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

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the State Board of Education convened at 10:07 a.m. Drew Cline presided as chair.

In attendance: Kate Cassady, Phil Nazzaro, Ann Lane, Drew Cline (Chair), and Jim Fricchione.

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

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A. Conditional Approval Response - Learn Everywhere Program (Ed 1400)

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Phil Nazzaro, that the State Board of Education approve the conditional approval response for Ed 1400 regarding Learn Everywhere.

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

SEAN PARR, Manchester School Board, Chair of the Education Legislation Committee, spoke on behalf of the Manchester School Board in opposition to the proposed changes to New Hampshire's minimum standards for public education.

PATRICIA ENO, Salem, spoke about the lack of action that's proposed from the School Board with regards to the Special Education Audit.

LINDA JONES, a parent, who discussed her concerns and struggles surrounding schooling.

KATE CHEER, Derry, New Hampshire, also attended to speak about the March 2024 Audit that was released regarding the Special Education implementation process.

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V. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT(S) SPOTLIGHT

Students Flo and Noah, Juniors and Student School Board Representatives from Hopkinton High School, gave a presentation to the Board on their positive experience and student engagement at Hopkinton High School.

VI. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/UPDATES

- A. Summary Presentation and Report of Educator Cohorts pertaining to the content review sections of the Ed 306 rules - CHRISTINE DOWNING, Educator**

Christine Downing had a PowerPoint she presented to the board that provided an overview of the content review sections of the Ed 306 rules.

VII. HEARINGS

- A. Student/Monroe School Board - SB-FY-23-12-006**
B. Student/Monroe School Board - SB-FY-23-12-007
C. Student/Monroe School Board - SB-FY-23-12-008

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Phil Nazzaro, that the State Board of Education adopt the Hearing Officer's report and recommendation dated August 28, 2023, to grant the students motion for separate decisions with the docket numbers assigned previously.

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Student/Monroe School Board, case 12-006

Student/Monroe School Board, case 12-007

Student/Monroe School Board, case 12-008

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

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Phil Nazzaro, that the State Board of Education accept the Hearing Officer's Report and adopt the Hearing Officer's Recommendation dated February 13, 2024 for the following cases:

Student/Monroe School Board, case 12-006

Student/Monroe School Board, case 12-007

Student/Monroe School Board, case 12-008

To the extent the hearing officer found and recommended that MSB should acknowledge that the local board's finding that no bullying occurred was erroneous and retroactively require the MSB to comply with the duties required under JICK by immediately notify the family that a finding of bullying in this matter has been made.

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

**D. Student/Governor Wentworth School Board - SB-FY-24-11-011
(Nonpublic Session)**

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Jim Fricchione, that the State Board of Education reject the Hearing Officer's Report and find that the student is not homeless under the McKinney-Vento Act, but Orders that the student shall remain in the Governor Wentworth School District school district for the remainder of the school year. The parents shall be responsible for providing transportation to the Governor Wentworth School District.

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

E. Student/Pittsfield School District (SB-FY-24-11-013)

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Phil Nazzaro, that the State Board of Education reject the Hearing Officer's Report and Recommendation and for a finding that RSA 194-

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D requires a resident district to pay the tuition of their pupils attending on open enrollment school outside the resident district regardless of whether the sending district has adopted the provisions of RSA 194-D.

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

VIII. 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.

12:00 p.m. Legislative Rulemaking

A. Emergency Authorization (Ed 504.04)

Started at 12:03 p.m. and ended at 12:33 p.m. with no public commentary.

12:30 p.m. Legislative Rulemaking

B. Elementary Education Teacher (Ed 507.11)

Started at 12:33 p.m. and ended at 1:00 p.m. with no public commentary.

1:00 p.m. Legislative Rulemaking

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C. Minimum Standards for Public Schools (Ed 306.31 - Ed 306.46)

Continuation of April 3, 2024, public hearing:

Minimum Standards for Public Schools (Ed 306.01 - Ed 306.25)

Started at 1:00 p.m. and ended at 1:45 p.m. with the following providing public commentary:

1. Megan Tuttle & Irv Richarson, NEA NH
2. Julie Turner, Manchester School Board
3. Jessica Spiller, Manchester School Board
4. Jim O'Connell, Manchester School Board
5. Jason Bonilla, Manchester School Board
6. Christine Downing, Goshen, NH
7. Rob Nadeau, Hopkinton, NH
8. Christ Pros, Croydon, NH
9. David Trumble, Weare, NH
10. Jen Gillis, Manchester School District
11. Andrew Cambell, Bedford, NH
12. Mary Wilke, Concord, NH

IX. BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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

- 1. MicroSociety Academy Charter School - renewal**

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Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Jim Fricchione, that the State Board of Education approve the renewal of the MicroSociety Academy Charter School's charter.

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

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Jim Fricchione, that the State Board of Education approve the amendment of the MicroSociety Academy Charter School's charter.

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

2. Spark Academy of Advanced Technologies - renewal

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Phil Nazzaro, that the State Board of Education approve the renewal of Spark Academy Charter Public School's charter.

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

3. Great Bay Charter School - amendment

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Kate Cassady, that the State Board of Education approve the amendment of the Great Bay Charter Public School's charter.

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

4. North Star Academy Chartered Public School - opening extension request

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Phil Nazzaro, that the State Board of Education accept North Star Academy's extension request.

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5. Coastal Waters Charter School - charter surrender

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Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Phil Nazzaro, that the State Board of Education accept the surrender of the Coastal Waters Charter School's 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. Big Brothers Big Sisters of New Hampshire - renewal

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Phil Nazzaro, that the State Board of Education approve the Big Brothers Big Sisters of New Hampshire Learn Everywhere renewal application.

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

C. Office of Nonpublic Schools - TIM CARNEY, NHED, Administrator, Educational Pathways

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1. New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) - identify as a recognized program approval agency

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Kate Cassady, that the State Board of Education accept the recommendation of the NSAC and identify NEASC as the recognized program approval agency for nonpublic schools for the period of April 11, 2024, through April 11, 2034.

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

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

A. Preliminary Objection Response - General Application Instructions and BOC Forms (Ed 505.08)

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Kate Cassady, that the State Board of Education approve the preliminary objection response to Ed 505.08, Bureau of Credentialing Forms and the amendments to the addresses on the forms.

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

B. Adopt - Learn Everywhere (Ed 1400)

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Phil Nazzaro, that the State Board of Education adopt Ed 1400 regarding Learn Everywhere.

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

XI. COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE

XII. OPEN BOARD DISCUSSIONS

XIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2024

Motion: Drew Cline made the motion, seconded by Phil Nazzaro, that the State Board of Education table the March 14, 2024, meeting minutes.

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

- B. Joint Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee - Performance Audit Report - March 2024 - Special Education Dispute Resolution Processes (Informational only, no presentation and no action needed)**

XIV. TABLED ITEMS

- A. Initial Proposal – Visual Arts Teacher (Ed 507.09)**
- B. Student/Pittsfield School District (SB-FY-24-11-013) - Open Enrollment**

Motion: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Phil Nazzaro, that the State Board of Education remove the Student/Pittsfield case from the table.

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

XV. NONPUBLIC SESSION

There was no public session.

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XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Kate Cassady made the motion, seconded by Phil Nazzaro, that the State Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 2:34 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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