

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Education Professional Standards Board

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EPSB Staff

FROM: Alicia A. Sneed, Acting Executive Director

DATE: November 1, 2012

SUBJECT: November 1, 2012 EPSB Update Memo

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.

NOTE: The EPSB chair, Cassandra Webb, has called a special meeting of the EPSB for Monday, November 12, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in Conference Room A, 100 Airport Road, 3rd Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601 for the EPSB to interview candidates for the Executive Director position. It is anticipated that the EPSB will move into closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f) after roll call to conduct discussions which might lead to the appointment of an individual employee.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EPSB is Monday, January 7, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A, 100 Airport Road, 3rd Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky.

LEAD Report District Sign-off This Week

The fall LEAD report is to be signed off by all districts on Thursday, November 1. From now until November 15, EPSB staff will be working feverishly with any districts which are showing problems on the report. At that time, staff will send an email to KDE Commissioner Terry Holliday with any outstanding problems, as is required by statute. Generally, EPSB staff remains at work with any districts through approximately December 1 concerning any problems that may still have a solution, pending communication between KDE staff and the local districts. At this writing, it is too soon to speculate as to how many irresolvable staffing problems may exist for the current school year; however, EPSB staff began notifying district of MUNIS errors as far back as mid-October so that these could be resolved before the November 1 sign-off date.

NASDTEC Professional Practices Institute

The EPSB's Division of Legal Services' staff and Lisa Lang, Assistant General Counsel at the Kentucky Department of Education, attended the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification's (NASDTEC) Professional Practices Institute (PPI) in Cincinnati, Ohio, last month. The PPI has been a great professional development opportunity for the EPSB attorneys and this year's conference included presentations on self-auditing the state disciplinary process, cheating in high stakes testing, and an in-depth case study on presenting evidence in educator misconduct cases. One of the highlights of the conference was a panel presentation by Dr. Mark Wasicsko and Tom Stull of the EPSB. Mark and Tom discussed the myriad of issues facing educators from their perspectives as veteran EPSB members and practicing educators. An earlier presentation from an Ohio Department of Education hearing officer reviewed the evidence hearing officers look for when recommending a finding that misconduct occurred. Mark and Tom were able to give the conference participants a look at what an entity like the EPSB does with those recommended orders and how educators discipline their peers. In addition, the panel presentation reviewed some of the more common cases the EPSB sees in Kentucky and the panelists gave advice on how to train and educate practicing teachers.

PARC Update

The Program Review and Accreditation Committee (PARC) is nearing the final stages of a developing a new program review system for consideration by educator preparation programs and the Education Professional Standards Board. The new program is expected to be web-based, transparent, and data driven, characteristics that hold promise for demonstrating that continuous improvement is the norm for Kentucky educator preparation programs. In addition, the new model's efficiency is expected to reduce the time and cost of the program review process.

TC-4 Numbers Continue to Grow

As of October 25, 7418 emergency substitutes were certified via the new online process since May 1, with another 1125 pending application completion and sign off by the applicant. Should your district change personnel who handle the processing of these applications or need to add a new person to assume this responsibility, the district personnel director simply needs to contact EPSB staff via EPSBTC4@ky.gov, with the information for the new employee. Please be sure to have the new person create a new account on the EPSB website.

Detailed instructions for anyone new to working with the TC-4 process will remain available for your use at: <http://www.kyepsb.ky.gov/certification/EmerSubstituteCert.asp>.

KECC Update

Every year, the EPSB staff participated in the Kentucky Employee Charitable Campaign (KECC) to raise money for various charities throughout the Commonwealth. This year the staff raised \$5,071.67 through hard work, dedication, and generosity. Thank you to EPSB staff for their commitment to help others and their bigheartedness!

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

Currently, 385 National Board (NB) candidates have enrolled in the 2011 - 2012 cycle. The sum of \$481,250 in federal subsidies has been applied to the new enrollees' accounts. In late fall, the EPSB will receive score results for 609 candidates for the 2010 – 2011 cycle.

NCATE Alliance for Clinical Teacher Preparation

Dr. Kathryn Polmanteer, Assistant Dean of Education at Morehead State University, Mrs. Rhonda Banks, Principal of McBrayer Elementary School in Morehead, and Dr. Kim Walters Parker, Director of the Educator Preparation Division at the EPSB, attended a meeting of the NCATE Alliance for Clinical Teacher Preparation October 17-19. Kentucky is one of several states participating in the Alliance as an avenue for staying abreast of the latest research and experiences in clinical preparation for educators. The focus of this meeting was cost-effectiveness in clinical preparation models, an issue of great interest to both P-12 systems and higher education. Several economic models were presented as potential approaches to determining the true cost of clinical preparation.

Kentucky Teacher Internship Program

All Confirmations of Employment for the 2012-2013 internships have been approved. All new teachers have been accepted into KTIP for a full-year internship and for those who began last spring. To date, we have 2,437 interns or full-time equivalency of 2,429.50. Thanks again to the Office of Career and Technical Education whose funds allowed for 59.5 interns.

Ethics Seminars

The legal services staff will present ethics seminars at the following locations during the month of November:

- University of Kentucky- November 9, 2012
- University of the Cumberland- November 14, 2012
- Bowling Green Independent Schools- November 29, 2012

To schedule an ethics seminar at your institution, school, or school district, please contact Elise Borne at elise.borne@ky.gov.

Welcome, Lauren Graves!

The Division of Educator Preparation is pleased to welcome Lauren Graves as a Program Consultant. Lauren will be involved in program reviews and accreditation visits, and she will be working with Title II reporting. Lauren's experience includes serving as a regional supervisor for a grant-funded school nutrition program that provided instruction for children in low-income schools in several counties. Welcome, Lauren!

FYI: November Meetings, Conferences, Etc.

November 2 – KACTE Fall Conference
November 5 – PARC Online Meeting
November 5 - TELL Advisory Team, KDE
November 6- Election Day, All State Government Offices Closed November 7- Green River Regional Educational Cooperative (GRREC) meeting
November 9- UK Student Ethics Seminar
November 9 - Reading Committee Meeting
November 9 - PRAXIS Regional Webinar
November 11/13 - Campbellsville Assessment site visit
November 12 - Veterans Day Holiday, All State Government Offices Closed
November 12 - EPSB Special Meeting
November 13 - South East/South Central Education Cooperative meeting
November 14 – KTIP TPA Tasks Workgroup
November 14 - Ethics Seminar, University of the Cumberlands
November 14 - Northern Kentucky Education Cooperative meeting
November 14 - Western Kentucky Education Cooperative Meeting
November 14 - Central Kentucky Education Cooperative Meeting
November 14 - Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative meeting November 14/15 - Co-Teaching Training Sessions, Lexington
November 15 - KACI meeting at the EPSB
November 15/16 - Education Dispositions Symposium, NKU
November 16 - Kentucky Association of School Business Officials Conference, Lexington
November 18/20 - Council of Exceptional Children Conference
November 19 - Interim Joint Committee/Subcommittee for Education meetings
November 22/23 - Thanksgiving Holiday, All State Government Offices Closed
November 26 - Teachers of Exceptional Children Committee Meeting at EPSB
November 27 - CCSLP Meeting at EPSB
November 27 - Superintendent Redesign Team Meeting at EPSB
November 28 - Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative meeting
November 29- Ethics Seminar, Bowling Green Independent Schools

