

New Hampshire
State Board of Education
Minutes of the February 21, 2023 Meeting

AGENDA ITEM I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the State Board of Education convened at 10:04 a.m. Drew Cline presided as Chair.

Members present: Kate Cassady, Phil Nazzaro, Drew Cline (Chair), Richard Sala. Also in attendance were Commissioner of Education, Frank Edelblut and Deputy Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner, Christine Brennan (virtual).

AGENDA ITEM II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Drew Cline led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

AGENDA ITEM IV. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/UPDATES

A. Canvas Tutorial, Presented by Ken Darsney NHED, Learning Management Systems Administrator

Mr. Darsney introduced himself and gave a short recap of his education background and how he came to work on the Canvas Tutorial, a Learning Management System. He shared that he would provide access to the Canvas Tutorial so the Board could learn more of a hands-on approach to the Canvas Tutorial, using the meeting agenda as an example. He touched on the security and privacy measures in the system. Canvas Modules were explained. Prior meeting agenda are available on the system along with direct access to public courses available in the State along with many other examples of uses throughout many other departments.

Several questions were asked about access through State and personal emails. Mr. Darsney confirmed that it would be available through either means.

A question was asked about whether the old packets would be used or would this new Canvas system be the system of record. Canvas will be the main source of information going forward.

B. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Waiver Form pursuant to RSA 193:26-a

Stephen Appleby, NHED Director, Division of Educator Support & Higher Education made a presentation concerning FAFSA which mandates FAFSA application or waiver as a condition of graduation from high school effective in fall '23 for the Class of '24. The State Board has been directed to create a waiver form.

Phil Nazzaro indicates his opposition to the law.

Stephen Appleby says that law requires them to create the form. Some discussion was had concerning the content of the form and the application of the law itself.

Motion: Richard Sala made the motion, seconded by Kate Cassady, that the State Board of Education approve this item.

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

AGENDA ITEM V. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

A. Initial Proposal _PEPP Program Standards (Ed 603-Ed 606)

Stephen Appleby, NHED, Director, Division of Educator Support and Higher Education, presented this item to stay the clock of expiration. This puts this in the queue so there will be 180 days to complete the process. This is an initial proposal so that further study and editing can be completed. A discussion was held about moving forward on the item.

Motion: Phil Nazzaro made the motion, seconded by Kate Cassady, that the State Board of Education approval the initial proposal for Ed 603 through Ed 606.

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

B. Initial Proposal – Home Education (Ed 315)

Tim Carney presented an overview of this item. Changes are based on recently passed legislation to update rules to comply with legislation.

Phil Nazzaro indicated on page 3 of this paragraph, Ed 315:05 paragraph d, the addition, saying that the parent has to notify the resident school district if the move and asked what are the ramifications were if they did not? This does not seem to be addressed in the bill.

Stephen Appleby discussed the lack of data concerning tracking of parents who move and reconciliation about data. The language tracks the legislation, it

was not provided by the Board. Concerns were raised about no consequences, so why put the rule in the legislation.

More discussion by Phil Nazzaro about 315:06 about when there is a notification that parents are going to do home school, they can let the Commissioner know but I notice it was taken out of the notification of termination. You were taken out of that equation in the legislative also? Trying to clarify who gets the termination notifications.

The Commissioner explains that when a parent terminates, the State sends them a certificate of completion as well, for the program.

Motion: Kate Cassady made the motion, seconded by Richard Sala, that the State Board of Education approve the initial proposal for Ed 315.

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

C. Adopt – Innovation Schools (Ed 1500)

Julie Shea, NHED, Administrative Rules Coordinator presents. In the February meeting the Board approved a conditional response and it got sent back but we ran out of time and couldn't adopt it. This is from the last meeting where we couldn't do that.

Phil Nazzaro asked whether the Department is doing anything to ensure that schools are aware of this option. The Commissioner responded that they have created a webpage for the content which is about 50% completed. When completed it will be announced to the schools.

Phil Nazzaro asked about advance notice or help for schools to prepare for the Innovation Schools. The Commissioner replied that one district is creating an Innovation School under these rules and two others that received grants for innovation, so they are looking to leverage their success for the Innovation Schools. He also said that the website would contain best practices from other jurisdictions to help schools navigate how to set up an Innovation School and perhaps not what to do. He then suggested using Charter Schools as an example for Innovation Schools.

Motion: Phil Nazzaro made the motion, seconded by Kate Cassady, that the State Board of Education adopt Ed 1500 Innovation Schools.

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

D. Adopt – Criminal History Records Check (Ed 504.12 et al)

Julie Shea, NHED, Administrative Rules Coordinator presented this item. It was approved at (elsewhere) Friday. There was an updated packet sent to everybody on Saturday because some of the forms weren't correct in the first packet.

Stephen Appleby stated that whatever changes we made to credentialing, who we're credentialing over time, the form will need to be continually updated.

Motion: Phil Nazzaro made the motion, seconded by Kate Cassady, that the State Board of Education adopt Ed 105:12, Ed 105:07 and Ed 105:08 and Ed 505:09, Ed 512:101 and Ed 604:09.

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

AGENDA ITEM VI. OPEN BOARD DISCUSSIONS

There was no open board discussion.

AGENDA ITEM VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2023

Motion: Phil Nazzaro made the motion, seconded by Drew Cline, that the State Board of Education approve the meeting minutes of February 21, 2023.

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

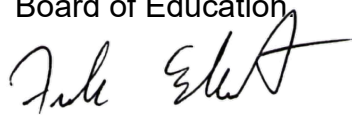
AGENDA ITEM VIII. NONPUBLIC SESSION

There was no nonpublic session.

AGENDA ITEM IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Richard Sala made the motion, seconded by Phil Nazzaro, that the State Board of Education adjourn at 10:40 a.m.

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



Secretary