STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

February 23, 2012

70 O.S. § 6-122.3

Nothing in the Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act shall restrict the right of the State Board of Education to issue an emergency or provisional certificate, as needed. Provided, however, prior to the issuance of an emergency certificate, the district shall document substantial efforts to employ a teacher who holds a provisional or standard certificate or who is licensed in the teaching profession. In the event a district is unable to hire an individual meeting this criteria, the district shall document efforts to employ an individual with a provisional or standard certificate or with a license in another curricular area with academic preparation in the field of need. Only after these alternatives have been exhausted shall the district be allowed to employ an individual meeting minimum standards as established by the State Board of Education for the issuance of emergency certificates.

Name of Applicant/Degree

Area Requested

1. Ashley A. Gaona 17558 E. Memorial Rd. Luther, OK 73054 **Elementary Education**

Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education – Oklahoma State University (2011)

School District/Superintendent/County/Congressional District

Midwest City-Del City Public Schools Dr. Pam Twidwell, Interim Superintendent Oklahoma County Congressional District 5

Test Required for Certification:

Elementary Education Subtest 1

Midwest City-Del City Public Schools is requesting an exception for Ms. Ashley Gaona in the area of elementary education due to a last minute resignation. Ms. Gaona completed an Elementary Education program through Oklahoma State University. She is registered for subtest 1 of the elementary education subject area test on April 14, 2012 with the results available on May 11, 2012. If approved, the exception would be effective February 1, 2012 and would expire June 30, 2012.