



**New Hampshire State Board of Education
Department of Education
25 Hall Street, Concord, NH 03301
Minutes of the January 11, 2024, Meeting**

AGENDA ITEM I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the State Board of Education convened at 10:09 a.m. Drew Cline presided as chair.

Members present: Kate Cassady, Phil Nazzaro, Ann Lane, Drew Cline (chair), and Jim Fricchione. Also in attendance was Deputy Commissioner of Education, Christine Brennan.

Members absent: Frank Edelblut, Commissioner of Education, and Ryan Terrell were not in attendance due to prior commitments.

AGENDA ITEM II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy Commissioner Brennan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM III. RULEMAKING/LEGISLATIVE UPDATES (part I) - JULIE SHEA, NHED,
Administrative Rules Coordinator

A. Conditional Approval Response – Approval of Nonpublic Schools (Ed 400)

Motion: Phil Nazzaro made the motion, seconded by Jim Fricchione, that the State Board of Education approve the conditional approval response for Ed 400, Approval of Nonpublic Schools.

Vote: The motion was approved by the State Board of Education.

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B. Conditional Approval Response – Standards and Procedures for Suspension and Expulsion of Pupils (Ed 317)

Motion: Phil Nazzaro made the motion, seconded by Jim Fricchione, that the State Board of Education approve the conditional approval response Ed 317, Standards and Procedures for Suspension and Expulsion of Pupils.

Vote: The motion was approved by the State Board of Education.

AGENDA ITEM IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

AGENDA ITEM V. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT(S) SPOTLIGHT

BRIAN BALKE, Superintendent of Schools, Goffstown and New Boston, reported that they hosted another workshop for the student school board representatives, participation extending beyond the South-Central Region. High School students from 21 different high schools attended this workshop in Concord. Student representatives help boards and administrators understand and view things from the student perspective.

KATHLEEN MURPHY, Superintendent of Schools, Concord, also reported about the student representation in the Concord School District. It has always been a priority in Concord to provide their students with opportunities of engagement. She introduced two student representatives, Sophia Anderson and Van MacIver.

RANDY WORMALD, Superintendent, SAU 46, highlighted that student representatives are the voice of the students and an important factor in the NHDOE. He introduced Nick Gelinas, who is serving as the student representative for the second year, and Catherine Masterson, Assistant Superintendent.

AGENDA ITEM VI. HEARINGS

A. Student/Gilford School District – SB-FY-24-09-002

Motion: Phil Nazzaro made the motion, seconded Jim Fricchione, that the State Board of Education enter nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3, II(c) at 10:57 AM

- Vote:** The motion was approved by roll call vote by State Board of Education members Kate Cassidy, Phil Nazzaro, Ann Lane, Drew Cline (chair) and Jim Fricchione.
- Motion:** Drew Cline made the motion, seconded Kate Cassidy, that the State Board of Education accept the hearing officer's report and recommendation.
- Vote:** The motion passed by a 4 to 1 roll call vote by State Board of Education members Kate Cassidy, Phil Nazzaro, Ann Lane, Drew Cline (chair) and Jim Fricchione.
- Motion:** Jim Fricchione made the motion, seconded Phil Nazzaro, that the State Board of Education return to public session at 11:34 AM.
- Vote:** The motion was approved by roll call vote by State Board of Education members Kate Cassidy, Phil Nazzaro, Ann Lane, Drew Cline (chair) and Jim Fricchione.
- Motion:** Ann Lane made the motion, seconded Phil Nazzaro that the State Board of Education seal the minutes of the nonpublic session indefinitely.
- Vote:** The motion was approved by roll call vote by State Board of Education members Kate Cassidy, Phil Nazzaro, Ann Lane, Drew Cline (chair) and Jim Fricchione.

AGENDA ITEM VII. BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

A. Office of Charter Schools – TAL BAYER, NHED, Administrator, Office of Public Charter Schools

1. Heartwood Chartered Public School – 1-year program review/audit.

BETHANY BOND, Assistant Head, and ALAYNA SIGNORELLO, Head of Heartwood Chartered Public School, attended the State Board meeting with an update on the school's first year in existence.

No action needed by the State Board.

2. Wellheart Chartered Public School – application.

TRACI KORHONEN, Wellheart Chartered Public School, introduced some of the founding members: Megan Carignan, Kim Ballentyne, Kyle Morse, Rich Lowney, and Kimberley Bellemore.

Motion: Jim Fricchione made the motion, seconded by Phil Nazzaro, that the State Board of Education approve the charter application for the Wellheart Charter Public School.

Vote: The motion was approved by the State Board of Education.

B. Office of Nonpublic Schools – *TIM CARNEY, NHED, Administrator, Educational Pathways*

1. Commissioner's Nonpublic School Approval Designation Report – new grade level offered approval.

TIM CARNEY along with representatives of the Strafford Learning Center request to add kindergarten to their approved grades 1 and 2 for the John Powers Primary School.

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Phil Nazzaro, that the State Board of Education accept and approve John Powers Primary School's request to add kindergarten to their offerings for the remaining term of their existing approval.

Vote: The motion was approved by the State Board of Education.

AGENDA ITEM VIII. RULEMAKING/LEGISLATIVE UPDATES (part II) – *JULIE SHEA, NHED, Administrative Rules Coordinator*

A. Forms Revision – Expedited Procedure – Bureau of Credentialing Forms (Ed 504.08)

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Phil Nazzaro, that the State Board of Education readopt DOE BOE forms 1 through 4(c) and 18.

Vote: The motion was approved by the State Board of Education.

B. Proposed Interim Rule – Visual Arts Teacher (Ed 507.09)

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Kate Cassady, that the State Board of Education approve the proposed interim rule for Ed 507.09 relative to licensure requirements for Visual Arts Teachers.

Vote: The motion was approved by the State Board of Education.

C. Initial Proposal – Emergency Authorization (Repeal) (Ed 504.04)

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Kate Cassady, that the State Board of Education repeal Ed 504.04 relative to Emergency Authorization procedures.

Vote: The motion was approved by the State Board of Education.

D. Adopt – Approval of Nonpublic Schools (Ed 400)

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Jim Fricchione, that the State Board of Education adopt Ed 400, Approval of Nonpublic Schools.

Vote: The motion was approved by the State Board of Education.

E. Adopt – Standards and Procedures for Suspension and Expulsion of Pupils (Ed 317)

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Phil Nazzaro, that the State Board of Education adopt Ed 317 as amended.

Vote: The motion was approved by the State Board of Education.

AGENDA ITEM IX. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BRENNAN shared the newly submitted finance data from the NH School Districts.

Teacher of the Year nominations are coming again, and members of the board are needed to serve on the selection committee.

Tutor.com a program where pupils can get immediate access to support, just added new grades and now all New Hampshire students in Grades 4 – 12 can access tutoring.

The Lexia Letters program - phase 5 - has just been launched.

AGENDA ITEM X. OPEN BOARD DISCUSSIONS

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Kate Cassidy, that the public comments procedures be approved by the State Board of Education to read, "The State Board of Education permits individuals to provide public comment during the designated public comment portion of the meetings. Public comment may be provided in-person at the physical location published in the meeting notice. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per person. Clarifying questions may be asked, otherwise the Board does not provide feedback during the public comment period. Written public comment may also be sent to Angela.Adams@doe.nh.gov. To be included in the publicly posted materials for a meeting, written public comment must arrive no later than 4:00 p.m. the day after the meeting. All public comment is provided to members of the Board and posted monthly on the State Board of Education website within 5 days of the meeting of the State Board of Education. The Board will follow the same procedure for in-person testimony at public hearings required under RSA 541-A:11. Public testimony may be provided in-person at the physical location published in the meeting notice."

Vote: The motion was approved by the State Board of Education.

AGENDA ITEM XI. CONSENT AGENDA**A. Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2023**

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Kate Cassady, that the State Board of Education approve the meeting minutes for October 11, 2023.

Vote: The motion was approved by the State Board of Education with Phil Nazzaro and Jim Fricchione abstaining.

B. Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2023

Motion: Phil Nazzaro made the motion, seconded by Ann Lane, that the State Board of Education approve the meeting minutes for November 9, 2023.

Vote: The motion was approved by the State Board of Education with Drew Cline abstaining.

C. Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2023

Motion: Phil Nazzaro made the motion, seconded by Ann Lane, that the State Board of Education approve the meeting minutes for December 14, 2023.

Vote: The motion was approved by the State Board of Education with Kate Cassady and Jim Fricchione abstaining.

AGENDA ITEM XII. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Motion: Phil Nazzaro made the motion, seconded Ann Lane, that the State Board of Education enter nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3, II(c) at 2:07 PM

Vote: The motion was approved by roll call vote by State Board of Education members Kate Cassady, Phil Nazzaro, Ann Lane, Drew Cline (chair) and Jim Fricchione.

Motion: Phil Nazzaro made the motion, seconded Ann Lane, that the State Board of Education return to public session at 4:38 PM.

Vote: The motion was approved by roll call vote by State Board of Education members Kate Cassady, Phil Nazzaro, Ann Lane, Drew Cline (chair) and Jim Fricchione.

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded Kate Cassady that the State Board of Education seal the minutes of the nonpublic session indefinitely.

Vote: The motion was approved by roll call vote by State Board of Education members Kate Cassady, Phil Nazzaro, Ann Lane, Drew Cline (chair) and Jim Fricchione.

AGENDA ITEM XIII. TABLE ITEMS

A. Initial Proposal – Minimum Standards (Ed 306)

B. Initial Proposal – Visual Arts Teacher (Ed 507.09)

C. Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2023

Motion: Phil Nazzaro made the motion, seconded by Ann Lane, that the State Board of Education remove the meeting minutes for October 11, 2023 from the table.

Vote: The motion was approved by the State Board of Education.

AGENDA ITEM XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Phil Nazzaro made the motion, seconded by Jim Fricchione, that the State Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 4:40 PM

Vote: The motion was approved by the State Board of Education.



Secretary

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