

Chairman Abbey Lawrence called the regular meeting of the Home Education Advisory Council to order at 3:45 p.m. in Room 15 of Londergan Hall in Concord, New Hampshire.

Members Present: Barrett Christina, George D’Orazio, Marc Boyd, Chris Hamilton, Abbey Lawrence, Keith Pfeifer, Representative Joseph Pitre, Roberta Tenney, and Heather Wheeler.

Visitors present: Jane Grady.

Minutes: The Council approved February 15, 2011 meeting minutes by general consent after Abbey Lawrence made the following correction:

Chairman Abbey Lawrence called the regular meeting of the Home Education Advisory Council to order at 3:40 p.m. in Room ~~42~~ **15** of Londergan Hall in Concord, New Hampshire.

Chairman’s Report: Abbey reported that she will appear before the State Board of Education on April 13 to present the annual Council report. She intends to include information from research on academic outcomes of homeschooled students by Michael Cogan, published in the Summer 2010 issue of the *Journal of College Admission*.

DOE Report: Roberta had nothing to report.

Legislative Report:

HB301, HB545, HB595: These bills were referred to a subcommittee by the House Education Committee in the February 24 executive session. No subcommittee members have been assigned yet. Dr. Pfeifer commented that the New Hampshire School Administrators Association is eager for the subcommittee to include a limitation of liability for school boards, public school districts, and district employees. (*see: RSA 193-A:9*)

The Council discussed the following bills:

- HB159 which was deemed inexpedient to legislate by the House Education Committee;
- HB211 which allows legislative policy committees to advise JLCAR on rules proposals; and
- HB429 which amends compulsory attendance requirements for students who have reached their sixteenth birthdays.

Unfinished Business:

ED 315: The Ed 315 revision subcommittee has a meeting scheduled later in March. Chris expects that two or three meetings will allow the subcommittee to make the necessary revisions.

New Business:

Notification for Homeschoolers who Refuse Special Education Services:

Angie LeBel delivered a copy of a 1992 memo to Abbey. The memo was from the Department of Education Bureau of Special Education Services informing New Hampshire public school superintendents that they “may use the parent Letter of Notification of Intention to Provide Home Education as supporting documentation for entering an educationally handicapped child in SPEDIS Childfind as “Services Refused;” **parent signature on the ASP form is not required.**” Roberta commented that the Department of Health and Human Services has ruled differently on this matter in the past and that she would contact HHS about the 1992 memorandum.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Grady