

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
DIVISION OF PROGRAM SUPPORT
101 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

May 3, 2017

Room 15

12pm to 3pm

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting:

Present: Dennis Perreault, Page Tompkins, Dianna Terrell, Cynthia Lucero, Anne Wallace, Nancy Morse, Kirk Beitler, Michele Mitnitsky, Irv Richardson, Joanne Goelzer, Kim Yarlott, Christine Boston, Erin Grogan

Absent: Katrina Hall, Ray McNulty, Lisa Witte, Joanne Misra, David Webster, Gerard Buteau,

Department Staff: William Ross, David Benedetto, Mary Lane, Ginny Clifford, Amanda Phelps, Nicole Heimarck

Meeting called to order at 12:30 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

a. Nancy Morse moved to approve the minutes with an amendment to page 3. The motion was seconded by Cynthia Lucero. The motion passed unanimously with two abstentions.

II. Quality Criteria

a. Dianna Terrell provided the board with a handout of the quality criteria for rule revision. She explained that she would like to entertain a motion for the board to adopt the quality criteria to use as a framework going forward for rule revisions.

b. Anne Wallace made a motion to adopt the quality criteria. The motion was seconded by Michelle Mitnitsky. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Initial Proposal Presentations

a. Ed 507.27, 507.271, 612.28 and 612.29 Social Studies Teacher: Page Tompkins presented the proposal for the social studies teacher rules. Mr. Tompkins highlighted the key changes to include placing New Hampshire history with civics instead of history. He explained that the subcommittee struggled with the 10 course requirement included in the opening section of the rule. He stated that they are open to an amendment to help address the issue.

Kirk Beitler was the first reader for this rule. Mr. Beitler read through the quality criteria and pointed out parts of the rule that met the criteria.

Motion: Anne Wallace moved to proceed with the rule as proposed. The motion was seconded by Nancy Morse. Page Tompkins made a motion to amend the rule to be consistent with the requirements of the recent computer science proposal in sections (a) and (b). Ms. Terrell seconded the motion. After clarification by Ginny Clifford as to why the language was written in the current rule, Mr. Tompkins withdrew his amendment and Ms. Terrell withdrew her second. Mr. Tompkins made a motion to amend

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the proposal to keep (a)(1) as written, amend (a)(2) to remove everything after “Ed 505.05”, and remove (a)(3). The motion was seconded by Nancy Morse. **Vote – The motion for the amendment passed unanimously.**

Mr. Tompkins made a motion to amend the proposal to strike (b) and incorporate the same language as the computer science proposal for that section. The motion was seconded by Ms. Terrell. **Vote- The motion for the amendment passed unanimously.**

Discussion – Ms. Clifford stated that there was a concern from the Commissioner that reference to the constitution was not included in the rule. Dennis Perreault stated that there was a bill being considered that would require US History and civics courses to be taught at the high school level. Ms. Clifford asked if the topic of “civics” as proposed in this rule would include the constitution. Mr. Perreault stated that you cannot teach civics without the constitution.

Vote – Original motion to accept draft with amendments – The motion passed unanimously.

b. Ed 507.29 and Ed 612.23 Science Teacher General Requirements – Michelle Mitnitsky and Joanne Goelzer updated the PSB on this proposal. Ms. Mitnitsky explained that this credential is a preface for teaching any science. Ms. Terrell went through the rule and the quality criteria.

Motion – Ms. Wallace made a motion to accept the proposal from the subcommittee. Kim Yarlott seconded the motion.

Discussion – The board discussed leaving letter (d) in the proposal or removing it as in other proposals.

Motion – Mr. Tompkins made a motion to amend the proposal by striking (d) on the first page of the proposal. Ms. Wallace seconded the motion. **Vote** - The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion – Mr. Perreault asked for an explanation of the purpose of (b) in all of the proposals. Bill Ross stated that it gives the Bureau of Credentialing the flexibility to assess someone’s qualifications to become certified using an alternative pathway other than Alt 1 and Alt 2.

Vote – The PSB voted on the original motion as amended to accept the proposal from the subcommittee. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Middle Level Science, Physics and Physical Science – The PSB voted unanimously to table these proposals until the next meeting.

d. Ed 507.32 and Ed 612.26 Chemistry Teacher – Ms. Mitnitsky explained that the subcommittee went through the rule and crossed out material that belonged in the science teacher general requirements rule. The PSB went through the quality criteria and compared it to the proposed rule. There was discussion about merging Chemistry, Physics and Physical Science, but Ms. Mitnitsky stated that the subcommittee did not agree to move in that direction. Mr. Tompkins stated that being committed to minimalism he would have to vote no on the proposal. Mr. Benedetto stated that there is a need to combine the sciences.

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Motion – Christine Boston made a motion to move the proposal back to the subcommittee to look at merging the sciences. In addition she included in the motion that Bill Ross would come back to the committee with data on science educator candidates.

Vote – The motion passed unanimously with Ms. Mitnitsky and Ms. Misra abstaining.

d. Update on math subcommittee – Ms. Wallace stated that her recruitment message was sent out to stakeholders. She stated that once they put together the subcommittee they will hold their first meeting.

IV. Council for Teacher Education

a. K6/K8 Certification – Ms. Heimarck stated that the higher-ed community is seeking clarification on the requirement of an area of concentration to receive the K-8 endorsement for the reason that once a candidate secures a K8 certification, the concentration becomes moot and the educator can teach all of the content areas through grade 8. She stated that a proposal would be ready for the PSB at the June meeting.

b. ABCTE/NTEP – Ms. Heimarck gave an update on the working groups progress in regards to Alt 3B certifications.

c. Criminal Records Background Check – Ms. Heimarck updated the PSB on the work being done in regards to criminal records checks for students in the educator preparation programs. She stated that when they are entering the program they are 18 or younger and nothing shows up on their record. The question has come up about when they should have another criminal record check and who is responsible, the IHE or the school district. She stated that staff from Homeland Security met with the group and discussed reduced fees and different models. She added that there is also concern that once a teacher is hired, they can work for a number of years and never have another record check done.

V. New Expiring Rules Subcommittee Assignments – Ms. Terrell stated that she needed to gage interest from members who are willing to chair a new subcommittee. Mr. Benedetto stated that he would be willing to lead on all of the computer and technology rules. Ms. Terrell stated that she needs a PSB member to be a chair. Mr. Beitler and Ms. Morse agreed to connect with Mr. Benedetto on these assignments. There was some discussion about the General Special Ed teacher rules and programs. Ms. Lucero asked if these had not just been updated. Ms. Clifford stated that those recently updated rules were the “categoricals” (areas of specialty endorsements). Ms. Lucero asked if the PSB could put the rules forward as is and then reopen after their work with CEEDAR is complete. There was no motion on this. Mary Lane stated that they would have more information for the PSB at the June meeting.

VI. Update on Rulemaking and Legislation – Ms. Clifford gave a brief summary of rules that are underway, which were listed on the agenda. She pointed out that a public hearing is scheduled for five of the rules on June 8. She added that in the past there had never been a large public turnout, but that the amount of public input has changed at the State Board meetings in the past few months.

VII. Update on Ethics – Ms. Heimarck explained that a draft of the proposed code of ethics would be presented at the May 11 State Board meeting but that the board does not yet have the authority to engage in

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rulemaking. She explained that their intent on May 11 is to just make the Board aware of their progress and solicit input.

VIII. Adjournment – Ms. Wallace made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3 p.m. and was seconded by Ms. Mitnitsky. The motion passed unanimously.