

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

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

September 12, 2018

Room 15

12pm to 3pm

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting:

Present: Kirk Beitler, Janine Casavant, Joe Crawford, Vincent Connelly, Joann Goetzler, Kenneth Gorrell, Jack Grube, Cynthia Lucero, Joann Misra, Christine Oskar-Poisson, Irv Richardson, Page Tompkins, Christie Sweeney, Anne Wallace, Kimberly Yarlott

Absent: Katrina Hall, David Webster, Lisa Witte

Department Staff: Stephen Appleby, Amanda Phelps, William Ross, Nate Greene, 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. Jack Grube made a motion to approve the minutes from May 2, 2018. Cynthia Lucero seconded the motion. The motion passed 12-0 with 3 abstentions.

B. Christie Sweeney made a motion to approve the minutes from June 6, 2018. Janine Casavant seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-0 with 6 abstentions.

III. OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION:

A. Chair and Vice Chair Nominations and Vote

1. Amanda Phelps stated that she received a nomination for Anne Wallace for Chair of the PSB for the 2018-2019 session.

2. Anne Wallace nominated Cynthia Lucero as vice-chair of the PSB for the 2018-2019 session. Irv Richardson seconded the nomination.

3. Members voted unanimously for Anne Wallace as Chair and Cynthia Lucero as vice-chair.

B. Membership Update

1. Amanda Phelps informed the group that the State Board of education reappointed Cynthia Lucero and Page Tompkins on August 8, 2018.

2. Amanda Phelps stated that the State Board was seeking more information on other candidates who applied and those candidates had been notified.

C. Criminal Background Check Study Committee Membership Request

Amanda Phelps stated that she needed to notify the Senate Clerks Office of the PSB member who would serve on the Committee. Kirk Beitler 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

Cynthia Lucero and Joann Misra reported that they held a full-day retreat where they drafted changes to the General Special Education Teacher rule. They stated that they would continue to hold full-day retreats until all of the rules were completed.

2. Ed 507.11 and Ed 612.04 – Elementary Education Teacher – Co-Chairs Anne Wallace and Joanne Gozler

Ms. Wallace stated that they are still in the process of forming the committee and that she would be reaching out to DOE staff for assistance. William Ross stated that he would get a copy of the letter from the Council for Teacher Education.

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

Kirk Beitler stated that they received more information that they needed to share with the committee and that they would be meeting with group before next month's PSB meeting.

4. 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 provided a written report to the PSB.

D. Social Studies Curriculum

Janine Casavant provided an update to the board on the progress of the social studies curriculum committee. She stated that they had 4 meetings over the summer and created the format for the curriculum. She added that they are currently creating rough drafts.

C. Computer Science Minimum Standards

Nate Greene stated that HB 1674 added computer science and digital literacy to RSA 193-E:2-a as a core content subject area for minimum standards for high school graduation. He stated that he is looking at rulemaking for Ed 306 to add computer science and digital literacy. Mr. Greene added that before David Benedetto's departure from the department he had gathered data and worked on a draft of what that rule would look like. Mr. Greene stated that he would pick up where Mr. Benedetto left off.

IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

A. Update on Rulemaking – Amanda Phelps

1. Ed 507.35 Educational Interpreter/Transliterater for Children and Youth Ages 3-21 – Ms. Phelps stated that the rule is returning to the State Board agenda for 9/13/18 as a discussion item. The State Board received feedback from superintendents regarding the new requirement of a Bachelor's Degree, indicating that the new requirement is too restrictive and would cause hiring issues. The committee who worked on the rule revision is concerned that simply removing the new requirement is not a good idea because adding the requirement came at the cost of removing some of the other requirements in the rule.
2. Ed 507.22 and Ed 612.19 – Digital Learning Specialist – Final Proposal, September 13, 2018 – Ms. Phelps stated that there was a small wording change as a result of feedback from the Office of Legislative Services, but it was addressed by the committee and should pass without comment.
3. Ed 510, 511, 512 – Code of Conduct – Ms. Phelps stated that the rule received a preliminary objection at the JLCAR hearing on August 16, 2018. She added that the State Board is taking time to correct some substantive issues. Kimberly Yarlott and Irv Richardson asked to meet with Ms. Phelps after the meeting to discuss those changes.
4. Code of Ethics – Ms. Phelps stated that she has run into a problem putting the Code of Ethics document into rulemaking.
5. Teacher vs. Educator Definitions – Ms. Phelps asked Stephen Appleby and William Ross to give the PSB a report on issues surrounding the definitions of teacher and educator. Mr. Appleby stated that the department is being put in situations where they need to determine if someone is a teacher or an educator because of the way the words are used inconsistently throughout all of the Ed 500s. After discussion it was determined that the department would gather data and report back to the PSB before forming a PSB committee.

V. REPORT AND NEW DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

A. Council for Teacher Education

Nothing to report.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Steve Appleby asked the PSB if they would be interested in moving from a paper credential to a digital credential. He explained that the system could be set up so that a credential holder who has a valid credential could go online, verify his or her identity, and print a copy of their credential. He added that currently, if a credential holder loses their paper license, they have to send in a form and money to receive a new one by mail. In addition, the system would issue renewal credentials online instead of mailing out thousands of paper copies every year. Mr. Appleby stated that this would save about \$7,000 in postage as well as staff time. After discussion, the PSB members present expressed their support of this effort.

VII. Adjournment

Kenneth Gorrell made a motion to adjourn. Cynthia Lucero seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 2:30 p.m.