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Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Phillip Rogers welcomed new Board members, Lorraine Williams and David Muse to the Board. Their confirmations are expected to occur during the 2006 Legislative Session this spring.

Kentucky Department of Education Update

Mr. Steve Schenck, with the Kentucky Department of Education, reported that during the spring semester of 2007, students will be taking the revised CATS, which includes a new Core Content for assessment, 4.0, and an added dimension called "Depth of Knowledge." It is anticipated that the Kentucky Board of Education would approve the new high-school graduation requirements at its February meeting. These two developments will greatly impact what teachers need to know in order to teach their students.

Admissions Data

Dr. Marilyn Troupe and Dr. Melissa Miracle presented admissions and exit data from educator preparation programs. The admission/exit data focused on five shortage areas: (1) science/mathematics, (2) foreign language, (3) special education, (4) middle school science, and (5) middle school mathematics. The exit data shows trends similar to those of the admission data. More students have exited special education preparation programs; and while there have been increases in the certification areas of middle school mathematics and in science/mathematics in general, the numbers are still low when compared to the special education exit data. In exit certification areas, mathematics, biology, Spanish, French, and learning behavior disorders have the greatest number of students for all areas.

Reports will be made on an annual basis with a detailed listing of content areas and all institutions presented at the EPSB Annual Retreat. Dr. Miracle has been working with the Division of Educator Preparation to train how to access the database of district-entered information. Elizabeth Springate, consultant, is the lead person in managing the database.

EPSB Members:

- Lonnie Anderson
- Wally Campbell
- James Cibulka
- Lydia Coffey
- Sam Evans
- Kristin Gregory
- Kent Juett
- Tom Layzell
- Steve Lin
- Linda Livers
- David Muse
- Rita Presley
- Wilson Stone
- Tom Stull, Chair
- Ellie Thompson
- Gene Wilhoit
- Lorraine Williams

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Phillip S. Rogers,
Executive Director

Next EPSB Meeting:

March 20, 2006
9:00 AM
EPSB Board Room
100 Airport Road
Frankfort, Kentucky

Welcome!

EPSB welcomes Ms. Freda Simpson as the new Administrative Specialist III to the Division of Educator Preparation.

The mission of Kentucky's Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) is to ensure a quality educator for every professional public school position through the establishment and enforcement of rigorous, achievable standards for obtaining and maintaining certification.

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LEAD Report

Mike Carr, Director of Division of Certification, presented the current local educator assignment data (LEAD). EPSB is very pleased with the indications of the initial report. Mr. Carr pointed out the two sets of statistics, the number of assignments and the number of people, with the number of people being the more important statistic. Except for two status categories—"out of field" and "out of grade range"—all other categories show a decrease in the numbers of noncompliers. Dr. Rogers pointed out that the statistics show 99.77 percent of all teachers are "cleared"; that is, they are teaching in their field and grade range and are duly certified. Mr. Carr also recognized Cindy Godsey, LEAD coordinator, who has been with EPSB for nine months and who has been doing an excellent job.

New Look for Kentucky Teaching Certificates

Design of Kentucky teaching certificates will soon be getting a new look...the reverse side of current certificates details a long list of instructions and applicable regulations about the certification renewal process. Soon, Kentucky educators will see the Code of Ethics on the back of each certificate with relevant renewal codes and information now printed on the front just below the individual's certification credentials. As the printing of certificates and amendments to regulations regarding renewal often do not coincide, the revision will also be timely as certificates are reprinted each spring. The change allows for each certificate holder to have a copy of the Code of Ethics close at hand and provides the most up to date renewal requirements.

Principal Preparation Program Redesign

EPSB and other Kentucky educational partners have begun the task of redesigning the principal preparation program. Restructuring the principal preparation program has gained national focus according to the report by EPSB's Dr. Marilyn Troupe, Mr. Robert Brown, and Dr. Jim Rinehart of the University of Kentucky. The Wallace Foundation, co-drafter of the Commonwealth Collaborative for School Leadership Programs (CCSLP) initiative, has decided to use Kentucky's redesigned program as a case study. One theme which surfaces is the need for more district involvement in the admission process, program and internship design, program delivery, and program review. In most reports from schools that are performing well, one reason cited for good performance has been effective leadership. The major focus of the redesign program is to better prepare those individuals who plan to be out in the field.

Master's Review Committee

The Master's Review Committee (a cross-section of principals, teachers, higher education members, deans, KDE representatives) convened in September 2005. This committee operates under the guidance of the EPSB's Division for Educator Preparation, and is charged with reviewing current master's degree programs and making recommendations about modifications to aid in improving student learning.

National Board Certified Teachers Report

Kentucky is moving forward...should the number of National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) continue to increase at the current rate the state would have over 8,100 NBCTs in 2015, approximately one-fifth of all Kentucky teachers. Kentucky now has 900 NBCTs in comparison to one in 1995 and continues making progress toward having at least one NBCT in each school by 2020 in accordance with the legislative goal referenced in KRS 161.131. Kentucky continues to surpass the nation with a near 50% pass rate with 166 Kentucky teachers receiving their National Board certification for FY 04-05. Currently, 494 FY 05-06 candidates have applied for National Board certification; each first-year candidate in this cycle will receive a federal subsidy of \$1,150, enough to pay half of the fees for certification.

An EPSB survey of school districts, which is underway, indicates that many Kentucky NBCTs are now serving in a variety of school district leadership positions—instructional supervisors, principals or university-level instructors. Final survey results will be published and shared with the Board upon completion.



Kentucky's First NBCT

Congratulations to Lynn Hines, EPSB's National Board Incentive Trust Fund Coordinator, who was presented with a plaque honoring her achievements, hard work, energy, and vision toward the Kentucky NBCT program. Ms. Hines was Kentucky's first NBCT in 1995 and is Kentucky's first recertified NBCT in 2005.

Report of the Chair

During the January meeting, Chair Tom Stull made appointments to the following EPSB Committees:

- the EPSB Reading Committee for the three-year period of January 2006 – January 2009: Dr. Lesia Lennex replaces Dr. Sharon Sullivan, Dr. Cynthia Mason replaces Dr. Kim Naugle, Dr. Doug Smith replaces Dr. George Patmor, and Ms. Nancy Reed replaces Ms. Sarah Sweat;
- the Continuous Assessment Review Committee (CARC) for the two-year period of January 2006 – January 2008: Dr. Paul Erickson replaces Dr. Paul Wirtz, Dr. Lora Bailey replaces Ms. Wanda Griffith, Dr. Lenore Kinne replaces Dr. Ken Carter, Ms. Angela Cain replaces Ms. Carlette Kiser, and Ms. Pam Rogers replaces Ms. Phyllis Shuttleworth, Dr. Renee Campoy and Dr. Bonnie Banker were reappointed for two-year terms beginning January 2006; and
- the Evaluation Committee of the Executive Director: Kristin Gregory to replace Joe Welch.

January Board Meeting Action Items

EPSB 2006 Annual Retreat and June Board Meeting

Based upon a survey of board members regarding alternate meeting places for the 2006 Annual Retreat and June board meeting, a new location was approved. The members and leadership staff will now meet on June 9–11, 2006 (Friday–Sunday) at the Holiday Inn University Plaza, Bowling Green, Kentucky for the 2006 Annual Retreat and hold the June board meeting on Monday, June 12, 2006, at 9 AM CDT. The changes result in savings of time, money and resources.

Waivers and Alternative Route to Certification Applications

The EPSB reviewed information pertaining to seven requests for waivers of educator certification requirements. Four waivers were approved and three were denied. One Alternative Route to Certification applicant was reviewed and approved. 

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