

Home Education Advisory Council
Minutes—June 14, 2011

Chairman Abbey Lawrence called the regular meeting of the Home Education Advisory Council to order at 3:35 p.m. in Room 15 of Londergan Hall in Concord, New Hampshire.

Members Present: Marc Boyd, Michael Benik, Barrett Christina, Michael Compitello, Chris Hamilton, Abbey Lawrence, Neil Nevins, Representative Joe Pitre, Roberta Tenney, and Dennis Wyman.

Visitors present: Heidi Benik, Jane Grady, and Angie LeBel.

Minutes: The Council approved the May 10, 2011 meeting minutes by general consent.

Chairman's Report:

Abbey announced that Angie LeBel will be retiring on June 30. Abbey, the Council members, and guests thanked Angie for her many years of excellent service to the Council, homeschoolers, school districts, and many others in her work at the Department.

The SBOE accepted Michael Compitello's nomination to the Council for another three-year term. Barrett said that he would follow up on his renomination by the New Hampshire School Boards Association.

Abbey announced that, beginning on September 13, the Council will meet on the second Tuesday of each month in room 15 of Londergan Hall.

Rules Subcommittee Report: Michael Compitello discussed the results of the rules revision subcommittee work on Ed. 315.

The subcommittee's original directive was to revise the due process language in Ed. 315 and revise the rules to comply with SB18, SB337, and HB406. Michael explained that some changes recommended by the subcommittee go beyond those items.

The subcommittee proposed wording different from that requested by Stephen Berwick and Mary Mayo. Abbey sent the subcommittee's suggested changes to Stephen and Mary on May 31, at which time Stephen and Mary agreed to the subcommittee's proposed language. After discussion, review, and additional editing by the council members present, Michael Compitello made the following motion:

The Home Education Advisory Council approves the rules with the changes presented, pending review of the discussed edits which will be emailed by Abbey to the Council members for review.

The motion passed unanimously.

Department of Education Report: There was no DOE report. Chris noted that some of the homeschooling information and links formerly available at the DOE website are still missing.

Legislative Report:

Representative Pitre announced that he and three other House Education Committee members- Representative Boehm, Representative Lauer-Rago, and Representative Shaw-have been assigned to the subcommittee for HB 301, HB 545, and HB 595. He encouraged Council members to contact him with input about these bills.

Chris distributed a written legislative report.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Grady

(substituting for Dennis Wyman)