

## Home Education Advisory Council

### Minutes—April 13, 2010

Chairman Abbey Lawrence called the regular meeting of the Home Education Advisory Council to order at 3:35 p.m. in Room 12, Londergan Hall, Concord, New Hampshire.

**Members Present:** Mike Benik, Marc Boyd, Barrett Christina, George D’Orazio, Chris Hamilton, Representative Paul Ingretson, Abbey Lawrence, Keith Pfeiffer, and Roberta Tenney.

**Visitors present:** Kristine Bolstridge, Mary Faiella, and Jane Grady.

**Minutes:** The Council approved the minutes of the March 9, 2010 regular HEAC meeting by general consent, after correcting the list of guests present and changing the word “letter” to “matter” in the first paragraph of the Chairman’s Report.

#### **Announcements:**

- Abbey Lawrence announced that the **Perform It!** stage company will present a production of Shakespeare’s *Comedy of Errors* on April 29 and 30, and May 1 and 2, in Wolfeboro, N.H.
- Representative Ingretson announced that SB503, a bill requiring unique pupil identification numbers for students in early childhood education programs and postsecondary institutions, might be of interest to homeschoolers.
- Representative Ingretson announced that HA2, an address for removal of district court judge Lucinda Sadler from office, may be of interest to homeschoolers and will come before the New Hampshire House of Representatives on Friday, April 16.

#### **Chairman’s Report:**

- Abbey discussed her annual report before the State Board of Education scheduled for April 14. Keith Pfeifer requested that references to professional development suggested at council meetings for public school administrators clarify that the professional development reflects the sense of the entire council.
- HB1689 includes HEAC among the reinstated non-regulatory boards, commissions, councils, advisory committees, and task forces.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- The council discussed the revised Final Proposal for changes to Ed 315.03, Ed 315.04, and Ed 315.11. The Final Proposal will come before the State Board of Education on Wednesday, April 14.
  - Changes proposed for Ed 315.03 bring the rules into compliance with SB18, raising compulsory attendance to 18 years of age. Ed 315.03 does not include new definitions of special education students in RSA 186-C.

- Changes for Ed 315.04 in the Final Proposal do not appear to bring the rules into compliance with HB406 or SB337. The council discussed notification procedures and school district attendance policies. Barrett will bring a copy of the New Hampshire School Board Association recommended attendance policy.

Keith Pfeifer moved that Abbey present the following recommendation of the Council to the State Board of Education at the April 14 meeting:

*The Home Education Advisory Council recommends that the State Board of Education adopt the following revisions to 315.04:*

*Ed 315.04 Notification.*

*(a) A parent desiring to initiate a home education program shall so advise, in writing, the participating agency with which the program shall be established by providing only the information below within five business days or, in the case of a continuing program, on or before the first day of school in the resident district:*

- (1) The name and full address, including street and town, of the child;*
- (2) The child's date of birth; and*
- (3) Parent name, address, and phone number, if available.*

*Strike the following:*

~~*(c) No later than 5 calendar days after the date on which a program begins a parent shall provide the following information to the participating agency in compliance with RSA 193-A:5, I:*~~

*Re-letter subsequent sections of 315.04 as appropriate, including the reference to paragraph (i).*

The motion passed unanimously.

**Legislative Report:** Chris Hamilton submitted a written legislative report.

**DOE Report:** The department is not serving as the participating agency for any homeschoolers. The department has received approximately ten homeschooling certificates of completion. Roberta reported three contacts from parents who were being encouraged by their school districts to remove their children from school and establish homeschooling programs.

**New Business:** There was no new business.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Grady  
(substituting for Dennis Wyman)