

Washington State Board of Education  
Special Meeting  
Billings Conference Room  
Old Capital Building, Olympia, Washington  
July 11, 2005

**MINUTES**

The meeting was convened by conference call at 10:06 a.m. from the Billings Conference Room, Old Capitol Building, Olympia, Washington.

Members Participating: Nancy Fike, Steve Floyd, Linda W. Lamb, Warren T. Smith Sr., Carolyn Tolas, and Dana Twight. Mr. Floyd and Mrs. Lamb were present in the Billings Conference Room.

Members Excused: Buck Evans, Phyllis Bunker Frank, Bobbie May, John C. Schuster

Staff Present: Larry Davis and Laura Moore

Executive Director Larry Davis provided background information for members on the lapsed certification on education centers, including information provided by State Board staff member Pat Eirish.

- ✓ No legislative funding since the 2001-03 biennium
- ✓ No funding for site visits by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)
- ✓ Must have State Board certification to operate (RCW 28A.205.010)

Discussion was held on several aspects of the certification question, including:

- ✓ Mrs. Lamb suggestion that Mrs. May's Learning Support and Improvement Committee talk to the district personnel who deal with the education centers on how grades are handled when students return and what they know about the education centers.
- ✓ What are the criteria for measuring success of students?
- ✓ What are the retention and follow-up policies for centers to track students?
- ✓ Concern was raised about students using centers to circumvent the graduation requirements by studying for the GED test.

Motion: Moved by Mrs. Lamb and seconded by Mr. Floyd that the certified status of existing education centers be extended from June 30, 2005, to October 31, 2005; and the Learning Support and Improvement Committee of the State Board of Education bring to the October 2005 State Board meeting

recommendations relating to certification of education centers. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6 for, 0 against, 4 excused.

Mr. Davis encouraged all board members to email Mrs. May with any concerns or questions concerning the education centers they want her committee to address at its August meeting.

Mrs. Lamb asked if there was something for designing a “student improvement plan” similar to the School Improvement Plan (SIP) that could be used for some guarantees as to the performance of the centers. She also suggested that the Board needs to hear from districts as well as the centers.

The Learning Support and Improvement Committee will have up-to-date information on the centers for its meeting in August.

This is an issue that will appear on the October State Board meeting agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes adopted as presented: August 24, 2005 (corrections made previous to meeting)