

**Home Education Advisory Council  
Minutes—September 14, 2010**

Chairman Abbey Lawrence called the regular meeting of the Home Education Advisory Council to order at 3:45 p.m. in Room 12 of Londergan Hall in Concord, New Hampshire.

**Members Present:** Marc Boyd, Barrett Christina, Michael Compitello, Chris Hamilton, Abbey Lawrence, Roberta Tenney, and Dennis Wyman.

**Visitors present:** Rebecca Gifford and Jane Grady.

**Minutes:** The Council approved the minutes of the June 8, 2010 regular HEAC meeting by general consent.

**Organization of the Council:** The state board of education approved Mike Benik's and Abbey Lawrence's nomination to another term on the Council.

Chris Hamilton nominated Abbey Lawrence to serve as council chairman. The motion passed unanimously. Dennis nominated Chris Hamilton to serve as vice-chairman. The motion passed unanimously.

**Announcements:**

All remaining 2010-2011 Council meetings will meet in room 15 of Londergan Hall.

**Unfinished Business:**

*NHSBA Policies.* Barrett Christina distributed a New Hampshire School Boards Association draft policy on attendance and truancy to reflect changes in truancy and compulsory attendance laws. He also distributed a draft policy about core competencies. Chris Hamilton asked Barrett to clarify how these policies will affect homeschooled students who access public school programs and courses through the equal access law. The policies affect only students enrolled in the public school and homeschooled students are not enrolled in the public school.

*Ed 315.* Abbey invited Stephen Berwick to attend the October meeting to discuss the due process sections. The Council might establish a rules revision subcommittee at the October meeting.

**Department of Education Report:**

Roberta Tenney said that some superintendents are concerned that some parents might be setting up homeschooling programs not to provide education but as a method of avoiding compliance with compulsory attendance until a student is eighteen. Roberta stressed that this is a parenting issue—not a homeschooling problem.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Grady

Note: The word “nomination” under Organization of the Council, above, was corrected to “nominations” at the October meeting.