



**New Hampshire State Board of Education
Department of Education
25 Hall Street, Concord, NH 03301
Minutes of the February 15, 2024, Meeting**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the State Board of Education convened at 10:05 a.m. Drew Cline presided as chair.

In Attendance: Kate Cassady, Ryan Terrell, Ann Lane, Drew Cline (Chair), Jim Fricchione, and Phil Nazzaro (virtual).

Also in attendance were Commissioner of Education, Frank Edelblut, and Deputy Commissioner of Education, Christine Brennan.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Drew Cline led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

MARIA PEREZ, State Representative, Milford, voiced her concern about all changes to the 306's.

CHRISTINE DOWNING, Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Director SAU 32, 75, and 100, represented Educate Our Voices. She quoted RSA 193-E:2-a Section IV, and believes the current draft is a violation of same.

CLAUDIA ESTELLE, NH high school math teacher with 30 years' experience, opined that the 306 draft promotes minimal standards.

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SARAH ROBINSON, Education Justice Campaign Director, Granite State Progress, feels that the requests of the public and community have not been taken seriously regarding the 306's. She also requested an additional evening or weekend online option be made available to the public, as majority of the public will be working on a Monday from 13:00-15:00 and won't be able to attend the public comment session scheduled for April 8, 2024.

DAVID TRUMBLE, Weare, urged the media to reopen the Right To Know request because the public has a right to know whether their comments have been listened to or not. He also explained that the inputs-based system and outputs-based system should work in tandem with each other.

DEBORAH HANDS, President of the American Federation of Teachers, NH, attended on behalf of the 3,700 NH public school teachers. Asked where the voices of the parents and families of the public students have been in the process of revising the Ed 306's.

MEGAN TUTTLE, President of NEA-NH, represented 17,000 educators across the state. She fully supports and stands behind the draft that was submitted to the NH State Board of Education on January 22, 2024, and she echoed Sarah Robinson's request for an extra meeting session.

IV. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT(S) SPOTLIGHT

JUDY KIMBALL, Independent Learning Center Coordinator, Moultonborough Academy, introduced a few seniors who spoke about their Work/Apprentice Program.

DAN MOULIS, Superintendent Hudson School District, introduced RICHARD PAIVA, Career Development Coordinator for the Hudson School District, and representatives from various companies who support various programs for students in the Hudson School District.

- SL Chasse and Approved Sheet Metal support the welding program at the Wilbur H. Palmer CTE Center at Alvin High School;
- North Point Construction supports the construction trade program and the woodworking program also at the CTE Center; and
- Pennichuck Water who supports the construction and engineering programs.

TIM POWERS, Head of School, Pinkerton Academy, shared some of the things they do with local businesses and within their CTE program.

PAMELA CARR, Principal of Seacoast School of Technology, Exeter, shared the partnerships they have with local businesses.

V. COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION (CTE) - LAURA STONEKING, NHED, Administrator, Bureau of Educator Support and Higher Education

A. Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU)

1. Option 1 (re-approval) – Superintendent Professional Educator Preparation Program (PEPP)

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Jim Fricchione, that the State Board of Education recommends full approval for Southern New Hampshire University for the Superintendent, CAGS, and licensure-only pathway PEPPS through March 30, 2031, with the following recommendations as written.

Vote: The motion was adopted by the State Board of Education with Phil Nazzaro and Chair Cline abstaining.

2. Option 4 (CAEP Accreditation) – Nine (9) PEPPs

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Jim Fricchione, that as a result of the CAEP Accreditation Review and Outcome, it is recommended that Southern New Hampshire University be granted full approval through 3/30/2031 for the PEPPs as listed.

Vote: The motion was adopted by the State Board of Education with Phil Nazzaro and Chair Cline abstaining.

B. Keene State College (KSC)

1. Option 3 (new PEPP) – Special Education Administrator

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Kate Cassady, that it is recommended that Keene State College be granted proposal through 8/28/2027 for the PEPP Special Administrator.

Vote: The motion was adopted by the State Board of Education with Chair Cline abstaining.

2. Substantive Change – elimination of 3 PEPPs (change in expiration)

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Ryan Terrell, that it is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the elimination of three Keene State College Professional Educator Preparation Programs: Early Childhood Education Teacher, Earth and Space Science Teacher for Grade 7 through 12, and World Languages Spanish Teacher.

Vote: The motion was adopted by the State Board of Education with Chair Cline abstaining.

C. University of New Hampshire (UNH) – Substantive Change – elimination of ECE - MEd (change in expiration)

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Jim Fricchione, that the State Board of Education approve the elimination for the Early Childhood Education Teacher PEPP at the MA level effective 12/31/2024.

Vote: The motion was adopted by the State Board of Education with Chair Cline abstaining.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS – *It is encouraged when providing in-person oral testimony to also provide a written copy of that testimony to more accurately be reflected in the official record.*

A. Bureau of Credentials Fees - (Ed 505.09)

B. Career & Technical Education (CTE) Teacher Credentials - (Ed 505.02 and Ed 507.03)

Public hearings opened at 12:03 p.m. and closed at 12:40 p.m.

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C. School Building Construction - (Ed 321)

Public hearing opened at 12:40 p.m. and closed at 1:15 p.m.

VII. HEARINGS

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Ryan Terrell, that the State Board of Education enter nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) at 1:27 p.m.

Vote: The motion was approved by roll call vote by State Board of Education members Kate Cassady, Ann Lane, Drew Cline, Chair, Jim Fricchione and Ryan Terrell.

A. Student/Gilford School District - SB-FY-24-09-003 (Nonpublic Session)

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Ryan Terrell, that the State Board of Education accept the Hearing Officer's report and adopt the Hearing Officer's recommendation, allowing the student to continue to be enrolled in District A for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. If the student does not graduate high school this year, parent is required to enroll the student in the District B school district for the 2024-2025 school year.

Vote: The motion was approved by roll call vote by State Board of Education members Kate Cassady, Ann Lane, Drew Cline, Chair, Jim Fricchione and Ryan Terrell.

B. Student/Plainfield School District - SB-FY-24-11-012 (Nonpublic Session)

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Jim Fricchione, that the State Board of Education accept the Hearing Officer's report and adopt the Hearing Officer's recommendation, allowing the student to remain at school in Plainfield, and denying the school district's motion to dismiss.

Vote: The motion was approved by roll call vote by State Board of Education members Kate Cassady, Ann Lane, Drew Cline, Chair, Jim Fricchione and Ryan Terrell.

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded Ryan Terrell, that the State Board of Education return to public session at 1:55 p.m.

Vote: The motion was approved by roll call vote by State Board of Education members Kate Cassady, Ann Lane, Drew Cline, Chair, Jim Fricchione and Ryan Terrell.

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

Vote: The motion was approved by roll call vote by State Board of Education members Kate Cassady, Ann Lane, Drew Cline, Chair, Jim Fricchione and Ryan Terrell.

VIII. BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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

1. **Lionheart Classical Academy Chartered Public School – 1-year audit report.**

KERRY BEDARD, Executive Director and Co-Founder, reported on their 1st year audit report.

No motion needed. Informational only.

B. Office of Learn Everywhere Programs – TIM CARNEY, NHED, Administrator, Educational Pathways

1. **Sylvan Learning Center - renewal application**

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Ryan Terrell, that it is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the Sylvan Learning Center renewal application.

Vote: The motion was adopted by the State Board of Education with Chair Cline abstaining.

2. Elements MMA - new application

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Ryan Terrell, that the State Board of Education approve the Elements MMA initial application.

Vote: The motion was adopted by the State Board of Education with Chair Cline abstaining.

IX. RULEMAKING/LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – JULIE SHEA, NHED, Administrative Rules Coordinator

A. Initial Proposal - Elementary School Teacher (Ed 507.11)

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Ryan Terrell, that the State Board of Education approve the initial proposal for Ed 507.11 relative to licensure for Elementary Education Teachers.

Vote: The motion was adopted by the State Board of Education with Chair Cline abstaining.

B. Initial Proposal - Minimum Standards for Public School Approval (Ed 306)

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Ryan Terrell, that the State Board of Education approve the initial proposal for Ed 306.01 through Ed 306.25, and Ed 306.31 through Ed 306.46, Minimum Standards for Public School Approval.

Vote: The motion was adopted by the State Board of Education with Chair Cline abstaining.

C. Expedited Revision to Forms – General Application Instruction – Forms DOE-BOC 1-18 (Ed 505.08)

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Ryan Terrell, that the State Board of Education readopt the amended DOE-BOC forms 1 through 18.

Vote: The motion was adopted by the State Board of Education with Chair Cline abstaining.

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Ryan Terrell, that the State Board of Education readopt the amended DOE-BOC forms 1 through 18.

Vote: The motion was adopted by the State Board of Education with Chair Cline abstaining.

D. Final Proposal - Learn Everywhere Program for High School Graduation Credit (Ed 1400)

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Kate Cassady, that the State Board of Education approve the final proposal for Ed 1400 regarding Learn Everywhere.

Vote: The motion was adopted by the State Board of Education with Chair Cline abstaining.

X. COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE

COMMISSIONER FRANK EDELBLUT glanced over the current issue with the proposed Ed 306 changes, and he reminded the public that the NH State Board of Education is open to having conversation.

He reminded everyone that next month the meeting is at Academy for Science and Design.

ReKINDling Curiosity is in its 4th year, which is where scholarships are provided to low-income children and children with disabilities to enable them to go to NH summer camps.

Steve Appleby is leading the Higher Education Task Force.

The Education Freedom Account won several Choice awards:

- Were honored as the most popular Education Choice Program in the country;
- The highest growth program; and
- Had the distinction of having the most effective implementation of programs across the United States.

XI. OPEN BOARD DISCUSSIONS

The board had a discussion regarding the 306 minimum standards and the use of the word “minimum” and its interpretation.

The board had a brief discussion regarding The Water Values Podcast.

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2024

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Jim Fricchione, that the State Board of Education approve the January 11, 2024, meeting minutes.

Vote: The motion was adopted by the State Board of Education with Ryan Terrell abstaining.

B. Emergency Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2024

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Jim Fricchione, that the State Board of Education approve the emergency meeting minutes of January 30, 2024.

Vote: The motion was adopted by the State Board of Education with Ryan Terrell and Phil Nazzaro abstaining.

XIII. TABLED ITEMS

A. Initial Proposal – Minimum Standards for Public School Approval (Ed 306)

Motion: Ryan Terrell made the motion, seconded by Kate Cassidy, that the State Board of Education remove from the table.

Vote: The motion was adopted by the State Board of Education with Chair Cline abstaining.

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Ryan Terrell, that the State Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

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



Secretary