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**PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD**

**October 4, 2017**

**Room 15**

**12pm to 3pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting:**

**Present:** Kirk Beitler, Janine Casavant, Kenneth Gorrell, Jack Grube, Katrina Hall, George Harne, Cynthia Lucero, Joann Misra, Christine Oskar-Poisson, Irv Richardson, Christie Sweeney, Dianna Terrell, Page Tompkins, Anne Wallace, David Webster

**Absent:** Kimberly Yarlott, Joanne Goelzer, Lisa Witte

**Department Staff:** Bill Ross, David Benedetto, Joanne DeBello, Amanda Phelps, Nicole Heimarck

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

**A.** Chair Dianna Terrell called the meeting to order at 12:30 and asked that everyone take a moment to review the minutes.

**II. MINUTES:**

**A. Motion** - Ms. Terrell called for a motion to approve the minutes. Janine Casavant made a motion to approve, pointing out that the date needed to be changed on the cover page of the minutes. Cynthia Lucero seconded the motion. Ms. Phelps explained that there would be an amendment to page 7 where Page Tompkins is referred to as Mr. Page instead of Mr. Tompkins. The motion passed unanimously with two abstentions from Kirk Beitler and David Webster.

**III. OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION:**

**A. Membership Update**

1. Ms. Terrell explained to the board members that George Harne resigned his appointment after the first meeting. She stated that the Commissioner had nominated a replacement and that she and Nicole Heimarck had also brought forth Vincent Connelly, professor from UNH, to fill the other open spot in higher education. She added that there was also one spot left in the "qualified lay person" category.

**B. PSB Charge Update**

1. Ms. Terrell updated the board members on her conversations with the chairman of the State Board, Drew Cline, stating that she asked that he clarify his position on removing pedagogy from the 500 rules. She explained that Mr. Cline said that he wants the PSB to continue the work they are doing and that their work should not contradict the quality criteria.

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Ms. Terrell added that she also spoke with Mr. Cline regarding the social studies teacher proposal that the State Board sent back to the PSB for clarification and that she would update that at a later time in the agenda. There is a broader issue of making sure the PSB is not doing work that gets kicked back by the State Board.

**C. Update on Subcommittees**

1. Ed 507.25 and Ed 612.27 Educator in Mathematics for Grades 5-8; Ed 507.26 and Ed 612.28 Educator in Mathematics for Grades 7-12 (Expire 5/14/18) – Chair Annie Wallace

Ms. Wallace stated that a small group of stakeholders met and that there was a lot of discussion regarding the depth and breadth of the middle school versus the high school credential. She stated that the larger group would be meeting on October 16 and that the draft proposal would be ready for the November meeting.

2. Ed 507.35 Educational Interpreter/Transliterater for Children and Youth Ages 3-21 – Joanne DeBello

3. Ed 507.05 Comprehensive Technology Education Teacher (Expires (8/12/19) – Dianna Terrell

Ms. Terrell stated that this subcommittee was still in need of a chair and asked for a volunteer. Mr. Beitler volunteered to chair the committee. Jack Grube stated that he has had conversations with David Benedetto and would loop Mr. Beitler into those conversations.

4. Ed 507.22 and Ed 612.07 Education Technology Integrator (Expire 11/11/18)

Kimberly Yarlott is chair and Christie Sweeney also volunteered to be on the subcommittee. No update to report.

5. CEEDAR Task 3 – Special Education Credentials – Cynthia Lucero and Joanne Misra

Ms. Terrell stated that this agenda item would be discussed later with the CEEDAR update.

6. Ed 505.01 through Ed 505.05 regarding Qualifying Methods for Obtaining a Teacher Credential (Alternative 1-5) Expire 9/16/19 – Chair Page Tompkins

Ms. Terrell updated the board on the membership for this subcommittee.

7. Ed 610.02 and Ed 505.07 – Professional Education Standards

The board discussed the need for a separate subcommittee for these standards.

#### **IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

##### **A. Ethics – Nicole Heimarck**

1. Ms. Heimarck presented “Why Ethics?” to the board via PowerPoint which is available in print form. Irv Richardson read the current rules regarding teacher misconduct. After the presentation Mr. Tompkins asked for an explanation on the process for next steps asking if the task force would be proposing rules directly to the State Board or if the PSB reviews them first. Ms. Heimarck stated that the PSB would get a chance to review and offer feedback for consideration before they go before the State Board. She added that a final proposal would be needed by January because the rules are required statutorily to go into effect by July 1, 2018.

Ms. Terrell asked where the code of ethics would reside now that a code of conduct would be going into rules. Ms. Heimarck stated that the code of ethics would be distributed to school districts as a guidance document.

##### **B. Update on Rulemaking – Amanda Phelps**

1. Ms. Phelps stated that English Language Arts Teacher rules would be heard by JLCAR on October 19 and go before the State Board as a final proposal at the November meeting. She stated that the Science Teacher proposals were still being worked on internally and that a final proposal was due to JLCAR no later than January 2, 2018 adding that there was still time before presenting them to the State Board. Ms. Phelps explained that School Nurse Certification and Computer Science Educator both received conditional approval from JLCAR which means that some of the language needed to be changed in order for conditions to be lifted before passing the rule. She stated that one of the conditions for school nurse certification is that the State Board work with the legislature to fix the statute to give the Board broad rulemaking authority for alternative pathways to certification.

David Webster asked about the six year period he heard in the news. Ms. Phelps explained that she believed what he was referring to was the School Nurse I certification which is the alternative pathway referred to in the conditional approval. She explained that the rule allows a nurse hired after July 1, 2016 to be hired without a bachelor’s degree. The certification is valid for three years and can be renewed one time for another three years with the condition that at time of renewal the candidate show proof of having enrolled in a bachelor’s degree nursing program that will conclude before the expiration of the renewal. She further explained that this allows associate’s degree 6 years to get the bachelor’s degree.

##### **C. CTE and NTEP – Nicole Heimarck**

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1. Ms. Heimarck explained that CTE would have a proposal to bring forward to the PSB regarding K-6 and K-8 certifications.

2. Ms. Heimarck stated that there would be a proposal brought forward to the PSB regarding the Alternative 3C certification ABCTE which is testing into certification which requires no field work. She stated that NTEP brought it to CTE's attention for things to consider in revision to the non-traditional pathways to certification. She stated that it could be perceived that changing that requirement raises a concern of putting ABCTE out of business. She added that they were able to identify ABCTE candidates in NH and would be talking to those candidates about their pathway to certification.

**D. Discussion – CEEDAR Task Force, Social Studies and Educational Interpreter/Transliterators**

1. Ms. Terrell pointed the members to a document that was sent to them as a report from the CEEDAR task force. She asked the board members what more they thought they would need in order to work on the certification rules. Mr. Tompkins stated that they would need a lot more. Kirk Beitler asked if the State Board and the Commissioner were on board with the work the CEEDAR group was doing and asked to be sure, before doing work, that there is a connectedness. Other board members stated that the report looked like meeting notes and lacked a lot of supporting documentation. Joann Misra stated that there is a lot of documentation missing and that she has a google drive with that information on it. Bill Ross stated that the CEEDAR leadership team, of which he is a part, agrees that the report is not an accurate representation of the work that was done. Ms. Heimarck stated that the CEEDAR working group is using this as an opportunity to reset. Ms. Terrell stated that she feels that the PSB needs recommendations from this working group that would help drive the work on revising the credentials. Ms. Heimarck recommended doing a comparison between the current rules for those teaching standards versus the recommendations. Cynthia Lucero added that she, too, was disappointed in the report and it does not reflect accurately the work that was done, but that it is definitely an opportunity to reset and move forward.

2. Joanne DeBello stated that the Educational Interpreter/Transliterators subcommittee is still in the process of finding a credentialed subcommittee member. They are hoping to find a qualified member before their next meeting on October 13.

3. Ms. Terrell stated that she had conversations with Drew Cline regarding the social studies certification rules and that he is comfortable with presenting them at the next State Board meeting and moving the rules forward to the next step, but that he would like to revisit them again because of the broad nature of the credential. Heather Gage stated that the department has hired a former social studies teacher to work on social studies standards at the DOE. In addition, Ms. Gage stated that the state legislature is highly involved in civics education. She also updated the PSB on Drew Cline's social studies panel to review standards.

**V. Adjournment**

Ms. Terrell called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Lucero moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m. and was seconded by Christie Sweeney. The motion passed unanimously.