## January 2003 Board Brief:

## STATE BOARD ADOPTS DESIGN FOR STATEWIDE ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM

At its business meeting on Tuesday, January 14, the State Board of Education adopted the design for a statewide school building and school district accountability system, which is officially entitled "Ohio's Proposal for a Unitary Accountability System." The measure puts the Board on track to fulfill the requirements of the "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001," which requires states to have "a single statewide State accountability system that will be effective in ensuring that all local educational agencies, public elementary schools, and public secondary schools make adequate yearly progress..."

"Ohio's Proposal for a Unitary Accountability System" reflects input from key stakeholders in Ohio education, including parents, central office administrators, building principals, teachers, and representatives of business and industry. The Board is confident that the new accountability system will uphold the high academic standards that are incorporated in current Ohio statute while responding to the requirements of federal law.

Also on Tuesday, Chief Justice Thomas Moyer administered the oath of office to the following Board members who were elected, re-elected, appointed or re-appointed to new four-year terms: Jennifer L. Sheets, Richard E. Baker, Jim Craig, John W. Griffin, Stephen M. Millett, Deborah Owens Fink, G.R. "Sam" Schloemer, Carl Wick, and Martha W. Wise. Later, Board members elected Jennifer L. Sheets as Board president and Richard E. Baker as vice president. Both will serve a term that ends on December 31, 2004.

The State Board's three committees held meetings on Monday morning, January 13. A summary of each committee's activities follows:

**Executive Committee:** The committee reviewed final changes to the proposed State Board meeting calendar for 2003 and discussed the possibility of holding a dinner meeting with House and Senate Education Committee members. Two recommendations were approved for the rescission of the Interactive Instructional Program Rule and the rescission of rules for temporary certificates. Both measures will be brought to a vote in February.

**Standards Committee:** Committee members continued their discussion of the process for developing curriculum models and assessments, and received an update on the Technology Academic Content Standards. A resolution of intent was presented to the full Board for the adoption of changes to Career-Technical and Adult Education Rules.

**Resources Committee:** Committee discussions focused on proposed changes to the Entry-Year Rule, minority candidates' performance on Praxis II tests, Safe School Policy,

and the definition of "Highly Qualified Teachers and High-Quality Professional Development."

Also on Monday, the Board received updates on federal and state education legislation, as well as Department staff reports on career-technical and adult education; second quarter FY03 budget activities; the development of curriculum models, and diagnostic and achievement tests; and community school contract renewals. During lunch, recognition was given to staff in the Department's Office of Career-Technical and Adult Education for earning a national exemplary designation from the U.S. Department of Education for Ohio's Career Development Program/OCIS. Recognition was also given to Charlotte Coomer, who recently retired from the Department after many years of service in the Office of Career-Technical and Adult Education.

In her report to the State Board on Tuesday, Superintendent of Public Instruction Susan Zelman highlighted the 2003 Annual Report on Educational Progress in Ohio, entitled "Committed to Success for All." She noted that, overall, the state's school districts were demonstrating improved performance as evidenced by the number of districts moving from lower to higher designations on the Local Report Card. Dr. Zelman stated that some progress had also been made in closing the gap between Ohio's highest- and lowest-achieving students, although much still needed to be done. "We cannot rest until every child has a chance to be successful," she said.

In addition to the adoption of a statewide school building and school district accountability system, the Board took the following personnel action at its Tuesday business meeting:

- Robert C. Casey, denial of an application for a four-year renewal teaching certificate, arson
- Jessica J. Dutton, revocation of a four-year elementary teaching certificate, misdemeanor and felony counts of deception to obtain dangerous drugs
- Charita Dysart, denial of an application for a one-year educational aide permit, gross patient neglect
- Michelle R. Hoop, denial of an application for a one-year educational aide permit, theft and falsification of an application
- Sherry B. Long, revocation of an eight-year high school teaching certificate, eight-year supervisor's certificate, four-year superintendent's certificate, and four-year business license, unlawful interest in a public contract and unauthorized use of property
- Randall J. Mack, denial of an application for a four-year teaching certificate, loitering in aide of a drug offense and disorderly conduct stemming from drug use

- John J. O'Bryan, permanent revocation of an eight-year high school teaching certificate, disorderly conduct stemming from solicitation of a minor to engage in sexual conduct
- Vanessa L. Pashley, denial of an application for a four-year initial teaching certificate, open container, resisting arrest, OMVI, disorderly conduct stemming from intoxication
- Ronald Zeno, denial of two applications for adult education teaching certificates, failure to comply with an order of a police officer, aggravated menacing, improper handling of a firearm in a motor vehicle, and impersonating a police officer
- Other action taken by the Board on Tuesday was as follows:
- Dismissed an intent to consider the possible transfer of school district territory from the Columbiana Exempted Village School District, Columbiana County, to the South Range Local School District, Mahoning County
- Denied a request to transfer school district territory from the Chippewa Local School District, Wayne County, to the Rittman Exempted Village School District, Wayne County
- Expressed an intent to amend Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3301-24-05 regarding middle school licensure
- Amended OAC Rule 3301-35-10 regarding site-based management council
- Expressed an intent to amend OAC Rule 3301-42-01 regarding criteria for enrolling eligible adults in public secondary education programs
- Expressed an intent to amend OAC Rules 3301-43-01 through 3301-43-06 regarding high school continuation programs
- Expressed an intent to rescind OAC Rule 3301-45-01regarding criteria and procedures for exemption of job-ready general assistance recipients from educational /skills training programs
- Expressed an intent to amend OAC Rules 3301-61-07, 3301-61-10, and 3301-61-14, and to rescind OAC Rules 3301-61-04, 3301-61-05, 3301-61-12, 3301-61-13, and 3301-61-15 regarding vocational education
- Expressed an intent to rescind OAC Rule 3301-67-01 regarding criteria for the distribution of funds to joint vocational schools for academics

- Amended OAC Rule 3301-101-01 regarding deregulation or exemption from certain education statutes or rules
- Commended Doreen Uhas Sauer, a history and English teacher at Fort Hayes Arts/Academic Center in Columbus City Schools, as the 2003 Ohio Teacher of the Year
- Commended Paul D. Marshall, executive director, Budget and Federal Relations, who will retire at the end of the month, and designated him an executive director emeritus
- Commended Lorita T. Myles, director, Child Nutrition Services, who will retire at the end of the month, and designated her a director emeritus
- Approved the appointment of Martha W. Wise to NASBE's Policy Leader of the Year Award Committee
- Appointed David C. Miller to a five-year term on the State Library Board
- Authorized the Office of Community Schools to negotiate the renewal of the Oak Tree Montessori Community School contract for a term of one year from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004, and to place the school in continuous improvement status (probation)
- Authorized the Office of Community Schools to negotiate the renewal of the City Day Community School contract for a term of one year from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004, and to place the school in continuous improvement status (probation)
- Authorized the Office of Community Schools to negotiate the renewal of the Hope Academy Community School, Broadway Campus, contract
- Expressed an intent to adopt the definition of "highly qualified teacher" pursuant to the "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001"

The next regular meeting of the State Board is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, February 10-11, 2003, at the Ohio School for the Deaf, 500 Morse Road, Columbus, Ohio 43214.

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