

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

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

October 4, 2023

12:01 p.m. to 1:32 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Christina White, Erin Cayer, Tim Broadrick

Department Staff: Tyler Restuccia, Kim Wilson, Susan Blake, Bill Ross, Julie Shea, Laura Stoneking, Amy Martel, and Ann Wallace

I. CALL TO ORDER

Tom Laliberte, Co-Chair, called to order the regular meeting of the Professional Standards Board at 12:01 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/NEW CHAIR & VICE CHAIR

A. Draft September 18, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Motion: Steve Appleby made the motion, seconded by Cynthia Lucero, to approve the September 18, 2023, meeting minutes.

Vote: The motion was approved without dissent by unanimous vote by the Professional Standards Board with Beth McClure, Kimberly Yarlott, and Donna Couture abstaining.

III. OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION AND UPDATES

A. In-depth discussion

1. **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, and Andra Hall (Exp. 10/2023)

The advice was given to adjust the five-year period to a three-year certification cycle. The big changes will be highlighted at the in-depth discussion scheduled for the December meeting.

The subcommittee communicated that the in-depth discussion won’t be held in today’s meeting. Also, because they’ve requested PDF copies available, they have to email their

documentation to Tyler a few days before the next meeting, and he'll print off enough copies for the Board.

A short update was shared with the Board that it aligns very nicely with the Reading and Writing Specialist but is more focused on the everyday intervention that a Reading and Writing Teacher does.

2. **Ed 507.02 and Ed 507.03 Career and Technical Education Teacher (Exp. 1/2024)**, Ed 507.03 – Career and Technical Specialty Certification – Tim Broadrick, Steve Appleby, and Donna Couture

They were to discuss the draft after this meeting and will be able to give an in-depth discussion at the next meeting in November.

3. **Ed 507.52 – Reading and Writing Teacher (Exp. 01/2024)** Committee: Kim Yarlott, Erin Cayer, and Beth McClure

Beth McClure reported that their committee completed their tasks this summer and stated that it is in line with the Reading and Writing Specialist. She advised that she still has to write the executive letter, which is a letter to the State Board summarizing the changes that were made.

In-depth discussion and voting are scheduled for the November meeting.

B. Current Committee Updates – *should any of the subcommittees below feel that November is too soon, please contact Tom Laliberte*

1. **Ed 508.09 – Reading and Writing Specialist (Exp. 10/2030)**

Ed 508.10 – Elementary Mathematics Specialist (Exp. 10/2030)

Committee: Tom Laliberte, Andra Hall, and Christine O'Hara

Christine advised they're scheduled for in-depth discussion at the November meeting. She confirmed that she's completed the charts with the rationale and changes, and they've been shared with the committee as well as the contributors who were present for every meeting.

She explained that when setting up the standards, they literally copied wording from the national standards and copied from the math specialist into the reading and writing specialist. Also, they added an entire section, which had been absent.

In-depth discussion is scheduled for the November meeting.

2. **Ed 507.11 – Elementary Education Teacher (Exp. 3/27/2024)**

Committee: Jeni Laliberte, Beth McClure, Andra Hall, and Kate McCaffrey

Contributors: Diana Sherman and Aubrey

It was recommended that representatives from both K6 and K8 are included in the subcommittee.

In-depth discussion will take place in 2024.

3. **Ed 507.07 – School Counselor (Exp. 2/20/2025)**

Committee: Cynthia Lucero, Donna Couture, and Christine O'Hara

Contributors: Bill Ross and Tim Broadrick

Cynthia Lucero announced it at CTE, and a few parties have expressed interest.

In-depth discussion will take place in 2024.

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

Committee: Andra Hall, Donna Couture, and Erin Cayer

Contributor: Steve Appleby

No meeting has been held as yet.

To reiterate, a school psychologist license was created several years ago for the Medicaid disclose issue, so that school psychologists could bill Medicaid because with DOE's license they cannot. Steve Appleby announced that he will be liaising with OPLC to confirm whether two licenses are necessary.

There are two Ed Prep programs currently, Plymouth State and Rivier. Plymouth State has 13 currently in their program, Rivera has one. Plymouth State's program currently expires March 31st of 2026. Rivier's expires December 30th of 2026, so they're a grand total of 14 candidates.

In all 50 states, you have to be licensed by a medical board to get Medicaid funds. So, any state that had prior a stand-alone school psychologist license issued by the DOE or related Professional Standards Board setup, they had to pursue a medical board school psychologist license.

In-depth discussion will take place in 2024.

5. Ed 507.16 – Physical Education Teacher (Exp. 10/25/2025)

Committee: Christina White, Tom Laliberte, and Kimberly Yarlott

Contributor: Laura Stoneking

Haven't had a meeting as yet. Have a few contributors but are looking for more.

In-depth discussion will take place in 2024.

6. Ed 507.15 – Health Teacher (Exp. 5/2/2026)

Committee: Christina White, Tom Laliberte, and Kimberly Yarlott

Contributor: Bill Ross

Haven't had a meeting as yet. Have a few contributors but are looking for more. In-depth discussion will take place in 2024.

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORT

A. Update on Rulemaking – Julie Shea, Steve Appleby

<https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/state-board-of-education>

Julie Shea reported that the Comprehensive Business Educator is up on OLS with the new adopted text, and Visual Arts goes before the Board next week and she'll report on it at the next PSB meeting.

1. Ed 507.09 – Visual Arts Teacher (Exp. 1/17/2024)

- a.** Recommended changes voted on in June being submitted for vote at October SBE meeting.

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.

Tom Laliberte suggested that the practicing librarians should be a part of this conversation.

A copy of the draft will be sent to Julie Shea to get this on the go again as it's been very delayed.

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

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

Laura Stoneking reported that they have many new program proposals, as well as 7 reviews scheduled for this academic year.

Cynthia Lucero, who attends the CIT meetings monthly on behalf of PSB, raised the issue of the committee members doing a lot of work to institute these changes, only for the PSB Board not to agree with the changes. A suggestion was made that before the presentation the committee makes to PSB, if they can send the draft off to CTE.

Steve Appleby then reminded everyone that the role of this Board is to advise the State Board on the Ed 500's.

Cynthia Lucero raised the question about emailing all CTE Board members about joining the PSB Elementary Education subcommittee.

OLD BUSINESS

Progress on getting new members to the committees:

- Teachers are needed.
- There are several applications at the State Board level waiting for action to be taken.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Tom Laliberte and Steve Appleby will meet and discuss when in-depth discussions take place, the pertinent information to be included in the discussions.

Ken Darsney gave an in-depth presentation to the board members on how to access meeting documents in the Modules section in Canvas. They were given instructions on how to upload subcommittee documents into Canvas.

Tom Laliberte, Steve Appleby, and Ken Darsney will be releasing a step-by-step manual and/or a video on how to do this.

VI. TABLED ITEMS

1. Master Teacher License Update, Tabled pending legislative action.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Tom Laliberte adjourned the meeting at 1:13 p.m.