

New Hampshire
State Board of Education
Northeast Delta Dental, 2 Delta Drive, Concord NH
Notes of the March 4, 2015 Board Retreat

AGENDA ITEM I. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the State Board of Education was convened at 9:05 a.m. at Northeast Delta Dental, 2 Delta Drive, Concord, NH. Tom Raffio presided as Chairman.

Members present: Tom Raffio, Bill Duncan, Cindy C. Chagnon, Gary Groleau, Helen G. Honorow, Gregory Odell and Emma Rous. Virginia M. Barry, Commissioner of Education, and Paul K. Leather, Deputy Commissioner of Education, were present. Erin McIntyre, Attorney, was also present.

OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

A. Update on PACE – Commissioner Barry updated the Board on the award of PACE.

B. Discussion on STEM Process and the Revision of College and Career Ready Science Standards - There was a discussion about the need to have a process in which goals and practices are outlined to the public. A suggestion was made for regional meetings. There was also discussion about updating the science standards. The State Board of Education, the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner will outline the process at a later date.

C. Legislative Engagement - There was a discussion about coordinating the Department of Education's positions on proposed legislation. Emma Rous discussed HB 581 and HB 527. Emma Rous was named the lead person for the Board on those bills and suggestions were made for her to work with the Superintendents. There was also discussion about HB 323, 563, 625, SB 101 and SB 276.

D. Charter Schools - Charters were discussed at Division 2. The Commissioner made it clear that the Department of Education supports Charter Schools. Tom Raffio stated that the Board understands that Charter Schools have a place in New Hampshire public education.

E. Restraint and Seclusion - The Board discussed that the testimony from the public hearing was detailed and the process for rulemaking is ongoing.

Virginia M. Barry

Secretary