

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

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

October 3, 2018

Room 15

12pm to 3pm

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting:

Present: Kirk Beitler, Janine Casavant, Joe Crawford, Joann Gozler, Kenneth Gorrell, Jack Grube, Katrina Hall, Cynthia Lucero, Joann Misra, Christine Oskar-Poisson, Irv Richardson, Christie Sweeney, Page Tompkins, Anne Wallace, David Webster, Kimberly Yarlott

Absent: Vincent Connelly, Lisa Witte

Department Staff: Stephen Appleby, Amanda Phelps, William Ross, Nate Greene, Joanne DeBello, Michael Seidel

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 September 12, 2018. Janine Casavant seconded the motion. The motion passed 13-0 with 3 abstentions.

III. OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION:

A. Membership Update

- 1.** Ms. Wallace stated that David Webster and Joanne Gozler were reappointed to their second term by the State Board and welcomed them back.
- 2.** Ms. Wallace stated that the State Board appointed a new member, Beth McClure and the PSB members introduced themselves.

B. Criminal Background Check Study Committee Membership Request

This agenda item was moved to the end of the meeting, waiting for Kirk Beitler to return from the first meeting of this committee. Kirk gave the update following item C.4. on the agenda as follows:

The initial meeting took place earlier in the day. Steve Appleby was in attendance and the committee discussed the difference between licensure and employment. The department's stand is that because they credential teachers, there should be a background check for issuing the credential. The district employs and should also do a

background check before hiring. The issue was raised of using New Hampshire as a backdoor to credentialing in another state, meaning that the potential exists that if NH credentials without a background check, a credential holder could take their license to another state and could use reciprocity to get credentialed in another state.

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 have a draft of the General Special Education Teacher rule, Ed 507.39 and Ed 612.07. Ms. Misra explained that some more edits would be made based on the law changing requirements. William Ross explained that a document from NCTQ (National Center for Teacher Quality) was released which looked at reading instruction and reading instruction testing across the 50 states. The report identifies NH as one of 5 states that have strong reading testing for elementary education teachers (Foundations of Reading) but not for special education teachers.

The PSB members discussed whether or not adopting a test would fix a gap in skills they are concerned teachers might have, if there is in fact a concern.

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

Ms. Wallace stated that she does not have significant progress to report, but that Mr. Ross gave her some information she needed and she will begin contacting people.

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 reported that there would be a proposal with two tracks for rule changes. He stated that the first track would be developed with department staff to address some technical things that need to be fixed. Those immediate changes would go through with the understanding that the rules would be opened up again to address a more in-depth review and amendment of the rules. The proposal will include the committee's idea of what the larger effort of the overall changes would look like.

D. Social Studies Curriculum

Janine Casavant provided an update to the PSB on the progress of the social studies curriculum committee. She stated that they are still working in smaller committees and are waiting on next steps in the larger group meeting.

C. Computer Science Minimum Standards

No update.

IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

A. Update on Rulemaking – Amanda Phelps

1. Ed 507.35 Educational Interpreter/Transliterator for Children and Youth Ages 3-21 – State Board is still considering the addition of the Bachelor’s degree for this credential.
2. Ed 507.22 and Ed 612.19 – Digital Learning Specialist – On the consent agenda for JLCAR for October 18, 2018 and should pass with no issues.
3. Ed 510, 511, 512 – Code of Conduct – An objection response is being worked on by the State Board to address some issues that still remain with the wording of the rule. The objection response will be filed with JLCAR after the State Board meeting tomorrow.
4. Code of Ethics – The code of ethics will most likely be used as guidance, not placed in rule.

V. REPORT AND NEW DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

A. Council for Teacher Education

Michael Seidel reported to the PSB on the Council for Teacher Education (CTE) meeting held on September 20, 2018. The Commissioner attended the meeting and gave some opening remarks. The CTE is on the agenda asking the State Board of Education for an extension for New England College’s program approval. He added that there is a candidate for the Administrator III position for educator preparation program oversight for the department. Upper Valley Educators Institute has requested the CTE initiate a new program review. The Higher Education Commission voted for this review to begin as quickly as possible, recognizing that there are staffing restraints and will need help from the DOE to facilitate the process. Mr. Seidel also reported that Plymouth State University received an extension for its review until May 31, 2019. Next meeting of the CTE will be held on October 18, 2018.

Ms. Wallace asked that the PSB discuss the possibility of a member of the PSB attending the CTE meetings.

MOTION: Christie Sweeney made a motion to have a liaison between the two groups. The motion was seconded by Irv Richardson. The motion passed unanimously.

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Ms. Lucero asked that the task be divided among the members as it is a lot to ask of members to get out of the office two days a month. Ms. Wallace stated that they would take up the specifics at the next meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None

VII. Adjournment

Joanne Misra made a motion to adjourn. Cynthia Lucero seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.