Minutes
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The State Board of Education held a telephonic meeting on November 7, 2012. The following State Board members participated: Rosie Hussey, Charlie Edwards, LaMetta Wynn, Mike Knedler, Valorie Kruse, Diane Crookham-Johnson, and Mike May. The following Department of Education (Department) staff participated: Jason Glass, Gail Sullivan, Mike Cormack, Staci Hupp, Larry Bice, Mary Delagardelle, Nicole Proesch, Phil Wise, David Tilly, and Jody Crane. Mike Wiser, LEE News, and Joyce Russell, Iowa Public Radio, were also in attendance.

STATE BOARD BUSINESS MEETING

President Rosie Hussey called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

It was moved by Valorie Kruse and seconded by Mike May that the agenda be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATION

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION AGENDA

Rules: Chapter 81 – Standards for School Business Official Preparation Programs (Adopt)

Mike Cormack, Policy Liaison, Office of the Director, explained that there was a time element with the three sets of rules being presented; thus, the need for a special meeting. The Chapter 81 rules were presented to the Board for notice in March 2012. Due to transition of staff responsible for the rule writing process, the Chapter 81 rules were delayed in being brought to the Board to be adopted. They are still within the 180 day window for Board approval.

Cormack stated that these rules are noncontroversial. This chapter provides standards and procedures for the approval of training programs for individuals who seek authorization issued by the Board of Educational Examiners for employment as school business officials responsible for the financial operations of a school district.

There was a question if there had been any changes to the rules since they were noticed. Cormack responded that they were identical to the noticed rules.

> **Motion**: Mike Knedler made a motion and Valorie Kruse seconded that the State Board adopt Chapter 81.
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> **Vote**: A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Crookham-Johnson, Hussey, Knedler, Kruse, May, Wynn. The motion passed.

Rules: Chapter 79 – Standards for Practitioner and Administrator Preparation Programs (Adopt)

Mike Cormack, Policy Liaison, Office of the Director, reported on the Chapter 79 rules. Senate File (SF) 2284 made changes to testing requirements for prospective teaching applicants in practitioner and administrator preparation programs. These changes impact those entering and leaving these programs.

Upon entrance to a preparation program, students will now be required to take a preprofessional skills test from a nationally recognized testing service instead of the broader basic skills test that was previously required. Upon completion of the program students must pass, subject to the Department director's approval, an assessment designed by a nationally recognized testing service that measures pedagogy and knowledge in at least one subject area; or a valid and reliable subject-area-specific, performance-based assessment for preservice teacher candidates. The Department's director has determined that a valid performance-based assessment does not currently exist, so these rules address the pedagogy and knowledge assessment designed by a nationally recognized testing service, and the rules related to the performance assessment will be developed when such tests are available and valid.

There were three public comments and one written comment on this measure during the public hearing process. Concerns were raised about the proper time to put these rules into effect, the testing choices available to graduates, and the potential impact on candidates who did not pass these tests.

There was discussion if there was a limit how many times an individual would be able to take the test, who would determine which national test will be used, if the same test will be used at every institution, what would happen if someone successfully passes the test then decides to move to another level of teaching, and if hiring institutions receive the scores of individuals. These questions have been responded to in further guidance sent to the stakeholders.

Director Jason Glass said that the Department will begin promulgation of rules related to the performance-based assessment next year. They are not included in this set of rules because that assessment does not exist yet and the Department wants to wait to make sure a valid and reliable assessment is available before the rule making process begins.

Motion: LaMetta Wynn made a motion and Diane Crookham-Johnson seconded that the State Board adopt Chapter 79.

Vote: A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Crookham-Johnson, Edwards, Hussey, Knedler, Kruse, May, Wynn. The motion passed.

Rules: Chapter 61 – Iowa Reading Research Center (Adopt)

Mike Cormack, Policy Liaison, Office of the Director, reported on the Chapter 61 rules. SF 2284 included authorizing language for the creation of an Iowa Reading Research Center. This legislation requires the center to be operational and to report back to the Iowa General Assembly by January 15, 2013. The initial focus of this center is on literacy efforts in kindergarten through grade 3 as directed by the law, with other goals to follow.

Cormack talked about the make-up and quality of the membership of the Reading Research Committee.

A public hearing was held and there were no attendees and no written comments were received. The rules were presented to the Administrative Rules Review Committee and the comments were supportive of the center and of the proposed rules.

There was discussion regarding the State Board's role with the Reading Research Center once it is established, what will happen if the center does not receive future funding, and the governance structure.

It was suggested that it may be advantageous to have a State Board member serve as a liaison on the Reading Resource Center Advisory Council so the Board can be actively involved. Department staff agreed that was a good idea and would keep it in mind when the council is appointed.

Motion: Valorie Kruse made a motion and Charlie Edwards seconded that the State Board adopt Chapter 61.

Vote: A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Edwards, Hussey, Knedler, Kruse, May, Wynn. The motion passed.

Charlie Edwards made a motion and Valorie Kruse seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

Rosie Hussey adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Rosie Hussey
President

Jason E. Glass
Director