

**CRITICAL TEACHING NEEDS SCHOLARSHIP
BOARD MEETING**

Monday, December 5, 2016
3:00 PM CST
Conference Call

Board Members Present:

Terry Sabers, President
Robert Sittig, Vice President

Melody Schopp
Jill Thorngren

BOR Support Staff:

Paul Turman
Sara Rankin

Katie Maley

Introductory Remarks, Paul Turman, System Vice President for Academic Affairs

Critical Teaching Needs Scholarship Board President, Terry Sabers, called the meeting to order. The Board deliberated information compiled by the South Dakota Department of Education regarding the current status of all high need teaching areas identified throughout the South Dakota K-12 school districts.

In addition to the six high need areas previously identified during the prior application period, information from the Department of Education showed the following areas to be potentially high need in forthcoming years:

- English Language Learners
- Fine Arts
- Physical Education/Health
- Self-Contained
- Social Science

Discussion lead the Board to deliberate the fact that although adding some of these new high need areas may fill critical positions within the state's school districts, the lack of available funding causes concern that award dollars may ultimately end up being spread too thin.

Upon reflecting on this data as well as taking into consideration the teaching needs areas targeted by the Dakota Corps Scholarship program, the Board indicated their preference to keep the critical need areas list as is for the 2017-2018 academic year.

If approved, the 2017-18 Critical Teaching Needs Scholarship areas would remain:

- High School Math
- High School Science
- Elementary or Secondary Special Education
- High School Career and Technical Education
- Secondary Language Arts
- Secondary World Language

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It was moved by Robert Sittig to approve leaving the critical need areas as is for the 2017-2018 academic year. Motion was seconded by Melody Schopp.

Roll Call:

Melody Schopp – Yes

Robert Sittig – Yes

Terry Sabers – Yes

Jill Thorngren – Yes

Motion carried.

The Board also discussed whether or not keeping the maximum award amount for the 2017-2018 academic year at \$4,300 would be in the best interest of the program knowing that projected funding would be relatively similar to the 2016-17 award year. Jill Thorngren stated that based on her knowledge of additional scholarship packages offered to students, the Critical Teaching Needs Scholarship program seems to be competitive at the discussed amount.

It was moved by Jill Thorngren to keep the maximum award amount capped at \$4,300 (based on projected eligible funds) for the 2017-2018 academic year. Motion was seconded by Terry Sabers.

Roll Call:

Melody Schopp – Yes

Robert Sittig – Yes

Terry Sabers – Yes

Jill Thorngren – Yes

Motion carried.

Barring any conflict in Board member's schedules, a meeting will be scheduled in early May to review the applications, as well as select recipients for the 2017-2018 academic year.

It was moved by Robert Sittig to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jill Thorngren.

The Critical Teaching Needs Scholarship Board meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.