

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Education Professional Standards Board

COPY: EPSB Education Partners
EPSB Staff

FROM: Phillip S. Rogers, Executive Director

DATE: June 1, 2007

SUBJECT: June 2007 EPSB Update

Mission Statement

The Education Professional Standards Board 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.

FYI: New EPSB Member

I want to welcome Mr. Allan Paul to the EPSB. Mr. Paul was appointed by Governor Fletcher to complete the term left vacant by Stephen Lin's resignation. Allan was sworn in during the May EPSB meeting, and we were all relieved to discover that he has never fought a duel or been a second to a duel (if this confuses you then take a look at the constitutional oath provided in section 228 of the [Kentucky constitution](#)).

Allan teaches office technology in Fulton County. His wife Melinda teaches in the Hickman County school system. I am delighted to have Allan as part of the EPSB, and we all look forward to working with him.

Temporary Provisional Teacher Survey

As a follow-up to the Board's discussion at the March meeting regarding Option 6 alternative certification candidates, Mike Carr has surveyed this group of certificate holders to gain some basic information regarding the level of support they receive and their general impressions of the alternative certification experience. The results of this survey have been included in your retreat agenda for your review. I think you will find the results interesting.

KACTE Recognition of EPSB Staff

During the spring KACTE meeting, EPSB staff members Elizabeth Springate and Allison Bell and Division Director Dr. Marilyn Troupe were honored by being presented with the 2007 Friend of KACTE award. Since Marilyn was unable to attend the spring KACTE meeting, KACTE and EPSB staff kept the recognition a secret until the May EPSB

meeting. It is not often we find Marilyn speechless, but she was after Dr. Paul Wirtz gave her the award. I am very proud of Marilyn, Allison, and Elizabeth. Somehow day in and day out they graciously represent the EPSB in what can sometimes be difficult environments during accreditation visits. They manage to maintain a professional and helpful demeanor, and the appreciation of those who work closely with them is evident.

Redesign of Master's Programs Used for Rank Change

During the May EPSB meeting you all received the final reports from the Master's Redesign Guidelines Committee and the Kentucky Teaching Standards Committee. In August we will have our first look at how these recommendations will appear in regulations.

Education Leader Redesign Task Force Update

Although we had originally planned to have the final ELR report to you by the June meeting, it now looks as if it will be the August meeting. Even though our report will be ready, I believe we need more time to vet the report with the task force and our education partners before we bring it to the EPSB. In addition, given that the new Commissioner of Education, Dr. Barbara Erwin, will not be on the job until July and the new President of CPE has not been named, I would prefer that they have the opportunity to review the report while it is still in draft form.

By the time you receive this update memo, we will have the results of the principal working conditions survey. In spite of some difficulty in getting our email to the principals, we have had a fairly good response rate. The results of this survey will be included as part of the final ELR report.

Teacher Working Conditions Survey

We continue to work with our education partners to develop a survey of experienced teachers regarding working conditions in Kentucky schools. Currently it appears we will have to seek private funding to conduct the survey. Dr. Barnett Berry of the Center for Teacher Quality will serve as keynote speaker on Friday evening of our summer retreat, discussing the importance of the working conditions survey as well as overall teacher quality issues.

I have ordered, from the Center for Teaching Quality, the new publication: *Performance-Pay for Teachers: Designing a System that Students Deserve*. I will hopefully have a copy of this important publication for each you at the summer retreat.

ETS Rep to Visit

On June 1, ETS representative Jerry DeLuca will be visiting EPSB to discuss the beginning work on the IECE test development. As you may know, getting an appropriate assessment for new IECE teachers has been a long journey, but it appears now that ETS believes that the direction Kentucky has taken in our preschool programs has national promise and is willing to work with us to develop a test that we can use...keep your fingers crossed.

NBPTS Planning Session

In an effort to bring all interested parties together to discuss the National Board Certification program in Kentucky, on June 22nd, representatives from EPSB, KEA, KANBCT, WKU, KSU, mentoring service providers, State Farm Insurance, NBPTS (Kentucky's representative, Will Parker) are planning to meet at KEA. The purpose of the meeting is as follows:

- To share what EPSB, KEA, State Farm, WKU, and KANBCT are currently doing.
- To discuss ways to keep the General Assembly informed about NBPTS certification.
- To discuss what legislative changes might be necessary to further the work and better support National Board candidates.
- To discuss recruitment of minorities into the NB program and how current activities might support these efforts.
- To discuss any ideas other interested parties have for the NB program.

New EPSB Staff Member

We are glad to welcome to the EPSB staff, Ms. Sherri Henley.

Sherri comes to the Division of Professional Learning and Assessment (PLA) from Frankfort High School where she has taught business for 13 years. Sherri has served on a Beginning Teacher Committee for two teacher interns and on the KTIP Appeals Committee. We welcome Sherri and are looking forward to her beginning work with us on June 1st.

Summer Interns at EPSB

Each summer the EPSB has the opportunity to employ summer interns and this year we have several excellent young professionals:

- Kelli Robinson is spending her summer with the EPSB Executive Office. Currently enrolled at Kentucky State University, Kelli is studying criminal law. We are pleased to have her join the EPSB team.
- Steve Fohl is serving as a summer intern for the Division of Certification. Steve has just graduated from Eastern Kentucky University, where he majored in history. He plans to enter graduate school at ECU in the fall, and he hopes to secure a position working on campus as well. In addition to his studies, Steve was a talented sports columnist for the Eastern Progress newspaper on campus. Steve is the son of Larry and Donna Fohl of Elizabethtown. (Larry is also our agency's Troops to Teachers coordinator.)
- Matt Rhodes is joining PLA for the summer to assist with various tasks related to eight different programs. Matt is a graduate of UK and has a degree in Political Science. Matt will be joining us on June 1 and we look forward to his assistance.

Recognition from the Governor's Office

Our own Ashley Abshire was recognized for her excellence in responding to constituent letters sent to the EPSB from the Governor's office. Ashley does a great job of

managing the EPSB responses to the questions and concerns expressed by citizens of the Commonwealth, and she does so in a timely and pleasant manner.

Appointment to the National NCATE Board of Examiners

Though I am still not completely certain what I have agreed to, I have been appointed to the national NCATE Board of Examiners (BOE). The BOE is the field team that reviews and makes a recommendation regarding the accreditation of teacher preparation programs. I believe that I will benefit from the experience of serving on the NCATE BOE team and look forward to the training sometime this fall or winter. My three-year appointment requires that I serve on two BOE teams each year. An average visit consists of a Friday through Wednesday timeframe.

Dr. Troupe Acknowledged

Marilyn has been acknowledged for her review of a new book through Corwin Press. The book, "Assessing Teacher Competency: Five Standards-Based Steps to Valid Measurement Using the CAATS Model" (Wilkerson and Lang, 2007) presents a comprehensive model to assess teacher knowledge and skills.

Meetings, Conferences, Etc.

June 1 – Leadership meeting
June 3/6 – NASDTC conference
June 5 – KEDC meeting
June 5 – CEO meeting
June 7 – ARRS meeting
June 8 – Math committee meeting
June 11 – Presentation to ECU principal candidates
June 11/12 -- Annual Teacher Leadership Network Meeting
June 11/14 – Praxis II review panels
June 13/14 – KBE meeting
June 15 – VAA Conference
June 15/17 – EPSB summer retreat
June 18 – June EPSB meeting (Louisville)
June 18/20 – GRREC summer meeting
June 19 – Leadership meeting
June 19 – KANBCT meeting
June 20 – P-16 meeting
June 21 – SAELP workgroup
June 22 -- Administrative Hearing Training
June 25 – EPPQM committee meeting
June 25/27 – KTIP/LEAD regional meetings
June 27 – OVEC meeting
June 27 – KVEC meeting
June 27/30 – CTQ meeting
June 29 – KTIP/LEAD regional meeting

FYI: Acronyms and abbreviations:

AACTE – American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education

ARRS -- Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee
AIKCU – Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities
CCSLP – Commonwealth Collaborative for School Leadership Programs
CEO – Continuing Education Option
CIP -- Classification of Instructional Programs.
CKEC – Central Kentucky Educational Cooperative
CPE – Council on Post-Secondary Education
CTQ – Center for Improving Teacher Quality
DEP – Division of Educator Preparation
EAARS – Education Assessment and Accountability Review Subcommittee
ECS -- Education Commission of the States
EPPQM -- Educator Preparation Program Quality Measurement Committee
ELDC – Education Leadership Development Cooperative
ELR – Educational Leader Redesign Task Force
ETS – Educational Testing Service
GRREC – Green River Region Educational Cooperative
IECE – Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education
KACTE – Kentucky Association of Colleges for Teacher Educators
KANBCT – Kentucky Association of National Board Certified Teachers
KASA – Kentucky Association of School Administrators
KASC – Kentucky Association of School Councils
KATC - Kentucky Academy of Technology Education
KBE – Kentucky Board of Education
KECC – Kentucky Employees Charitable Campaign
KEDC – Kentucky Education Development Cooperative
KEN – Kentucky Education Network
K-ITEP -- Kentucky – Information Technology in Educator Preparation
KPIP – Kentucky Principal Internship Program
KySTE - Kentucky Society for Technology in Education
KEDC – Kentucky Education Development Cooperative
LEAD – Local Educator Assignment Data
NASDTEC – National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification
NBPTS – National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
NCAC – National Council for Alternative Certification
NCATE – National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
NCTAF – National Commission on Teaching and America’s Future
NKCES – Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services
OVEC – Ohio Valley Education Cooperative
SAELP – State Action for Education Leadership Project
SAPEC -- State Advisory Panel for Exceptional Children
SESC – Southeast South Central Education Cooperative
SREB – Southern Region Education Board
STEM – Science, Technology, Mathematics, and Engineering
TPA – Teacher Performance Assessments
TQEG – Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant
VAA – Value-Added Assessment
WKEC – Western Kentucky Educational Cooperative

