



need to open the school. Mr. Tharp noted his concern regarding some of the comments written in the Executive Summary.

Mr. Tharp noted the following: enrollment numbers need to be corrected on page 4 of the application and that agreements with the externships should be in place. Mr. Tharp questioned a statement within the admission requirements and to correct the percentage in the grade point average. Mr. Tharp also cautioned the application if quoting salaries in advertisements.

Dr. Osete responded to Mr. Walser's questions regarding the number of faculty in providing the "one on one" interaction.

**Action:** Mr. Tharp made the motion to approve the Conditional Vocational Program License Application with the stipulation that the \$15,000 Surety Bond be maintained. Dr. Radda seconded the motion and the motion carried. Dr. Osete agreed to the stipulation.

**IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC** – No one came forward.

**V. BOARD BUSINESS**

Ms. Stanfill summarized the Executive Director's Report.

U.S. Department of Education hearings regarding State Authorization regulations: The Board reviewed the draft letter for comments regarding 34 C.F.R. § 600.9 on State Authorization. The Board requested the bullet regarding the "burden to schools" be re-written to focus on the conflicting statutes and rules among the states as well as the effect it poses on the home state and the institutions. Mr. Pistillo also requested that the letter specify the section within the rule.

**Action:** After discussion, Dr. Damore made a motion, based upon the substantive issues raised in the letter and with the suggested revisions, that the letter on behalf of the State Board be submitted to the Department for comments on the state authorization regulation. Dr. Radda seconded the motion and the motion carried.

State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA): As determined by the State Board at the April meeting directing Staff to convey the State Board's interest in the entity to administer SARA, Ms. Stanfill updated the Board with the meetings that she and Mr. Blanchard have had to date. Based on a meeting with representatives of ABOR and the Community Colleges, it is suggested that the Commission for Postsecondary Education should be the entity to administer SARA. Ms. Stanfill shared her concerns with this position. Ms. Stanfill explained that minor statutory changes would be required. Ms. Stanfill also stated the actual agreement has not yet been released and there are many unanswered questions at this time. Ms. Stanfill also stated that it was her understanding that more than one "state entity" could petition the National Board (once established) to administer SARA. Ms. Stanfill stated she has also spoken with the Arizona Private School Association and has scheduled a meeting with Dale Frost, Higher Education Policy Advisor to the Governor, on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Board discussed in depth that this Board is the established regulatory agency for the currently licensed institutions and expressed concern if the licenses would be subject to two regulatory agencies.

**Action:** After discussion, Dr. Damore made the motion to direct Staff to pursue the necessary statutory changes and steps to be the state entity to administer SARA on behalf of the licensed institutions. Mr. Walser seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Fred Lockhart, Executive Director for the Arizona Private School Association (APSA), stated APSA's support for the State Board as the entity to administer SARA for the licensed institutions.

Executive Session for Personnel Matters pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-431.03(A)(1): Mr. Pistillo made a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters. Mr. Tharp seconded the motion and the motion carried.

10:40 Regular Session adjourned  
10:41 Executive Session convened  
10:47 Executive Session ended  
10:50 Regular Session reconvened

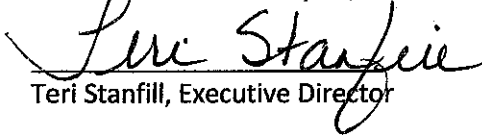
**Action:** Mr. Tharp made a motion to approve the salary increases, effective June 1<sup>st</sup> as discussed. Mr. Pistillo seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Board expressed their appreciation in the work done by the Staff.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

The minutes of the May 23, 2013 meeting were approved at the June 27, 2013 meeting.

  
Teri Stanfill, Executive Director