

New Hampshire
State Board of Education
Minutes of the June 25, 2015 Meeting

AGENDA ITEM I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the State Board of Education was convened at 9:15 a.m. at the Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH. Tom Raffio presided as Chairman.

Members present: Tom Raffio, Bill Duncan, Cindy C. Chagnon, Gary Groleau (arrived at 9:50 a.m.), Helen G. Honorow, Gregory Odell, and Emma Rous. Virginia M. Barry, Commissioner of Education was present. Paul K. Leather, Deputy Commissioner of Education was unable to be present.

AGENDA ITEM II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Helen Honorow led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michele Munson inquired about school districts that have indicated an intention to form open enrollment schools. She understood that only districts that have schools can have open enrollment schools and districts that do not have schools would not be able to.

AGENDA ITEM IV. OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

- A. Follow-Up from March 4 Retreat:
- Goals
 - Teacher Effectiveness
 - Suspensions/Expulsions/Climate
 - Protocol/Process-Teacher Layoff
(Will be discussed at Retreat)
 - Date for July Retreat – July 24, 2015 – Chairman Raffio said the Retreat would be at Northeast Delta Dental and asked Board members to get any items to him for the agenda.

B. Miscellaneous

Chairman Raffio mentioned the letter to River Marmorstein regarding the Smarter Balanced Assessment and shared the letter with Board members.

Commissioner Barry updated the Board on charter schools. The Department met with the Seacoast Charter School this week and it does look like the charter school will be closing. There are about 231 children involved. They have notified parents. Commissioner Barry said the Gilsum School is not moving forward with a charter application. The Superintendent in that district felt they do not have to go through the application process but Commissioner Barry said they must submit like all charter schools have to. There are substantive issues that have been identified by the external attorney reviewing this plan. They may consider other options.

Update on Charter School Matrix – Keith Burke met with the Board and discussed the Charter School Matrix. Bill Duncan and Helen Honorow expressed the Board's appreciation of all the work he has done with this matrix and dashboard system. Mr. Burke indicated that when the dashboard is fully implemented, all the required information will be electronically accessible through one location, and there will be a similar report format for the charter schools. The State Board will have more information that will be accessible through the dashboard. This system will also facilitate the desk audit that is done every year on the charter schools. Helen Honorow asked if there would be an early warning system in place so that the Board and Department would be aware of any difficulties. Mr. Burke stated that he believed that such an addition is possible, but not part of the current system. Greg Odell asked if it would be available to the public as this is public information. At this time, the dashboard is not available to anyone, but when fully implemented it is contemplated that the information will be publicly available.

Chairman Raffio said the Edies was an amazing celebration for many of the educators in the state. He mentioned that Cindy Chagnon and Helen Honorow were also in attendance from the Board. He said Commissioner Barry's speech was right on target. Cindy Chagnon said that about 700 people attended this event in support for educators. Commissioner Barry said that the Teachers of the Year are provided rewards in other states. This year the NH Lottery provided \$5,000 to the New Hampshire Teacher of the Year.

Commissioner Barry mentioned that Paul Leather was in San Diego attending a meeting with PACE funders.

Helen said that the teachers at Parker Varney School are really appreciated and she had been introduced to them.

Cindy Chagnon said the Teacher of the Year process is very involved. There were eight semi-finalists, After visits to the schools, the committee narrowed it down to five finalists who will present their professional portfolios and give an oral presentation in July. Then the committee determines the teacher of the year.

Chairman Raffio said he gave a presentation at Concord High School and Winnisquam High School on the New Hampshire Scholars program and thanked Commissioner Barry for helping to fund this program.

Cindy Chagnon mentioned the AARP New Hampshire Voting Primary contest and said that a student at Nashua South won this award.

AGENDA ITEM V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Peter McLaren from the Rhode Island Department of Education - Bill Duncan introduced Peter McLaren, Science and Technology Specialist, Rhode Island Department of Education. Mr. McLaren discussed the Next Generation Science Standards and presented a power point. Mr. McLaren said that Rhode Island is the first state to adopt the NGSS in the country and was deeply involved in developing those standards as one of the 26 Lead States. He said there were forty-one writers involved in this process and 26 of those writers were classroom teachers. Mr. McLaren said that the Framework is designed to help realize a vision for education in the sciences and engineering in which all students, over multiple years of school, actively engage in science and engineering practices and apply crosscutting concepts to deepen their understanding of the core ideas in these fields. He advised the Board and Department to be patient and go slow and to connect with every stakeholder involved in the process and to embrace collaboration. He said Rhode Island is working with several states in the development and sharing of the resources and outreach tools.

B. PickUp Patrol – Commissioner Barry said that Governor Hassan had seen this presentation and was very impressed. The Commissioner said she would be bringing this program to the Superintendents in the fall, the PTA, and the Principals Association. Tony Edvalson and Brian Apple from the PickUp Patrol LLC and Academy for Science and Design; and Rylee Noorda, PickUp Patrol LLC and Souhegan, presented a power point. PickUp Patrol solves a problem most schools and parents can relate to – the chaos of afternoon school dismissal. PickUp Patrol is a cloud-based web application that eliminates notes and phone calls, allowing parents to conveniently submit dismissal plan changes by computer or mobile device and provides schools with an easy, safer way to manage the dismissal process. The product grew out of a collaboration between students, parents and SAU #39 staff and over time has formed the basis for a company, PickUp Patrol LLC, that the students now at Souhegan High School and the Academy for Science & Design help run. PickUp Patrol has earned several awards. Most recently, The Ultimate NH Connection Contest. They have also had meetings with Governor Hassan, along with the Department of Education, Bill Duncan from the State Board, Brian Blake, Superintendent of Schools, Sanborn Regional, the NH School Administrators Association, Travis Warren, Blackbaud, and members of the Live Free & Start Advisory Council. Helen Honorow asked if there was a provision for a lock out feature due to restraining orders. There is. Parents are not charged for this program just schools that are involved. It was suggested that a presentation be done before the New Hampshire School Boards Association.

MOTION: Bill Duncan made the motion, seconded by Gary Groleau, that the State Board of Education authorize Chairman Raffio to send a letter of appreciation to the PickUp Patrol.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board present, with the Chairman voting.

C. Professional Educator Preparation Program Items – Virginia Clifford met with the Board regarding the following items. The following people were in attendance: Dr. Dottie Bauer, Keene State College, Co-Chair of the Review Team; Dr. Alana Mosley, Franklin Pierce College, Co-Chair of the Review Team; Dr. Page Tompkins, Executive Director and Ms. Aimee Toth, Associate Director for Elementary Education, Upper Valley Educators Institute.

1. Recommendation for Upper Valley Educators Institute – An on-site visit to review the certification programs at the Institute occurred on March 16, 2015. This was a regularly scheduled review of programs in order to determine approval recommendations for the State Board of Education, as well as to determine the effectiveness of the Institution's candidate and program assessment systems. This is the second full review of an institution based on the revised Ed 600s and involved multiple digital as well as face-to-face meetings and significant advance preparation. The final report was presented to the Council for Teacher Education on May 21, 2015. As a result, the Council recommended the following motion. Commissioner Barry said they have been working with IHEs and this is the best review in a long time. It is an enormous step in the right direction. Helen Honorow inquired why there were not any out-of-state reviewers. They are working to get out of state reviewers but have not been able to and are working to get a system in place.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Bill Duncan, that the State Board of Education grant Upper Valley Educators Institute full seven-year approval through August 31, 2022, for the following professional educator preparation programs: Elementary Education (Ed 612.04), English Language Arts for Grades 5-12 (Ed 612.05), English Language Arts for Grades 5-8 (Ed 612.051), Modern Languages (French, German and Spanish) (Ed 612.14), Mathematics for Grades 5-8 (Ed 612.17), Secondary Mathematics for Grades 7-12 (Ed 612.18), Middle Level Science for Grades 5-9 (Ed 612.22), Science Program: General Requirement (Ed 612.23), Earth Space Science for Grades 7-12 (Ed 612.24), Life Sciences for Grades 7-12 (Ed 612.25), Chemistry for Grades 7-12 (Ed 612.26), Physics for Grades 7-12 (Ed 612.27), Social Studies for Grades 5-12 (Ed 612.28), Social Studies for Grades 5-8 (Ed 612.29), School Principals (Ed 614.04).

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board present, with the Chairman voting.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Bill Duncan, that the Council for Teacher Education requests conditional approval through August 31, 2022, with a six month progress report for the Visual Art (Ed 612.01) professional educator preparation program at Upper Valley Educators Institute. When UVEI satisfies the concern expressed by the reviewer regarding the standard for artistic expression, the Art Education program will be recommended for full approval with expiration to coincide with the other UVEI programs. The Council for Teacher Education is charged with monitoring the implementation of the new process and making yearly reports to the State Board. The State Board of Education reserves the right to modify its approval determination if it receives documentation that program graduates are not achieving the levels of skill and knowledge that would entitle them to educational credentials authorized by the State Board under RSA 186:11X.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board present, with the Chairman voting.

2. Request from Granite State College to Extend Program Approval Status – A full site visit was last conducted at Granite State College in February 2011. Based on the findings in the final report and the recommendation by the Council for Teacher Education, the State Board granted full approval for all professional educator preparation programs through August 31, 2016. Granite State College is scheduled for a site visit from a national accrediting agency in April 2016. Extending the expiration date for the programs will allow the Institution to receive its institutional accreditation report before participating in the Department of Education program approval process.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Bill Duncan, that the State Board of Education grant an extension to all professional educator preparation programs at Granite State College from August 31, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board present, with the Chairman voting.

3 Praxis II Exam for Physical Education – New Hampshire currently requires Praxis II content tests for many subject area credentials. A test review was conducted in New Hampshire with five educators in the field of physical education, a representative from ETS and representatives from the Department. The Content and Design (#5905) exam was recommended by a test review committee after review of the test content and the multi-state standard setting technical report. The assessment includes both content knowledge and pedagogy application in physical education.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Gregory Odell, that the State Board of Education adopt the Praxis II Physical Education: Content and Design (#5095) exam with a passing score of 169. The implementation date for the purpose of certification will be July 1, 2016.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board present, with the Chairman voting.

Board members received Credentialing Test Information that the tables provide recent pass rate data for a number of tests required for credentialing as a New Hampshire educator. This data is being provided for information purposes only.

D. Approval of New Charter School Application – New Hampshire Institute for Science & Technology, Grades 6-12 – Thomas Frischknecht, Founder, President and Chairman and Michael White, Vice President of The Founders Academy Foundation, met with Board members. In the Fall of 2016, New Hampshire Institute for Science & Technology plans to open with 100 students in grades 6-7. The proposed location is in Rockingham or Strafford County. The Charter School will create a charter middle/high school that is academically challenging and STEM-centered, that uses proven, sensible and flexible teaching strategies, differentiated approaches catered toward individual learning styles, within an inspiring learning environment. By creating a culture of collaboration and forging STEM-related partnerships with local businesses and colleges, the students will be motivated for academic success, trained in 21st Century skills and prepared for the professional challenges of a global community. Board members had several questions and concerns regarding this charter school. After deliberating these concerns Board members decided to continue discussion at the July 15, 2015 meeting. State Board members asked NHIST to provide further information on the following: Update on school location, STEM Curriculum, details on the mentoring apprenticeship program, address governance with a better description of the Board of Trustees, preference of faculty, support from parents/students for the need of a STEM charter school in the general area of school location, cooperation with local school districts, and

rationale for the expansion of student enrollment. Board members asked that a written response to these items be provided by Monday, July 5, in order for Board members to review before the next meeting.

E. Croydon Plan for Withdrawal from AREA – James A. O’Shaughnessy, Esq., representing the Croydon School District, and Cynthia Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools for SAU #43, were present. Attorney O’Shaughnessy spoke relating to Croydon’s withdrawal from the AREA with the Newport School District. Attorney O’Shaughnessy said the districts are ready to sign a tuition agreement. A vote is needed by the Board to find that a majority of the voters in the district voted in favor of the AREA Withdrawal Plan, which would permit Croydon (the sending district) to withdraw from the AREA agreement with Newport. RSA 195-A:14, VII states that when an AREA agreement has been reviewed by the State Board and deficiencies are found, it shall be returned for revision. When the plan is resubmitted, the State Board shall review the revised plan, return the plan and make recommendations for or against its adoption based on its assessment of the plan’s feasibility. If the proper documentation submitted supports that a majority of the voters present and voting have voted in favor of the withdrawal plan, it shall be conclusive evidence of the withdrawal of the district and the continuation of the AREA or the dissolution of a two-district AREA. If the State Board finds that a majority of voters present and voting have voted in favor of the withdrawal, the AREA agreement will be terminated.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Gregory Odell, that the State Board of Education finds that a majority of the voters present and voting have voted in favor of the withdrawal plan and that this is conclusive evidence of the withdrawal of the Croydon School District and the dissolution of the two-district AREA.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board present, with the Chairman voting.

F. Education Driven Economic Development Event Presidential Primary – Fred Bramante met with Board members. He introduced Griffin Morse, Headmaster, and Doug Cullen, Communications Coordinator, from Pinkerton Academy. Mr. Bramante showed a power point on his project of having students involved in political campaigns with the candidates. Mr. Bramante mentioned that Debra Livingston, Superintendent of Schools for the Manchester School District is very interested in this project. Mr. Morse also spoke in favor of it. Mr. Bramante said that since New Hampshire is “First in the Nation” for political parties it would fit right in. Mr. Bramante said he would be in touch with schools and also get a contact person for each school. He would like a letter of endorsement from the State Board of Education and Commissioner of Education.

Commissioner Barry said she could not support this project and would not sign a letter of endorsement. Commissioner Barry feels very strongly that the Department of Education should not be involved in political activities and has worked to depoliticize education and focus on children.

Helen Honorow said she does not feel the Board should take a stand on this and also feels that the Board should not be involved with political campaigns. Other Board members agreed with Helen.

Peter Martin from Exquisite Productions said he has had conversations with Mr. Bramante about this and that the people feel they can trust the Board and this is not appropriate for the Board to get involved in.

AGENDA ITEM VI. NEW DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

A. New Hampshire Science Standards Revision Process - Heather Gage met with Board members to discuss the New Hampshire Science Standards Revision Process. New Hampshire's existing science standards are nine years old and science pedagogy has come a long way since then. The Department has developed a comprehensive revision process to those standards that takes into account the STEM Task Force recommendations, public input and educator, business and science expert engagement. The Department is asking for the State Board's approval to move forward with the revision process given that the responsibility for revising these standards (or curriculum frameworks) is articulated as a joint responsibility in RSA 193-E:2-a(V).

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Bill Duncan, that the State Board of Education approve the New Hampshire Science Standards revision process as presented by the Department of Education.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board present, with the Chairman voting.

B. Petition For A Declaratory Ruling – Open Enrollment Schools - The Department of Education has been contacted by several school districts that have indicated an intention to form open enrollment schools, pursuant to RSA 194-D. This statute was enacted in 2009. Yet, to date no open enrollment school has been established. The Department has been made aware that in response to declining enrollment numbers, school districts are interested in forming open enrollment schools. However, questions and concerns have been raised regarding the funding of such schools. The Department is concerned that without clarification, receiving districts with open enrollment schools will be unable to enforce payment for students that choose to attend such schools and

that sending districts with tuition contracts may be obligated to pay multiple tuitions if a student chooses to attend an open enrollment school rather than the contracted school. The Department expects the Board to adopt rules for Open Enrollment. However, the proposed rules do not address this issue. Therefore, the Department requests a Declaratory Ruling on the requirements and responsibilities of sending and receiving districts participating in Open Enrollment Programs.

MOTION: Helen Honorow made the motion, seconded by Bill Duncan, that the State Board of Education refer the request for a Petition For A Declaratory Ruling – Open Enrollment to the Office of Attorney General for a legal opinion and input.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board present, with the Chairman voting.

AGENDA ITEM VII. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

A. Proposal for Emergency Rules Ed 306.31 Arts Education Program, Ed 306.37 English/Language Arts, Ed 306.40 Health Education Program, Ed 306.41 Physical Education Program, Ed 306.42 Information and Communication Technologies Program, Ed 306.43 Mathematics Program, Ed 306.45 Science Education Program, Ed 306.46 Social Studies Program, Ed 306.47 Technology/Engineering Education Program, and Ed 306.48 World Languages Program – A vote is needed by the State Board to adopt the Emergency Rules. If the Board adopts the Emergency Rules, the Department will file the rules with JLCAR and they will become effective immediately. The Department will then enter the rulemaking process for these rules, which must be completed within six months.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Helen Honorow, that the State Board of Education adopt the Emergency Rules for Ed 306.31 Arts Education Program, Ed 306.37 English/Language Arts, Ed 306.40 Health Education Program, Ed 306.41 Physical Education Program, Ed 306.42 Information and Communication Technologies Program, Ed 306.43 Mathematics Program, Ed 306.45 Science Education Program, Ed 306.46 Social Studies Program, Ed 306.47 Technology/Engineering Education Program, and Ed 306.48 World Languages Program.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board present, with the Chairman voting.

B. Adopted Rule for Ed 318 Chartered Public Schools, Ed 319 Open Enrollment Schools – A vote is needed by the State Board to adopt this rule filing 2014-136 which includes: Ed 318 Chartered Public Schools and Ed 319 Open Enrollment Schools. The Office of Legislative Services has accepted the Department's response to its preliminary objection. The State Board may now adopt the rule.

MOTION: Gary Groleau made the motion, seconded by Cindy Chagnon, that the State Board of Education adopt this rule filing 2014-136 which includes Ed 318 Chartered Public Schools and Ed 319 Open Enrollment Schools.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board present, with the Chairman voting.

C. Conditional Approval – Ed 505.03(e) Business Administrator, Ed 506.05 Curriculum Administrator, and Ed 614.13 Curriculum Administrator –The conditional approval is based on changes to the final proposal as discussed with the JLCAR at its June 19, 2015 public hearing. The conditional approval includes deleting part of Ed 506.05(d) (1) (f) and Ed 614.13 (b) (f) which referenced the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification of Ethics for Educators (2015) (p. 2 and 5) and the addition of (c) to Ed 506.06, which outlines what the Department will review in determining whether candidates for certification have the required skills, competencies, and knowledge. Once reviewed by the Office of Legislative Services to determine the rules have been amended in accordance with the conditional approval and RSA 541-A:13, V (a), the Board may then adopt the final rule.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Bill Duncan, that the State Board of Education adopt the changes to the Final Proposal for Ed 505.03(e) Business Administrator, Ed 506.05 Curriculum Administrator, and Ed 614.13 Curriculum Administrator to comply with the conditional approval for rule filing 2014-188.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board present, with the Chairman voting.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Helen Honorow, that the State Board of Education grant the request for a petition to open a rule so that a Code of Ethics for Educators can be added.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board present, with the Chairman voting.

D. Various Items and Related Bills – Bill Duncan reported on two House Bills. HB 603 would have encouraged parents to opt their children out of the annual statewide assessment. Governor Hassan vetoed it. It will be taken up in September during the veto session. HB 323 in its original form introduced by Rep. Ladd sought to support the ability to expand on the PACE project. The House and Senate passed different versions and the Conference Committee settled on just enabling the Department of Education to use the SAT or ACT in the eleventh grade. This will probably pass.

AGENDA ITEM VIII. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Barry reported on the following items:

1. Updated the Board on the Budget – it looks like the Governor will veto the 2015-16 budget and the state will be operating on a contingency budget – 2.3 million dollars was lost in the credentialing fund. There may be a 30% decrease over the Title programs.
2. Smarter Balanced Assessment – is moving along smoothly. A training schedule will be developed for the K-12 assessment.
3. Equity Report – This report will be discussed at the July Board meeting.
4. IHE – This group met at SNHU to discuss assessment partnerships with schools – student teachers – making headway but have a long way to go.
5. Bill Duncan reported that he is working on a communication plan to communicate with teachers, NHSAA, NHASP and NHSBA, and others to help them understand the Smarter Balanced assessment. There will be a discussion at the July State Board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM IX. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business at this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM X. CONSENT AGENDAA. Minutes of May 20, 2015 Meeting

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Bill Duncan, to approve the Minutes of May 20, 2015.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by 6 - 0 vote of the Board present, with the Chairman abstaining.

B. Amendment to Lebanon Grantham Plainfield AREA Agreement (Remove from Table) – The attorney has requested that this matter be withdrawn as it was mistakenly filed as an Amendment.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Helen Honorow, that the State Board of Education allow withdrawal of Amendment to Lebanon Grantham Plainfield AREA Agreement from the consent agenda.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board present, with the Chairman voting.

C. Middleton School District Withdrawal from SAU #61 – A vote is needed by the State Board to certify that the statutory procedures for withdrawal from a SAU were followed in the Middleton School District. The voters did approve the withdrawal of Middleton School District from SAU #61 and now the State Board may properly issue a certificate as evidence of the lawful formation of the single district SAU, containing the Middleton School District. As of July 1, 2016 the Middleton School District will no longer be a member of SAU #61.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Gregory Odell, that the State Board of Education acknowledge that the voters in the Middleton School District, present and voting, having voted to withdraw from SAU #61, by the necessary 3/5 majority required by law have lawfully withdrawn from SAU #61 and that the State Board of Education issue its certification of formation.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board present, with the Chairman voting.

D. Commissioner's Nonpublic School Accreditation Agency Denial Recommendation Report – A vote is needed to accept the recommendation of the Nonpublic School Advisory Council to deny the AdvancED appeal of the decision denying recognition as an accrediting agency for program approval of New Hampshire nonpublic schools. AdvancED submitted an appeal of the initial decision. A letter from the Chair of the Nonpublic School Advisory Council was sent to State Board members along with the original appeal request from AdvancED.

MOTION: Helen Honorow made the motion, seconded by Gary Groleau, that the State Board of Education uphold the denial of approval of AdvancED as an accrediting agency per Ed 405.01.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board present, with the Chairman voting.

Chairman Raffio said that Lisa Braiterman, Chair of the Nonpublic School Advisory Council, is on his Board. He would like suggestions from the Department on the process for the future.

AGENDA ITEM XI. TABLED ITEMS

There are no Tabled Items at this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM XII. NONPUBLIC SESSION

The Board did not go into Nonpublic Session at this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Helen Honorow made the motion, seconded by Gregory Odell, to adjourn the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board present, with the Chairman voting.

Virginia M. Barry

Secretary