

**Home Education Advisory Council  
Minutes—February 14, 2012**

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:** Michael Benik, Marc Boyd, Barrett Christina, Michael Compitello, Chris Hamilton, Abbey Lawrence, Keith Pfeifer, Roberta Tenney, and Dennis Wyman.

**Visitors:** Jane Grady, Representative Jim Parison

**Minutes:** The Council approved the January 10, 2012 minutes by general consent.

**Chairman's Report:**

Abbey will present the annual council report to the State Board of Education soon. She asked Roberta to send the statistics necessary for her report.

Barrett Christina's nomination for another term on the council was finalized. The terms of the following non-legislative council members expire in 2012: George D'Orazio, Chris Hamilton, and Keith Pfeifer.

Abbey summarized several conversations she had with a legal guardian who wanted to withdraw and homeschool her student. Rollinsford school district personnel told the guardian that the 19-year-old special education student was ineligible to be homeschooled. The legal guardian withdrew the student from public school and enrolled her in a private school in Maine.

**Department Report:** Roberta reported that she has received the usual number of homeschooling calls.

**Legislative Report:** Chris distributed a written legislative report and summarized some of the bills in her report. The council discussed HB1571 and its potential impact on homeschoolers. Representative Parison talked briefly about HB1571 and RSA 169-C (New Hampshire Child Protection Act).

**Unfinished Business:**

ED 315: The Council took up the matter of revising the final proposal that was postponed at the January meeting. After Council review and discussion, Michael Compitello moved to recommend changes to Ed 315.05 and Ed 315.18. The motion was seconded and adopted by unanimous vote.

**New Business:**

Chris distributed printed copies N.H. Department of Education web pages.

School Approval FAQs ([http://www.education.nh.gov/program/school\\_approval/approval\\_faq.htm#accreditation](http://www.education.nh.gov/program/school_approval/approval_faq.htm#accreditation)): This page on the department's website refers to "approved home school" programs. Chris pointed out that, under New Hampshire law, homeschooling programs are acknowledged rather than approved. She suggested that the department consider correcting the wording to a "home education program as defined in RSA 193-A." Roberta will mention the correction to the person responsible for the website.

Ed 306 (<http://www.education.nh.gov/legislation/documents/ed306.pdf>): Chris suggested that changes to administrative rules Ed 306, Minimum Standards for Public School Approval, might affect homeschoolers who enroll in public high schools. Abbey asked the council members to review Ed 306 to prepare for discussing this topic at a future council meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Grady (substituting for Dennis Wyman)