.”

John A. Shedd

Gov. Beshear Appoints Dr. Mark Wasicsko to EPSB

Governor Steve Beshear appointed Dr. Mark Wasicsko, Dean of the College of Education and Human Services at Northern Kentucky to the EPSB, effective June 29, 2009. Along with Dr. Cathy Gunn of Morehead State University, Mark will represent deans of public colleges of education.

Mark is well known for his extensive work in the area of teacher dispositions. In fact, Mark and Paul Wirtz, together with Cynthia Resor of Eastern Kentucky University, had a paper titled “Using Dispositions in the Teacher Admission Process” accepted for publication in the next edition of the *Journal of the Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators*.

BTW: Some of you may remember that Mark served on the EPSB before. He served when he was Dean of the College of Education at Eastern Kentucky University prior to his move to NKU.

Welcome Dr. Terry Holliday

As most of you know, the Kentucky Board of Education has selected [Dr. Terry Holliday](#) as Kentucky’s fifth Commissioner of Education. This means that Terry will also be a member of the EPSB, and I suspect he will be an active and passionate advocate for preparing and supporting highly effective teachers.

I look forward to working with both Terry at KDE and Bob King at CPE. While the challenges facing our agencies are great, so are our opportunities. I believe the synergy of our agencies holds the best promise for meeting the high expectation that every child in Kentucky is prepared for learning and life.

Interesting Teacher Attrition Numbers

We just completed the attrition review of the new teachers who completed KTIP during the 2004-05 school year. Of the 2,370 interns who completed their first year of teaching and KTIP in 2004-05, 90% returned the second year to teach in Kentucky, with 75% returning to the same district. By their third year of teaching, 84% were still teaching in KY, and 63% were still teaching in the district where they began their career.

EPSB at KASA

The EPSB was well represented at the annual KY Association of School Administrators conference held in Louisville from July 15-17. Marcie Lowe, Cindy Godsey, Alicia Sneed, and Mike Carr staffed an informational table for two days of the meeting, answering many inquiries from school leaders interested in EPSB-related issues. In addition, Cindy led a group of 38 LEAD coordinators in a LEAD training session held immediately preceding the conference.

Mike conducted a concurrent session regarding the recommendations of the Certification Task Force. Alicia also conducted a concurrent session, "Ethical Issues for Administrators in the Digital World." A copy of the PowerPoint prepared for Alicia's presentation may be downloaded from the [EPSB website](#).

LEAD Training Sessions

Cindy Godsey conducted a total of five sessions across the state this summer to help both new and experienced Local Educator Assignment Data (LEAD) coordinators get ready for the fall reporting period. Over 200 district coordinators attended the trainings, which were held in Frankfort, Louisville, Owensboro, and London.

The LEAD application will open this month for districts to begin uploading data, with the due date for sign-off being October 20.

CTF Recommendations Already Underway

One of the recommendations from the Certification Task Force, adopted by the Board in May, has already been implemented. For the first time, EPSB staff was a part of KDE's training for new School-Based Decision Making (SBDM) council members, principals, and coordinators during two WebEx sessions this summer. Mike Carr presented material as part of the training to help SBDM members understand the eligibility of the alternatively certified candidates for teaching positions and the need to consider Highly Qualified status as well as certification when considering applicants. Many thanks to KDE's Michael Dailey, Darryl Thompson, and Mary Jo Rist for being so accommodating to EPSB staff in this effort to forward the task force's recommendation.

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

Kentucky has been awarded \$500,000 in federal subsidies for FY 2009-2010. Candidates who submit their initial \$500 fee with National Board may receive \$1,250, or one-half, of the cost of the National Board fees. These funds are provided by the U.S. Congress through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

2008-2009: There were a total of 493 candidates (including retakes). Of the total, 475 have submitted their portfolios for scoring. Scores will be released December 2009.

2009-2010: As of June 29 there are 344 first-time candidates.

For more information on becoming a [NBPTS teacher click here](#).

Continuing Education Option (CEO)

The CEO Task Force recommendations approved by the Board at its May meeting have been incorporated into [16 KAR 8.030](#). This regulation has been filed and comes before the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee on Tuesday, August 11, 2009.

Content reviewers convened on July 20 and 21 to evaluate and make additional comments and suggestions for the online module for Phase I. Staff continues to revise the module and incorporate changes based on the recommendations of our Board and content reviewers.

2009 ELA 55th Annual Conference Presentation

Dr. Rosa Weaver, Assistant Professor at Northern Kentucky University and a former member and chairperson of the Education Professional Standards Board, was selected to present with Alicia Sneed, the EPSB's Director of Legal Services, at the 2009 Education Law Association 55th Annual Conference which will be held October 21 -24, 2009 at the Brown Hotel. Their presentation, "The Continuing Need for Ethics Training for Pre-Service Teachers and Practicing Educators," will be on Thursday, October 22, 2009 at 10:40 a.m.

Regulation Update

The Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee will review the proposed amendments to [16 KAR 8:030](#) on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. 16 KAR 8:030 contains the procedures for renewing a certificate or obtaining a rank change through the Continuing Education Option. The EPSB approved the proposed amendment at its May 18, 2009 meeting.

Ethics Seminars

The Division of Legal Services will be conducting ethics seminars at the following locations during August:

- 8/7 – Alicia Sneed at Paintsville Independent
- 8/10 – Alicia Sneed at Murray State University
- 8/11 – Gary Stephens at Boone Co. Schools
- 8/25 – Gary Stephens at Georgetown College

To schedule an ethics seminar, please contact Elise Borne in the Division of Legal Services at elise.borne@ky.gov.

LRC Program Review Committee Report

On Thursday, August 13 the staff of the Legislative Review Committee (LRC) Program Review Committee will present to committee members on the EPSB program review. The committee makes performance reviews of the operations of state agencies to ascertain the appropriate expenditure of funds and the effectiveness of programs – it was our turn.

Overall, I was pleased with the outcome of the report and will be briefing you on the report's nine recommendations during the Sunday evening study session prior to our September EPSB meeting.

2009 KECC Campaign off to a sweet start

On August 14 it will be my pleasure once again to provide the ice cream and toppings to provide a sweet kick off for our annual Kentucky Employees Charitable Campaign (KECC). I believe we have some of the most generous (and hard working) employees in all of state government, and each year they prove it by their donations to the worthy causes supported through KECC. If you happen to be in Frankfort around 2:00 on the 14th drop in and enjoy some ice cream!

Meetings, Conferences, Etc

- August 3 – EPSB regular meeting
- August 4 – SB1 Steering Committee meeting
- August 4 – South East/ South Central Education Cooperative meeting
- August 5 – KBC meeting
- August 5 – Green River Regional Education Cooperative meeting
- August 7 – Math Achievement Committee meeting
- August 7 – Ethics Seminar at Paintsville Independent
- August 10 – Interim Joint Committee on Education meeting
- August 10 – Education Assessment and Accountability Review Subcommittee meeting
- August 11 – EPSB staff Leadership meeting
- August 11 – Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee meeting
- August 12 – Highly Qualified Teacher WebEx Training
- August 12 – Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services
- August 12 – SB1 Steering Committee meeting
- August 13 – LRC Program Review Committee meeting
- August 14 – 2009 KECC Kick off at EPSB
- August 17/19 – ETS Teacher Leadership meeting
- August 17 – Master’s Program Proposal Committee meeting
- August 17 – Teacher Roles and Compensation Committee Meeting
- August 20 – CPE Learning Depot Steering Committee meeting
- August 26 – Western Kentucky Education Cooperative
- August 26 – Kentucky Valley Education Cooperative meeting
- August 27/28 – Principal Redesign collaboration meeting