

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

16 KAR 2:020. Request to Waive Renewal Requirements for Provisional Occupation-Based Career and Technical Education Certificate for Michael Geddes

Action Question:

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve the Office of Career and Technical Education's (OCTE) request to renew Michael Geddes one-year provisional occupation-based career and technical education certificate?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 161.020, KRS 161.028, 16 KAR 2:020

History/Background:

Existing Policy: 16 KAR 2:020 establishes the qualifications for certification of teachers of occupation-based career and technical education. Section 2(3) sets the requirements for subsequent renewals of the one-year provisional certificate. Specifically, subsequent renewal requires recommendation from the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) and, if applicable, an accredited provider of an occupation-based educator preparation degree program. The KDE or the accredited provider of an occupation-based educator preparation degree program shall ensure the candidate completes six semester hours of college credit, completes four days of professional development, and successfully completes the background disclosure.

Summary: OCTE has submitted this waiver on behalf of Michael Geddes, a fire science teacher. They state this is a unique program and his skill and expertise are a valuable addition to the success of the students. There are several reasons for not fulfilling the credit hours: lack of available classes, he was informed he should work on a master's degree, so he enrolled and took four classes but then his district reviewed his credentials and informed him he did not need a master's degree. They reviewed his transcripts and verified that he met all the requirements for the associates degree. The only classes needed are the fire science courses, but these are all during the workday. Mr. Geddes is still employed with a fire department and has been able to keep his EMT and firefighter certifications current. OCTE is requesting that the EPSB waive the requirement of six credit hours for Mr. Geddes and issue the one-year provisional certificate.

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