

**CRITICAL TEACHING NEEDS SCHOLARSHIP  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 8, 2020  
11:00 AM CST  
Teleconference

Board Members Present:

Robert Sittig, President  
Dr. Steve Willard, Vice President

Dr. Jill Thorngren  
Dr. Ben Jones

Absent

Dr. Kay Schallenkamp

BOR Support Staff

Dr. Jay Perry  
Katie Maley

Kerri Richards

Approval of the Agenda

Critical Teaching Needs Scholarship (CTNS) Board Vice President, Robert Sittig, called the meeting to order with the first order of business being to review and approve the agenda. No additions or revisions were requested.

It was moved by Steve Willard, seconded by Jill Thorngren, to approve the agenda for the meeting as presented.

Roll Call

Robert Sittig – Yes  
Kay Schallenkamp – Absent  
Steve Willard – Yes

Jill Thorngren – Yes  
Ben Jones – Yes

Motion Carried.

Discussion of Critical Teaching Needs Areas

The Board deliberated data presented in the South Dakota Department of Education’s Instructional Staff Turnover and Vacancy Dashboard regarding the current status of all high need teaching areas identified throughout the South Dakota K-12 school districts. It was noted by Dr. Jones, however, that while the data depicted in the dashboard shows a high need for Language Arts, that data snapshot is from information collected in June 2019. He has received further information from the school districts that shows that there is not quite as high of a demand now for Language Arts as compared to when the school year had first started.

The Board members felt that before they consider removing Language Arts from the scholarship program’s list of eligible needs areas, it would be beneficial to wait a couple of years in order to collect more data to determine a trend line and if the need has truly gone down.

It was also noted that another area which may warrant consideration is the need for Music Teachers. The Turnover Instructional FTE by Subject Area notes the turn over for Music is 55.32

FTE (Full-Time Equivalent) for music. Since a lot of music teachers are part-time there may be more actual openings than what is depicted in the Dashboard.

It was moved by Dr. Steve Willard, seconded by Dr. Ben Jones, to add K-12 Vocal or Instrumental Music to the critical needs areas.

Roll Call

Robert Sittig – Yes

Kay Schallenkamp – Absent

Steve Willard – Yes

Jill Thorngren – Yes

Ben Jones – Yes

Motion Carried.

Approval of the Application

There were no changes to the draft application presented to the board members, compared to the previous year's application, other than a change to the essay question topic. The only change that will need to be made is to add the previously discussed K-12 Vocal or Instrumental Music to the critical needs area on the application.

It was moved by Dr. Jill Thorngren, seconded by Dr. Ben Jones, to approve the application as presented with the addition of K-12 Vocal or Instrumental Music to the critical need areas listed application.

Roll Call

Robert Sittig – Yes

Kay Schallenkamp – Absent

Steve Willard – Yes

Jill Thorngren – Yes

Ben Jones – Yes

Motion Carried.

Next Proposed Meeting

BOR staff will be sending out a meeting request to the Board members at a later date to determine the next meeting date which is tentatively scheduled to occur in late May or early June.

Prior to adjourning, Robert Sittig gave a brief update regarding the status of the letter he had sent out to the legislators on the Board's behalf regarding garnering support for getting more funding allocated for this program. He stated that he has received a lot of positive comments from legislators since sharing the letter. Representative Fred Deutsch agreed to write the bill and has sent a draft of it back to have the CTNS Board distribute to look for sponsors (this draft will be emailed by Robert to the Board members following the meeting). The goal is to appropriate \$1.25 million to go into the Education Enhancement Trust Fund to be allocated only to the CTNS and would hopefully generate 10 additional scholarships.

It was moved by Dr. Ben Jones, seconded by Dr. Steve Willard, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The Critical Teaching Needs Scholarship Board meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.