

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
DIVISION OF PROGRAM SUPPORT
101 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

April 4, 2018
Room 15
12pm to 3pm
Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting:

Present: Kirk Beitler, Janine Casavant, Joe Crawford, Joann Goetzler, Cynthia Lucero, Joann Misra, Christine Oskar-Poisson, Irv Richardson, Christie Sweeney, Page Tompkins, Anne Wallace, Lisa Witte, Kimberly Yarlott

Absent: Vincent Connelly, Kenneth Gorrell, Jack Grube, Katrina Hall, Dianna Terrell, David Webster

Department Staff: Bill Ross, Amanda Phelps, David Benedetto, Joanne DeBello

I. CALL TO ORDER:

A. Vice-Chair Anne Wallace called the meeting to order at 12:30 and asked that everyone take a moment to review the minutes.

II. MINUTES:

A. Motion - Ms. Wallace called for a motion to approve the minutes. Irv Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Cynthia Lucero and passed by a unanimous vote. Kimberly Yarlott, Lisa Witte, Joanne Goetzler and Janine Casavant abstained from the vote.

III. OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION:

A. Membership Update

Ms. Wallace stated that there is still one vacancy in the “qualified lay person” category of PSB membership.

Ms. Wallace pointed to a document emailed to the PSB regarding membership terms. She explained that some members first terms expire this year. She asked Amanda Phelps to explain the highlighted areas. Ms. Phelps stated that anyone who is highlighted on the sheet is eligible to apply for a second term if they wish to serve a second term. Ms. Wallace explained that applications for PSB membership for current membership and new membership are due between May 1 and May 30.

B. Ethics Update

Irv Richardson stated that there will be a public hearing for these rules on April 12. Ms. Phelps stated that she will bring forward the PSB’s recommendation of a title change to

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Ed 510 to state “Code of Conduct” instead of the current “Principles of Professional Conduct”.

Nicole Heimarck from the New Hampshire School Board Association provided feedback from the Ethics Task Force meeting. She stated that they met to discuss proposed edits presented to her through her meetings with various other stakeholders. She stated that the agreed upon amendments would be presented to the State Board at the public hearing.

Kirk Beitler asked about how the Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics will be implemented and rolled out to districts. Ms. Heimarck stated that the Task Force will request of the State Board that the Department be involved in extensive outreach and training once the rules are in effect.

C. Committee Chair Assignment - Ed 507.11 and Ed 612.04 Elementary Education Teacher

Ms. Wallace asked for a volunteer from the PSB to chair this committee. Joanne Goezler volunteered to chair. Ms. Wallace, Ms. Sweeney, Mr. Crawford and Ms. Oskor-Poisson volunteered to serve on the committee.

C. Update on Rule Revision Committees

1. Ed 507.39 and Ed 612.07 – General Special Education Teacher (Expire 9/16/19); Ed 507.391 and Ed 612.071 – Early Childhood Special Education Programs (Expire 9/16/19); Ed 507.40 through Ed 507.45 Special Education Teacher Categoricals – Co-Chairs, Cynthia Lucero and Joann Misra

Ms. Lucero stated that the committee was meeting for the second time on the following day. She added that the committee is a large group of volunteers and she will have a more detailed update at the May 2 PSB meeting.

2. Ed 507.05 Comprehensive Technology Education Teacher (Expires (8/12/19) – Kirk Beitler

Kirk Beitler stated that the committee met and have completed first revisions. He stated that it is being sent out to the field for feedback.

3. Ed 507.22 and Ed 612.07 Digital Learning Specialist (Formerly Education Technology Integrator) (Expire 11/11/18) – Kimberly Yarlott

Kimberly Yarlott gave an update regarding the makeup of the committee. Ms. Wallace added that Stan Freeda was present at the advisory meeting last month and did an excellent job explaining the changes to the rule. Ms. Misra had questions about the use of the word “inspire”.

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MOTION: Ms. Sweeney made a motion to accept the proposal. Ms. Goetzler seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion continued around the word “inspire” in Ed 507.22(c)(4) surrounding visionary leader. After discussion the PSB suggested amending the word “inspire” to “promote” and change the current “promote” to “foster”.

MOTION: Ms. Oskar-Poisson made a motion to accept the amendment and move the rule to the State Board. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Ed 505.01 through Ed 505.05 regarding Qualifying Methods for Obtaining a Teacher Credential (Alternative 1-5) Expire 9/16/19 – Chair Page Tompkins

Page Tompkins explained that the committee met and discussed the rules in more detail. The committee reviewed all relevant Ed 500 rules. Implications of the choices were discussed. He explained that the question is whether or not they are charged with fundamental changes to the overall process or small incremental changes to the process already in place. Mr. Tompkins added that he may propose a different process for this review in such that the committee would submit a proposal for what they think should change right now, and then continue to work on bigger changes after.

Ms. Wallace asked for an explanation of how to extend the deadline. Ms. Phelps explained that the only to extend the expiration date of the current rules is to ask for an interim rule. This would extend the expiration by six months but would truly expire after those six months with no further extension. She added that the committee could decide to pass them through with minor changes, explaining to the State Board that they will remain open and another revision will be forthcoming.

D. Social Studies Curriculum

Ms. Casavant stated that the committee has met two times and will be meeting again on Thursday, April 12. She stated that they are doing a crosswalk with the C3 standards. She added that there will be subgroups for all of the specific content areas. Ms. Casavant added that the challenge will be where the standards do not translate to New Hampshire standards.

IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

A. Update on Rulemaking – Amanda Phelps

1. Ed 507.35 Educational Interpreter/Transliterater for Children and Youth Ages 3-21 – Initial Proposal to State Board, May 10, 2018

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2. Ed 507.25 and Ed 612.27 Educator in Mathematics for Grades 5-8; Ed 507.26 and Ed 612.18 Educator in Secondary Mathematics for Grades 7-12 (Expire 5/14/18) – Public Hearing at State Board, May 10, 2018

3. Ed 507.19 and Ed 614.08 – Specialist in Assessment of Intellectual Functioning (SAIF) – JLCAR Hearing, April 20, 2018

4. Ed 505.07 and Ed 610.02 Professional Education Requirements - Public Hearing, April 12, 2018

5. Ed 510, 511, 512 – Professional Conduct – Public Hearing, April 12, 2018

6. Ed 513.01 – Basic Academic Skills – Public Hearing May 10, 2018

V. REPORT AND NEW DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

A. CTE

Bill Ross reported that the Council on Teacher Education met in March. PSU is due for review and the rest of the meeting was spent in small group work sessions.

V. Adjournment

Ms. Wallace called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Lucero made the motion and was seconded by Ms. Misra. The motion passed unanimously.