

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
DIVISION OF EDUCATOR SUPPORT AND HIGHER EDUCATION
101 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

June 19, 2024

12:02 p.m. to 1:58 p.m.

Members Present: Tom Laliberte (Co-Chair), Kimberly Yarlott (Co-Chair), Christina White, Beth McClure, Andra Hall, Steve Appleby, Donna Couture, Christina O'Hara, and Cynthia Lucero

Members Absent: Jeni Laliberte, Erin Cayer, and Tim Broadrick

Guests: Tyler Restuccia, Laura Stoneking, Anne Wallace, and Amy Martel

I. CALL TO ORDER

Tom Laliberte, Co-Chair, called to order the regular meeting of the Professional Standards Board at 12:02 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Draft May 1, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Motion: Steve Appleby made the motion, seconded by Christina O'Hara, that the Professional Standards Board accept the May 1, 2024, meeting minutes.

Vote: The motion was accepted by the Professional Standards Board with Kimberly Yarlott abstaining.

B. Un-table the March 13, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Motion: Beth McClure made the motion, seconded by Cynthia Lucero, that the Professional Standards Board un-table the March 13, 2024, meeting minutes.

Vote: The motion was accepted by the Professional Standards Board.

C. Approve March 13, 2024, Meeting Minutes with correction.

Motion: Kimberly Yarlott made the motion, seconded by Steve Appleby, that the Professional Standards Board accept the March 13, 2024, meeting minutes.

Vote: The motion was accepted by the Professional Standards Board.

III. OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION AND UPDATES

A. In-depth discussion

1. Ed 507.08 – School Psychologist (Exp. 2/20/2025)

Andra Hall, Donna Couture, and Erin Cayer

Contributor: Steve Appleby

- Meetings were all rescheduled.
- Steve expects that they'll communicate in the fall.
- There is a requirement in OPLC credentialing that they have a NHED license before they can apply to OPLC.
- Steve reminded the board that approximately four years ago, Medicaid realized that individuals were submitting for reimbursement who didn't hold medical licenses. Medicaid requires that you have a license from a "medical body." So, at the time, the

Board of Psychology created a new license type for school psychologists and PSB worked with them, gave them the names of all of the licensed school psychologists so they could work with them all to get a license from that body as well. The situation now is there are individuals who have to get two licenses, which seems redundant, and the Board of Psychology has been interested in potentially collapsing that back to one, which will be issued by them.

- As per Andra Hall, where the redundancy comes in is that there are rules in the Ed 306s that include school psychologists and there are rules in the Ed 500s that include them. The work that they did in the Ed 306s was replicated and put into the Ed 500s.
- Their committee was made up of mostly school psychologists that had worked on the Ed 306s. This group is also working with the National Association of School Psychologists to gain reciprocity (Interstate compact) with the school psych license. They have a meeting set for June 20, 2024, where they might have some recommendations.
- The NASP, the National Association of School Psychologists, recommends that some of the verbiage be changed.
- **Ed 507.08(a)(1)** should read "Completion of any State Board of Education approved school psychology program, which includes an internship as described in (2)b. of this section at the doctoral certificate of advanced graduate study/specialist, or at least 60 semester hours master's level."
- Laura Stoneking said that there are currently two institutions which each have two levels, one degree bearing and one licensure only bearing. Hence, the licensure only bearing ones would be eliminated as they would not meet the language change above. The other two are ed specialist, and she'll look to confirm how many credits each program is. But the proposed language change certainly would eliminate 50% of the school psychologist.
- Steve Appleby suggested that before voting, to run this verbiage past the heads of the Ed Prep programs at Plymouth State University and Rivier University. Tom Laliberte agreed and asked that they attend the September meeting.
- **Ed 507.08(a)(2)b.** would start with "Completion of" instead of "Experience in a."
- Everything under **Ed 507.08(a)(2)b.** was also then changed to align with NASP's standards that were established in 2020. This language is replicative of the language that is in the proposed Ed 306s.
- **Ed 507.08(b)(1)** is covered by the new proposed Ed 507.08(b)(1).
- **Ed 507.08(b)(2)** is covered by the new proposed Ed 507.08(b)(2), Ed 507.08(b)(5), and Ed 507.08(b)(6).
- **Ed 507.08(b)(3)a.** is covered by the new proposed Ed 507.08(b)(8).
- **Ed 507.08(b)(3)b.** is covered by the new proposed Ed 507.08(b)(8) and Ed 507.08(b)(9).
- **Ed 507.08(b)(3)c.** and **Ed 507.08(b)(3)d.** are covered by the new proposed Ed 507.08(b)(9).
- **Ed 507.08(b)(3)e.** is covered by the new proposed Ed 507.08(b)(9).
- **Ed 507.08(b)(3)f.** is covered by the new proposed Ed 507.08(b)(10).
- It's a lot more language, but it aligns with the national standards, being better for reciprocity.
- Andra will include a statement about passing the nationally normed test at the bottom of the recommendation sheet which will go before the State Board.

B. Votes Needed

1. Ed 507.08 – School Psychologist (Exp. 2/20/2025)

Andra Hall, Donna Couture, and Erin Cayer
Contributor: Steve Appleby

- No vote until September 2024.

C. Current Committee Updates

1. **Ed 507.07 – School Counselor (Exp. 2/20/2025)**
Cynthia Lucero, Donna Couture, and Christina O'Hara
Contributors: Bill Ross, Tim Broadrick, and Pam Comeau
 - Last meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2024, which will allow them to have the presentation in the fall.

2. **Ed 507.16 – Physical Education Teacher (Exp. 10/25/2025)**
Christina White, Tom Laliberte, and Kimberly Yarlott
Contributor: Laura Stoneking
 - Kimberly Yarlott said that their draft has been put forward twice to the New Hampshire Association of Physical Education, Health, Recreation, and Dance and are yet to receive feedback from them.
 - They utilized the SHAPE standards to guide them.
 - It will be brought forward for in-depth discussion in September.

3. **Ed 507.15 – Health Teacher (Exp. 5/2/2026)**
Christina White, Tom Laliberte, and Kimberly Yarlott
Contributor: Bill Ross
 - Tom facilitates these meetings and reports that they've added additional details to the recommendations.
 - They also used the SHAPE standards to guide them.

4. **Ed 507.11 – Elementary Education Teacher (Exp. 10/2034)**
Andra Hall, Beth McClure, and Jeni Laliberte
Contributor: Kate McCaffrey
 - Beth reported that they've completed Social Studies, Math, Science, and Language Arts.
 - They still have to do Technology and Information Literacy Through Knowledge and Application for K to 6, which they've already revised to read "Technology and Information and Data Literacy Through Knowledge and Application."
 - They're going to crosswalk what's currently underneath the heading with the Pro-Ed standards to make sure that what's there is not redundant.
 - Their next meeting is September 26th.

5. **Ed 507.05 - Technology and Engineering Teacher (Exp. 10/2029)**
Steve Appleby, Donna Couture, and Kimberly Yarlott
 - The rule expires August 2029, which should be updated on the next agenda.
 - First meeting will possible be early 2025.

IV. **DEPARTMENT REPORT**

- A. **Update on Rulemaking** – Julie Shea, Steve Appleby
<https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/state-board-of-education>
 1. **Ed 507.09 – Visual Arts Teacher (Exp. 1/17/2024)**
 - a. Public hearing was held on June 13, 2024, on initial proposal. Public comment period is open until 6/20/2024.

 2. **Ed 507.21 – School Librarian/Library Media Specialist**
 - a. Holding pattern; was voted at April 2022 SBE meeting to form a subcommittee to investigate further.

3. **Ed 507.02 – Career and Technical Education Teacher**
 - a. Final Proposal voted on at State board 6/13 meeting. Will go to July JLCAR for review.
4. **Ed 507.03 – Career and Technical Specialty Certification**
 - a. Final Proposal voted on at State board 6/13 meeting. Will go to July JLCAR for review.
5. **Ed 507.11 – Elementary Education Teacher (Exp. 3/27/2024)**
 - a. Final Proposal voted on at State board 6/13 meeting. Will go to July JLCAR for review.
6. **Ed 507.52 – Reading and Writing Teacher**
 - a. Possibly could move forward as an initial proposal at the March SBE meeting; however, based on the State Board feedback we may want to revisit based on the State Board feedback received.
 - b. No immediate expiration date, and there are rules in other areas that have impending July expirations.
7. **Ed 508.09 – Reading and Writing Specialist**
 - a. Possibly could move forward as an initial proposal at the March SBE meeting; however, based on the State Board feedback we may want to revisit based on the State Board feedback received.
 - b. No immediate expiration date, and there are rules in other areas that have impending July expirations.
8. **Ed 508.10 - Elementary Mathematics Specialist**
 - a. Possibly could move forward as an initial proposal at the March SBE meeting; however, based on the State Board feedback we may want to revisit based on the State Board feedback received.
 - b. No immediate expiration date, and there are rules in other areas that have impending July expirations.

B. Council for Teacher Education (CTE) – Laura Stoneking

All the Ed 600's have been revised and can be found here <https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/council-for-teacher-education>

- They've done 8 institutional program reviews this year.
- They have lots of moving parts of program closures and eliminations, but also have almost as equally proposals coming in.
- They also are in conversation with two institutions that currently do not have approved ed prep programs that are looking to offer ed prep programs this year.
- NHTI: almost secure with their reviewers and team.
- UNH: review in the fall for 5 undergraduate programs.
- Laura said that she's trying to create a structure or a system that's a little more efficient and clearer to the institutions what needs to be included and how when they submit a proposal. She's completed about 70% of this document for institutions.
- With the rule changes, they've had to update their forms to reflect the changes.
- At the CTE meeting on 6/20/2024, they will be examining and having a discussion on programs that have zero program candidates or zero completers.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) PSB Applications - 3 complete PSB membership applications.
 - No update as per Steve Appleby.
- 2) PSB Document update - organization, process, etc. for members.

- Still in process. Steve's hoping to have it done before the September meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Fall Special Education committee discussion.
 - Committees to be planned this fall to relook at all the special ed standards.
- 2) All PSB applications will be on the July-August State Board of Education Agenda for consideration.
- 3) The misconduct rules were updated recently by the governance unit, and that necessitated updating definitions, and this allowed for a few fixes to be made as well. After this meeting, the document will be emailed to all members with changed portions highlighted.
 - The list of definitions found at Ed 501, will be updated to include the new one.

VII. TABLED ITEMS

1. Master Teacher License Update
 - Master Teacher has passed both House and Senate and will be going to the Governor for signature. In-depth discussions will be held next year, as well as doing some type of committee.
 - Tabled pending legislative action.
2. Ed 513.01, Ed 513.03, Ed 513.04, Ed 513.05, and Ed 513.06 – Basic Requirement, Criteria for State Approval of Local Professional Development Master Plan, Individual Professional Development Plan, Criteria for License Renewal of Educators Under the Professional Development Master Plan, Criteria for License Renewal of Educators Not Under the Local Professional Development Master Plan, Licensed Paraeducators and Educational Interpreter/Transliterators
Co-Chair: Kim Yarlott, Beth McClure

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Tom Laliberte adjourned the meeting at 1:58 p.m.