

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

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

February 20, 2018

Room 15

12pm to 3pm

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting:

Present: Kirk Beitler, Vincent Connelly, Joe Crawford, Kenneth Gorrell, Jack Grube, Katrina Hall, Cynthia Lucero, Irv Richardson, Christie Sweeney, Page Tompkins, Dianna Terrell, Anne Wallace

Absent: Janine Casavant, Joann Goetzler, Joann Misra, Christine Oskar-Poisson, David Webster, Lisa Witte, Kimberly Yarlott

Department Staff: Bill Ross, Amanda Phelps, Michael Seidel, David Benedetto, Joanne DeBello

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. Jack Grube made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Irv Richardson and passed by a unanimous vote. Page Tompkins and Katrina Hall abstained from the vote.

III. OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION:

A. Membership Update

1. Ms. Terrell stated that there is still one vacancy in the “qualified lay person” category of PSB membership.
2. Ms. Terrell welcomed Vincent Connelly to his first meeting as a PSB member

B. Update on Subcommittees

1. Ed 507.39 and Ed 612.07 – General Special Education Teacher (Expire 9/16/19); Ed 507.391 and Ed 612.071 – Early Childhood Special Education Programs (Expire 9/16/19); Ed 507.40 through Ed 507.45 Special Education Teacher Categoricals – Co-Chairs, Cynthia Lucero and Joann Misra

Ms. Lucero stated that the subcommittee met and made the determination to not move forward with any of the recommendations from the CEEDAR report. She stated that the group received information just before that meeting from CEEDAR stating that there is no significant statistical benefit to students in changing the K-12 General Special

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Education certification. She stated that she was looking for the members present to give her the go-ahead to start revision of the rules based on that recommendation from the subcommittee. After discussion, the PSB agreed to move forward as recommended.

2. 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

Anne Wallace explained to the PSB that after the math rules left the PSB she was asked to find a way to remove grade bands from the math certifications. She explained that the new rules take the grade bands out and offer an “upper level” and “middle level” credential. She stated that she will attend the public hearing on the rules on April 12 at the State Board of Education meeting.

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

Joanne DeBello and Bill Ross presented the rule revision proposal from the subcommittee. They highlighted some of the key changes, such as the requirement of a Bachelor’s degree and removal of some criteria which will be placed in the professional education requirements. Mr. Ross explained that the group was very responsive to stakeholder engagement and that educators who currently hold this credential will not have to get a Bachelor’s degree.

Motion: Anne Wallace made a motion to support the proposal and was seconded by Christie Sweeney. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Ed 507.05 Comprehensive Technology Education Teacher (Expires (8/12/19) – Kirk Beitler

Kirk Beitler stated that the committee has been communicating electronically and has scheduled the first meeting for March 7, 2018 at 9 a.m. before the next PSB meeting.

5. Ed 507.22 and Ed 612.07 Education Technology Integrator (Expire 11/11/18) – Kimberly Yarlott

Christie Sweeney spoke on behalf of Kimberly Yarlott stating that the proposal would be ready for PSB review at the March 7, 2018 PSB meeting.

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

Page Tompkins explained that he is trying to schedule the first meeting. He urged PSB members who volunteered to be on the subcommittee to respond to his invitation as soon as possible. He stated that the revision of the pathways will be enormously

complicated and that he continues to conduct research on alternative certification processes.

D. Social Studies Curriculum

No progress to report.

IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

A. Update on Rulemaking – Amanda Phelps

1. Science Teacher Rules – Adopted by the State Board on January 11, 2018
2. Ed 507.19 and Ed 614.08 – Specialist in Assessment of Intellectual Functioning (SAIF) – Public Hearing set for February 8, 2018
3. Ed 505.07 and Ed 610.02 Professional Education Requirements - Initial Proposal, February 8, 2018
4. Ed 510, 511, 512 – Professional Conduct – Initial Proposal, February 8, 2018
5. Response to HB 1498 – Relative to alternate certification pathways for career and technical education instructors
6. House and Senate Education Committees – Current bills being monitored by DOE

VI. Old Business

A. Elementary Educator K-6 and K-8 Credential

Bill Ross explained that the Council for Teacher Education has been looking at the elementary education credentials and would like to request that the PSB look into revising the credentialing rules. Mr. Ross explained that the current rules require a concentration area for a K-8 endorsement, but once certified you are still able to teach any of the four subject areas in any grade, including 7th and 8th grade. The CTE is asking that this rule be looked at so that the concentration area determines the area a teacher is allowed to teach at the 7th and 8th grade level.

Kirk Beitler asked how this would impact a district in the North Country that has a limited pool of teaching candidates. David Webster agreed that schools would have difficulty with a change such as this. Ken Gorrell pointed out that while this puts restraints on small schools, the proposal from CTE states, “Complaints from parents that there are children being taught by under qualified educators” He asked that the PSB not lose sight of that and would like to see the PSB form a subcommittee to address this issue.

Ms. Terrell explained that she believes there is a middle way to address both of these concerns and that at the time the original rule was written, the PSB was not looking at that middle way. Mr. Gorrell asked if she was looking for a motion. Ms. Terrell asked for more input from other PSB members. Mr. Ross stated that CTE would like the PSB to give this consideration with the normal rulemaking process. He explained that the scenarios exist that teachers are in a

classroom teaching outside of their concentration area. Parents express concern that their neighbor's child is being taught Social Studies by a social studies teacher, and yet their own child is being taught social studies by a math teacher because of the K-8 credential.

David Webster made a motion to table the discussion until next meeting. Annie Wallace seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ed 507.11, Elementary Education Teacher – Request from Council on Teacher Education (CTE)

The Council on Teacher Education presented the PSB with a formal request to open Ed 507.11 and revise the rule to address the concentration area requirement for the K-8 endorsement.

Motion: Anne Wallace made a motion to create a subcommittee to revise Ed 507.11. The motion was seconded by Irv Richardson and passed by a unanimous vote.

A chair will be selected at the March 7, 2018 PSB meeting.

B. Career and Technical Education HB 1498

Bill Ross and Amanda Phelps presented the PSB with a proposal for amendments to Ed 513.01, Basic Academic Skills and explained that the proposal is a response to legislation that removes the credentialing requirements for CTE specialty areas and puts the issuance of a statement of eligibility for those credentials in the hands of the individual school district. Mr. Ross explained that the DOE has worked closely with CTE directors to revise this rule to meet the intent of the legislation. He added that HB 1498 was created as a prod to make a particular change, which is the proposal for 513.01. Ms. Phelps stated that if the PSB does not take action today there is a risk that HB 1498 will pass and the credential will be taken out of the hands of the DOE.

Steve Rothenberg, Bruce Farr, Barney Keenan and Christine Carr were present, representing Career and Technical Education centers, and answered questions of the PSB. Mr. Keenan explained that the current credentialing standards for CTE do not contain content knowledge standards and that the proposal for Ed 513.01 adds rigor to the credential. They all stated that they are in support of the rule language. Kirk Beitler asked if passing the rule language would guarantee to kill the bill in the House. Ms. Phelps stated that it has been promised, but there are no guarantees. She added that the only guarantee is not passing the rule language, stating that not offering an alternative to the proposed legislation would guarantee its passing into law.

Motion: Irv Richardson made a motion to accept Ed 513.01 and move it to the State Board of Education. The motion was seconded by Kirk Beitler and passed unanimously.

C. Professional Education Requirements, Code of Ethics, Principles of Professional Conduct

The PSB discussed bringing discussion points to the State Board of Education's public hearing on these rules on April 12, 2018. There was discussion about the word "adherence" in Ed 505.07 in regards to ethics and conduct. The PSB discussed changing the words to "knowledge of".

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Dianna Terrell expressed concern over adding this requirement to Education Preparation Programs in Ed 610.02.

The group decided to add this to the March agenda in order to formulate a formal response to the State Board of Education on the rules.

VIII. Adjournment

Ms. Terrell called for a motion to adjourn. Anne Wallace made the motion and was seconded by Ms. Lucero. The motion passed unanimously.