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DIVISION OF EDUCATOR SUPPORT AND HIGHER EDUCATION  
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**PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD**

**November 2, 2022**

**12:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

**Members Present:** Tom Laliberte, Christina White, Beth McClure, Kimberly Yarlott, Andra Hall, Steve Appleby, Jeni Laliberte, Erin Cayer, Tim Broadrick, Donna Couture, Christina O'Hara, and Cynthia Lucero

**Members Absent:** David Latchaw

**Department Staff:** Susan Blake, Laura Stoneking, William Ross, Kim Wilson, Julie Shea, and Cat Dorfman

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Tom Laliberte, Chair, called to order the regular meeting of the Professional Standards Board at 12:04 pm.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Draft Meeting Minutes – October 5, 2022**

**Motion:** Cynthia Lucero made the motion, seconded by Andra Hall, that the Professional Standards Board accept the October meeting minutes as written.

**Vote:** The motion was approved without dissent by unanimous vote by the Professional Standards Board via roll call.

### III. OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION AND UPDATES

#### A. In-depth discussion

##### 1. Ed 507.17 – ESOL Teacher

Beth McClure provided the revised standards. Several previous committee members came back to assist. More extensive definitions were added. The requirement for a bachelor's degree was kept the same. They kept topic area requirements and updated them with current language.

Tom Laliberte asked about language in Section 4a. Beth McClure responded studying a second language is a requirement. The language was amended to make it clearer.

Tom Laliberte asked about the language “developing in alternative theories.” Beth McClure responded theories of second language development are changing. The committee wanted language allowing use of the most current approach to understanding second language development. There was discussion over the interpretation of “alternative theories.” Amended language was discussed.

Tom Laliberte restated the proposed changes. Under Section B, Number 4A and B, eliminate “of the students.” Part C, Number 2B, eliminate the words “and alternative.” Section C, Number 3D, eliminate the word “of.” Under 4H, to read “ELs express themselves accurately in social.”

**Motion:** Beth McClure made the motion, seconded by Andra Hall, that the Professional Standards Board accept the Ed 507.17 ESOL Teacher proposal with the recommended changes.

**Vote:** The motion was approved without dissent by unanimous vote by the Professional Standards Board via roll call.

## 2. Ed 507.04 – Comprehensive Agricultural Educator

Steve Appleby reported there are about eighteen individuals with this endorsement. Of those 18, at least 1 is retired. The benefit to eliminating the certification would be to allow high schools who want an agriculture program to use an educator with a different licensure. There is a misconception that the retirement packages are better for licensed staff, and it is not true.

Laura Stoneking added UNH was the last institution that had a Comprehensive Agricultural Ed prep program. From 2016-2020, there was only one student who completed the program, and it was subsequently closed.

Tom Laliberte asked about the years earned towards retirement as a non-credentialed employee. Steve Appleby responded that all employees are in the retirement fund whether they are licensed or not.

Steve Appleby stated if Professional Standards Board (PSB) votes to repeal, it will go to the State Board in December. The State Board will consider an initial proposal. A public hearing will be set two months later.

Cynthia Lucero expressed concern for any hardship that may be an unintended consequence for current license holders. She requested holding off on voting so they can notify the eighteen license holders and ensure they will not lose their current position with the elimination of the credential. Members noted there are other pathways for current credential holders. Council for Teacher Education (CTE) programs will not be affected. There is no connection between high school credit and licensure.

Steve Appleby stated more high schools may be able to offer agricultural programs if there was not a license. It is a narrow subject matter and a small number of holders with no program for new candidates.

A recommendation was made to give current license holders a CTE endorsement as those requirements would already be met. Steve Appleby suggested recommending the State Board when this license expires, be offered to renew as a CTE license.

Bill Ross stated that if the proposal is approved, a technical advisory will be sent out that the endorsement is being eliminated. The endorsement is good until the current

license expires. Current holders can apply for certain CTE endorsements for which they would already qualify.

**Motion:** Tim Broadrick made the motion, seconded by Christina O'Hara, that the Professional Standards Board accept the decision to repeal Ed 507.04 Comprehensive Agriculture Education.

**Vote:** The motion was approved without dissent by unanimous vote by the Professional Standards Board via roll call with Erin Cayer abstaining.

## **B. Committee Updates**

### 1. Master Teacher License Update

Steve Appleby shared that he and Bill Ross met with Irv Richardson to discuss next steps. It is still in process.

### 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 Professional Development Master Plan, Licensed Paraeducators and Educational Interpreters/Translitterators

Beth McClure shared survey questions were sent out. The committee is looking at the master plan equivalent for other states.

Kim Yarlott asked if any part of the 300s that would impact New Hampshire's master plans. Bill Ross responded there is no direct crossover.

3. Ed 507.02 – Career and Technical Education Teacher, Ed 507.03 – Career and Technical Specialty Certification

Tim Broadrick stated they are planning out meeting dates.

4. Ed 507.09 – Visual Arts Teacher

Cynthia Lucero reached out to visual arts teachers but hasn't had any contributors commit. Laura Stoneking will send a list of visual arts teacher who are Ed Prep reviewers. Tom Laliberte will reach out to some visual arts teachers.

December 6 will be the first meeting date.

5. Ed 507.52 – Reading and Writing Teacher

Tom Laliberte reminded that the new committees will be made of three PSB members. Contributors could be anyone in the field. There are currently no members for Reading and Writing Teacher. Beth McClure, Erin Cayer, and Kim Yarlott volunteered.

6. Ed 508.09 – Reading and Writing Specialists

Christina O'Hara reported they had the first meeting. They had three contributors present. There are three committee members and five contributors. They discussed national standards using the 2012 National Math Specialist Standards. They are looking for reading and writing national standards. They are going to create a survey to send to reading and writing and math specialists to get more information on how they're being used. There is different language used for reading and writing specialist vs math specialist.

Beth McClure stated she would like to be a contributor as she holds the credential. The International Dyslexia Association recently redid their structured literacy standards.

#### **IV. DEPARTMENT REPORT**

### **A. Update on Rulemaking and State Board of Education**

Steve Appleby reported the initial proposal for the administrative endorsements off the table, made changes, and voted on the initial proposal. The public hearing will be on December 8th at the State Board meeting. The State Board will take feedback, possibly make changes, and then a final proposal will be submitted.

The initial proposal for the criminal history records checks for first time educators, Professional Educator Preparation Program (PEPP) candidates, program candidates presented were the same as the interim rules that are in place.

The initial proposal to repeal speech language specialist was approved. Previously, a pathologist needed to present their license to be issued an SLS. This eliminates the need for a second license.

### **B. Initial Proposals Already Submitted to SBE**

1. Ed 506 – Admin Rules

State Board of Education approved the initial proposal at the October meeting.

2. Ed 504.11 – Educational Interpreter/Transliterater – November SBE

3. Ed 507.47 – Comprehensive Business Educator – November SBE

4. Ed 507.48 – Comprehensive Marketing Educator – November SBE

5. Ed 507.21 – Library Media Specialist (School Librarian) – still on the table

6. Ed 507.35 – Theater Education – October JALCAR

7. Ed 507.39 – Music Education – October JALCAR

8. Ed 507.18 – Early Childhood Education – October JALCAR

9. Ed 507.37 – Classical Language – October JALCAR

### **C. Council for Teacher Education (CTE)**

## 1. CTE Update

Laura Stoneking reported CTE is looking at, analyzing, and collecting feedback for the Ed 600 rules for Ed prep. They've had some draft submissions. Most of the rules expire March 2023. Two subcommittees worked on these rules, and they have combined for the final steps.

DOE has been doing an analysis of fees and the fee schedule. Laura Stoneking and Steve Appleby will be providing research and information to guide the fee schedule for the Ed prep rules.

A team is ready for eleven new programs at St. Anselm College at the MAT level. It's being proposed only for St. Anselm graduates with the hope that it will eventually be opened up to other candidates.

Ed preps have been collating students who were admitted prior to the new criminal history records check. Bill Ross created a spreadsheet to get all candidates in so they wouldn't have to get fingerprinted a second time. Candidates selected into Ed preps will now need the criminal history records check prior to being fully admitted or to be in any field experience.

Bill Ross reported admitted Ed prep students will show the endorsement and the word "admitted student" to show they are in a program.

Laura Stoneking stated institutions are looking to expand certain areas.

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

Tom Laliberte reported he met with NHED to discuss the purpose documentation. Julie Shea is going to go through the timeline of a rule process. They hope to have it ready by Christmas. They discussed a recommendation template and a minute template. It will be on the site to be downloaded.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

Tom Laliberte asked about a process for language changes that could affect CTE. Members agreed that there should be a process for collaboration prior to a vote. Laura Stoneking stated she shares documents from PSB with CTE. Monthly, she provides PSB updates to CTE and notes specific changes that apply to CTE. Steve Appleby stated CTE members are invited to all PSB meetings. He was hesitant to allow an opportunity for the PSB process to be slowed down prior to vote. Cynthia Lucero suggested providing a specific window for input. Laura Stoneking stated being involved throughout the process rather than at the end allows PSB to preserve their function.

Steve Appleby thanked Julie Shea for her work on the rules.

Steve Appleby invited members to stay for a preview of the new Canvas program for meetings. CTE has already adopted it. The State Board will be adopting it as well.

## **VII. TABLED ITEMS**

There were no tabled items.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT – 2:00pm**

Tom Laliberte adjourned the meeting.