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**New Hampshire State Board of Education
Department of Education
25 Hall Street, Concord, NH 03301
Minutes of the March 14, 2024, Meeting**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the State Board of Education convened at 10:00 a.m. Drew Cline presided as chair.

In Attendance: Ryan Terrell, Kate Cassady, Drew Cline (Chair), Jim Fricchione, and Phil Nazzaro. Ann Lane was not able to attend due to a prior commitment.

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Students from the Academy of Science and Design led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. RULEMAKING/LEGISLATIVE UPDATES (part I) – JULIE SHEA, NHED,
Administrative Rules Coordinator**

A. Conditional Approval Response - Visual Arts Teacher Interim (Ed 507.09)

Motion: Kate Cassady made the motion, seconded by Phil Nazzaro, that the State Board of Education approve the condition approval response relative to Ed 507.09, Visual Arts Teacher Interim.

Vote: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote by the State Board of Education with the chair abstaining.

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IV. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/UPDATES

A. 2024 Teacher of the Year - Elizabeth Duclos

Elizabeth spoke to the board about her positive experience as the New Hampshire 2024 Teacher of the Year.

V. BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

A. Office of Public Chartered Schools - TAL BAYER, NHED, Administrator, Office of Public Chartered Schools

1. Arts Academy of New Hampshire - renewal

Motion: Kate Cassady made the motion, seconded by Jim Fricchione, that the State Board of Education approve the renewal of the Arts Academy of New Hampshire.

Vote: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote by the State Board of Education with the chair abstaining.

2. The Founders Academy Public Charter School - renewal and charter amendment

Motion: Ryan Terrell made the motion, seconded by Phil Nazzaro, that the State Board of Education approve the amendments of the Founders Academy Charter of Public Schools charter, along with the charter renewal of the Founders Academy Charter of Public Schools charter.

Vote: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote by the State Board of Education with the chair abstaining.

3. Academy for Science and Design - charter amendment

Motion: Phil Nazzaro made the motion, seconded by Ryan Terrell, that the State Board of Education approve the amendment of the Academy for Science and Design School charter.

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Vote: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote by the State Board of Education with the chair abstaining.

4. Seacoast Classical Academy Charter Public School - charter amendment

Motion: Ryan Terrell made the motion, seconded by Phil Nazzaro, that the State Board of Education approve the amendment of the Seacoast Classical Academy Charter Public School charter.

Vote: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote by the State Board of Education with the chair abstaining.

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

1. UpReach Therapeutic Equestrian Center - new application

Motion: Phil Nazzaro made the motion, seconded by Ryan Terrell, that the State Board of Education approve the new Learn Everywhere Program application for the UpReach Therapeutic Equestrian Center.

Vote: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote by the State Board of Education with the chair abstaining.

2. Laconia Flight Academy/Sky Bright Aviation – new application

Motion: Ryan Terrell made the motion, seconded by Kate Cassady, that the State Board of Education approve the new Learn Everywhere Program application for the Laconia Flight Academy/Sky Bright Aviation center.

Vote: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote by the State Board of Education with the chair abstaining.

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Special student presentations and school building tour.

VI. HEARINGS

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A. Student/Pittsfield School District (SB-FY-24-11-013) - Open Enrollment

Motion: Phil Nazzaro made the motion, seconded by Jim Fricchione, that the State Board of Education move to table the Student/Pittsfield School District (SB-FY-24-11-013) open enrollment hearing.

Vote: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote by the State Board of Education with the chair abstaining.

VII. RULEMAKING/LEGISLATIVE UPDATES (part II) – JULIE SHEA, NHED, Administrative Rules Coordinator

A. Initial Proposal - School Nurse (Ed 504.08 - Ed 504.10)

Motion: Ryan Terrell made the motion, seconded by Kate Cassady, that the State Board of Education approve the initial proposal for Ed 504.08 though Ed 504.10, School Nurse.

Vote: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote by the State Board of Education with the chair abstaining.

B. Final Proposal - Criminal History Record Checks (Ed 504.12)

Motion: Phil Nazzaro made the motion, seconded by Ryan Terrell, that the State Board of Education approve the final proposal for Ed 504.12 regarding criminal history record checks.

Vote: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote by the State Board of Education with the chair abstaining.

C. Final Proposal - Investigations and Disciplinary Procedures (Ed 511)

Motion: Ryan Terrell made the motion, seconded by Kate Cassady, that the State Board of Education approve the final proposal for Ed 511 regarding investigations and disciplinary procedures.

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Vote: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote by the State Board of Education with the chair abstaining.

D. Final Proposal - Computer Science Teacher (Ed 507.54)

Motion: Phil Nazzaro made the motion, seconded by Ryan Terrell, that the State Board of Education approve the final proposal for Ed 507.54 regarding Computer Science Teacher licensure.

Vote: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote by the State Board of Education with the chair abstaining.

E. Adopt - Visual Arts Teacher Interim (Ed 507.09)

Motion: Phil Nazzaro made the motion, seconded by Ryan Terrell, that the State Board of Education adopt Ed 507.09, Visual Arts Teacher Interim.

Vote: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote by the State Board of Education with the chair abstaining.

VIII. COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE

Commissioner Frank Edelblut noted that a contract was awarded to Discovery Education upon Governor and Council approval as a result of the work done by the Commission on New Hampshire Civics.

The Commissioner Edelblut and Chair Cline noted that they have been meeting and working with the Ed 306 Rules Team.

New Hampshire ranks first in the nation for the percentage of Advanced Placement (AP) exams taken.

Governor and Council also approved \$10 million of the safety grant for New Hampshire schools.

IX. OPEN BOARD DISCUSSIONS

There was no open board discussion.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

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A. Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2024

Motion: Ryan Terrell made the motion, seconded by Kate Cassady, that the State Board of Education approve the February 15, 2024, meeting minutes.

Vote: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote by the State Board of Education with the chair abstaining.

XI. TABLED ITEMS

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Phil Nazzaro made the motion, seconded by Ryan Terrell, that the State Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Vote: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote by the State Board of Education with the chair abstaining.

Secretary

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