

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
DIVISION OF EDUCATOR SUPPORT AND HIGHER EDUCATION
101 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

April 5, 2023

12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Members Present: Tom Laliberte, Christina White, Beth McClure, Kimberly Yarlott, Andra Hall, Steve Appleby, Jeni Laliberte, Erin Cayer, Tim Broadrick, Donna Couture, Christina O'Hara, and Cynthia Lucero

Members Absent: David Latchaw

Department Staff: Cat Dorfman, Kim Wilson (Zoom), Susan Blake, Bill Ross, Julie Shea, Laura Stoneking, Ann Wallace, Amy Martel, and Ken Darsney

I. CALL TO ORDER

Tom Laliberte, Chair, called to order the regular meeting of the Professional Standards Board at 12:03.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Draft Meeting Minutes – March 8, 2023

Motion: Beth McClure made the motion, seconded by Andra Hall that the Professional Standards Board accept the March meeting minutes as amended.

Vote: The motion was approved without dissent by unanimous vote by the Professional Standards Board with Jeni Laliberte, Cynthia Lucero, Donna Couture and Kim Wilson abstaining.

III. OPEN BOARD DISUCSSION AND UPDATES

A. In-depth discussion

B. Committee Updates

1. Master Teacher License Update

Cynthia Lucero shared she looked at all the work the previous committee did on master teacher. She stated if the pilot is successful, eventually there will be a portfolio evaluator. She asked who the evaluator would be: in district, NHDOE, or an outside evaluator. It could be cost prohibitive to put together an extensive portfolio and then pay for a reviewer without an increase in payment.

Bill Ross shared the committee's vision for master teacher is a relatively small percentage of teachers would hold it; possibly no more than ten percent. It should be rigorous to ensure these teachers meet a high standard. The idea is the district would review the portfolio and pass on qualified candidates to the NHDOE.

Tom Laliberte asked if master teacher candidates would be required to present to the NHDOE. Bill Ross responded candidates would submit a written portfolio to be reviewed to ensure it meets standards established in the rule. Fees must be appropriate to the amount of work required. Since this has never been done before, there is no precedent for the fees.

2. Ed 513.01, Ed 513.03, Ed 513.04, Ed 513.05, and Ed 513.06 – Basic Requirement, Criteria for State Approval of Local Professional Development Master Plan, Individual Professional Development Plan, Criteria for License Renewal of Educators Under the Professional

Development Master Plan, Criteria for License Renewal of Educators Not Under the Professional Development Master Plan, Licensed Paraeducators and Educational Interpreters/Transliterators

Bill Ross stated there was discussion of potentially going to a five-year renewal cycle. There are implications in many different areas that would make it challenging to change through a Professional Standards Board subcommittee.

Beth McClure shared their survey was sent out to organizations, but results have not been received yet. The subcommittee will meet May 2nd and be able to make a recommendation in June.

Bill Ross stated once a rule is adopted by the State Board, it goes into effect 12:01 a.m. the next business day or they can set a date 30-45 days after the adoption date. Steve Appleby stated if the best practice is to go to five years for renewal, there should be a two-tiered adoption process. The rule can be updated without the five-year change and then begin working on a plan for the five-year piece. Bill Ross added the proposal can include in addition to the rule, PSB begin conversation with the Department of State Board about extending the renewal cycle.

3. Ed 507.02 – Career and Technical Education Teacher, Ed 507.03 – Career and Technical Specialty Certification

Tim Broadrick shared there have been no changes. The next meeting is April 6th. Steve Appleby stated a PSB vote should be two months prior to expiration so the State Board can vote on the initial proposal at least one month prior to expiration. Once an initial proposal is approved, there is an extension of six months after the expiration date.

4. Ed 507.09 – Visual Arts Teacher

Tom Laliberte has been working with Bedford Digital Learning Specialists to get a fillable PDF. The text boxes do not expand. Ken Darsney is working to have a Google

Doc on Canvas with an expandable text box. This would be for minutes and recommendations.

Jeni Laliberte, Christina White, or Cynthia Lucero will email Julie Shea the updated draft of Ed 507.09 for her to review. There were only minor changes made to the rule to reduce redundancy and updating terminology.

5. Ed 507.52 – Reading and Writing Teacher

Beth McClure shared that she received contact information for reading and writing teachers. The objective is to complete and present by October.

6. Ed 508.09 – Reading and Writing Specialists and Ed 508.10 – Elementary Mathematics Specialists

Christina O'Hara reported the committee met 4/4/2023 to make edits. The language will change from K-6 to elementary math, which would allow specialists to work with older students who still need foundational math skills. The change would change the focus to content rather than grade level. Minimal changes were made to content based on national standards. Larger changes were made to pedagogy and practice to add language for working with teachers similar to the reading and writing specialist. A section was added about the impact on students in the learning environment, which was included in the national standards.

The committee will meet again April 18, 2023, to go through the reading and writing specialist. They will then compare language to ensure they are more aligned. They will present in either May or June.

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORT

A. Update on Rulemaking and State Board of Education

Initial Proposals Already Submitted to SBE

1. Ed 507.17 – ESOL Teacher
 - a. Public hearing occurred 3/9, received a few public written testimonies.
 - b. Working on final draft, no OLS comments yet – filing deadline August 1, 2023.

Tom Laliberte asked if written testimonies were available to see. These public documents should be available for all rules. Julie Shea offered to share at a later date. The written comments were constructive and very specific. Written testimony can be sent in up to ten days after the public hearing date. The State Board makes the final decision on changes to make.

2. Ed 507.48 – Comp Business/Marketing Educator
 - a. Final proposal approved by BOE, going to April JLCAR meeting 4-21
3. Ed 506.01 – et al Administrative Endorsements
 - a. Final proposal will go to BOE in April
4. Ed 507.04 – Comp Ag Educator
 - a. Final proposal approved by BOE, going to April JLCAR meeting 4-21
5. Ed 507.52 – Reading and Writing Teacher
 - a. No comments received from OLS yet, may go to BOE for April – filing deadline June 27, 2023

Julie Shea shared that prior to 2020, paragraphs of rules could be updated and readopted. That is no longer an option as it is very challenging to keep track of. There is a paragraph of Ed 507.52 that expired in 2018. It is being brought through so the

paragraph is not expired. When the new proposal is finished, the whole rule will be readopted.

6. Ed 504.11 – Educational Interpreter/Transliterater
 - a. OLS comments need to be addressed, FP to Board aiming for April – filing deadline May 30, 2023.

7. Ed 508.05 – Speech Language Specialist repeal
 - a. JLCAR in March, SBE meeting in April to adopt to give time to credential holders.

8. Ed 507.21 – School Librarian/Library Media Specialist
 - a. Holding pattern; was voted at the April 2022 State Board meeting to form a subcommittee to investigate further.

B. Council for Teacher Education (CTE)

1. CTE Update

Laura Stoneking shared CTE is working on administrative rules. Some are in the initial proposal, and one is in the final proposal. Julie Shea has worked to collapse the content specific rule to refer to the Ed 500s.

Rules do not currently contain information for programs being taught out, closed, is not meeting minimum requirements, higher ed act requirements are not being met. CTE is working to respond to questions around these processes.

New England College has a proposal for a new program in visual arts with a Bachelor's, Master's, and licensure only pathways. St. Anslem College is working through eleven programs at and MAT level. SNHU just completed the national Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation accreditation on site review for all initial licensure areas. Results will be received in October and reviewed by the state team in the fall.

Franklin Pierce is currently under conditional approval and their seven programs are working through standards from their recent review.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. June Meeting Date discussion/decision

Based on the survey, the June meeting will be rescheduled for June 21, 2023. Updated invites will be sent to PSB members.

B. Template Forms

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Future Committee Planning for 2023-2024

1. Ed 507.11 Elementary Education Teacher (exp 3/27/2024)
2. Ed 507.07 School Counselor (exp 2/20/2025)
3. Ed 507.08 School Psychologist (exp 2/20/2025)
4. Ed 507.16 Physical Education Teacher (exp 10/20/2025)
5. Ed 507.15 Health Teacher (exp 5/2/2026)

Tom Laliberte asked to verify the number of committees each member is currently on. Tom is on one committee. Christina White is on one committee. Beth McClure is on two committees. Kim Yarlott is on two committees and co-chair for one. Andra Hall is one two committees. Jeni Laliberte is on two committees. Erin Cayer is on one committee. Tim Broadrick is on one committee. Donna Couture is on one committee. Christina O'Hara is on one committee. Cynthia Lucero is on two committees plus she is the CTE liaison.

VII. TABLED ITEMS

There were no tabled items.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Tom Laliberte adjourned the meeting at 1:21pm.