

New Hampshire  
State Board of Education  
Unity Elementary School  
864 2<sup>nd</sup> NH Turnpike, Unity NH  
Minutes of the October 19, 2015 Meeting

**AGENDA ITEM I. TOUR OF SCHOOL**

Two eighth grade students, Jazmyn Roy and Ciara Gregory, took Board members on a tour of the new school.

**AGENDA ITEM II. CALL TO ORDER**

Chip Baldwin, Principal of the Unity Elementary School, welcomed Board members to the Unity Elementary School.

The regular meeting of the State Board of Education was convened at 10:00 a.m. at the Unity Elementary School in Unity, NH. Tom Raffio presided as Chairman.

Members present: Tom Raffio, Cindy C. Chagnon, Bill Duncan, Gary Groleau, Helen G. Honorow, Gregory Odell, and Emma Rous. Paul K. Leather, Deputy Commissioner of Education, was also present. Virginia M. Barry, Commissioner of Education, was unable to be present due to another commitment.

**AGENDA ITEM III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Emma Rous led the pledge of allegiance.

**AGENDA ITEM IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bonnie Dunham thanked the Department for all the work done on the amended final proposal on Ed 1200 Restraint and Seclusion for Children and for engaging the public in seven meetings. Emma Rous expressed concern about a section of the rule regarding whether the request should be written or oral. Erin McIntyre said this was recommended by JLCAR to write it this way.

**AGENDA ITEM V. OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION**

Chairman Raffio mentioned he had tickets for Monarch Education Day scheduled for November 18 at 10 am.

Chairman Raffio said the Business and Education Coalition continues to meet and discuss the 65/25 goal. Mr. Groleau said his committee met recently and he will give a report on it.

**AGENDA ITEM VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

A. Update on Manchester School District - Debra Livingston, Superintendent of Schools for SAU #37 Manchester, met with the Board and updated Board members on the Manchester School District. Superintendent Livingston discussed the Core Content Class Size Reports for each school. She said the average core content class size in the secondary schools is 20.87. She said that all schools meet the state minimum standards. Secondary level schools have no classes with over 30 students. Southside has really grown in the past few years. There are no classes over 30 students at the elementary schools. Staff will continue to work on keeping the class size down. There are some concerns with the Manchester School of Technology. There is some funding (about \$600,000) left over from the Webster and Beech Schools renovation that can be used for this. There is a joint meeting scheduled with the Mayor and Aldermen to get the project going by January in order to complete the renovation for the fall. The AP courses have been expanded and the mean average is 3.38. Superintendent Livingston said that about 200 students participated in the course offerings. Teachers went through professional development this summer. The PSAT was last week. More students are taking more AP courses. The School Board made a commitment that all sophomores would take the PSAT. College flyers are being put in students mailboxes and the students are excited. Superintendent Livingston said that they are working very closely with the NEA regarding the teachers contract. When courses are not offered and students take them at other high schools we do transport students or they have their own transportation. Southside has added more teachers. Manchester also has a recipient of the NH Teacher of the Year program.

B. Wakefield School District Plan for Withdrawal from SAU #64 – Michael Tursi, Superintendent of Schools for SAU #64, Priscilla Colbath, a member of the Wakefield School District Planning Committee, and John Teague, Attorney for the Wakefield School District, were present. On September 10, 2015 the Wakefield School District Withdrawal Committee submitted a plan to withdraw from SAU #64. RSA 194-C:2 requires a planning committee that is recommending withdrawal to submit a plan for withdrawal to the State Board of Education. RSA 194-C:2, IV, (d) requires that within 60 days, the Board shall review the proposed plan for administrative structure to determine whether or not the proposed plan complies with the requirements of this section and RSA 194-C:4. If in the opinion of the Board, all requirements have been met, it shall forward the plan to the school district clerk for a vote at a regular or special school district meeting. Ms. Colbath updated the Board and said the committee did extensive research and collected significant data and information which they used to prepare the report. Deputy Commissioner Leather said that all buildings are owned by the districts.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Gary Groleau, that the State Board of Education voted to approve the Wakefield School District Plan for Withdrawal from SAU #64 for submission to the voters of Wakefield because it meets the statutory requirements for a withdrawal plan.

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

C. Approval of Charter School Amendment Increase in Student Enrollment/Growth Plan – Mountain Village Charter School – A vote is needed by the Board to approve an increase in student enrollment numbers, from 56 to 64, for the 2015-16 school year and to approve a student growth plan for subsequent years.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Gary Groleau, that the State Board of Education authorizes the Mountain Village Charter School to increase student enrollment, as shown in their growth plan, through the 2018-2019 school year.

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

D. Approval of An Increase in Board Membership – MicroSociety Academy Charter School – A vote is needed by the Board to approve an increase in the MicroSociety Academy Charter School board membership from seven to nine members. The increase will allow for a better balance of board membership and to increase the ability to more effectively delegate the Board’s committee work. The Board membership will consist of an additional parent representative and another community business member.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Gary Groleau, that the State Board of Education authorizes the MicroSociety Academy Charter School to increase their board membership from seven to nine members.

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

E. Lunch with Students in Cafeteria – Some Board members had lunch with students.

#### **AGENDA ITEM VII. NEW DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

Deputy Commissioner Leather updated the Board on Smarter Balanced Assessment. The process is extensive as the Department must verify the data. The preliminary results have been released to schools for review. During the second week in November the results will be released to the public. The results have to be verified for student attendance from the end of year attendance report sent to the Department for the previous year. The students have to be verified to be sure they are not listed in more than one district.

Helen Honorow said that the Nashua School Board voted to release the results and did state they are preliminary in nature.

#### **AGENDA ITEM VIII. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

A. Adopt Rule – 506.04 Principal Instructional Leader, Ed 506.08 Associate Principal Instructional Leader, Ed 507.16 Physical Education Teacher, and Ed 612.21 Physical Education – A vote is needed by the Board to adopt this rule. The Office of Legislative Services has determined the rules have been amended in accordance with RSA 541-A:13 V(a) and the Board may now adopt the rule. Once adopted by the Board, the Office of Legislative Services will be notified and the rule will then go into effect.

**MOTION:** Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Bill Duncan, that the State Board of Education adopt the Final Proposal for Ed 506.04 Principal Instructional Leader, Ed 506.08 Associate Principal Instructional Leader, Ed 507.16 Physical Education Teacher, and Ed 612.21 Physical Education.

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

**B. Final Proposal – 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 Board to adopt the Final Proposal. There are currently emergency rules in place. The Board has 180 days from the date of adoption of the emergency rules (June 25, 2015) to adopt rules covering these minimum standards. The Department has made changes to the draft final proposal in response to the Administrative Rules Office staff attorney's recommendations and analysis of RSA 186:8, VII. If the Board adopts the final proposal, it will be submitted to the JLCAR for its review. After their public hearing and approval by the JLCAR, the Board may then adopt the final rule at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

**MOTION:** Gary Groleau made the motion, seconded by Gregory Odell, that the State Board adopt the Final Proposal 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.

**C. Amended Final Proposal Ed 1200 Limitation on Child Restraint and Seclusion** – A vote is needed by the Board to adopt the amended Final Proposal for Ed 1200 Limitation on Child Restraint and Seclusion. The Department has made changes to the Final Proposal in response to the Administrative Rules Office staff Attorney's recommendations. If the Board adopts the amended final

proposal, it will be submitted to JLCAR for its review. It will then go before the JLCAR Committee for a public hearing and review. If it is approved by the Committee, the State Board will then be able to adopt the final rule at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

MOTION: Gary Groleau made the motion, seconded by Bill Duncan, that the State Board of Education adopt the amended Final Proposal for Ed 1200 Limitation on Child Restraint and Seclusion.

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

### **AGENDA ITEM IX. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Mr. Leather said that another attorney will be hired shortly as there is much work coming forward. He thanked Erin McIntyre for the tremendous work she has done.

Mr. Leather said the Governor has convened the STEM Task Force. Eric Feldborg from the Department is on the Task Force. Doug Earick has been hired and will be working on the science standards and reporting back to the Board and is working with local school districts. Chairman Raffio said that the Governor's STEM Task Force has charged the State Board to work on the new science standards. Emma Rous mentioned that she hoped it would be personalized learning not just computer learning.

Mr. Leather said that he and Commissioner Barry had attended an innovation education meeting in Milwaukee and had visited schools that are using personalized learning in that area.

Chairman Raffio mentioned the event honoring Judy Fillion scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 6 pm at the Concord Country Club.

### **AGENDA ITEM X. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business at this meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM XI. CONSENT AGENDA**A. Minutes of September 9, 2015 Meeting

MOTION: Helen Honorow made the motion, seconded by Bill Duncan, to approve the Minutes of September 9, 2015 Meeting.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by a 6 – 0 vote with Cindy Chagnon abstaining, and with the Chairman voting.

B. Minutes of Nonpublic Session September 9, 2015 Meeting

MOTION: Helen Honorow made the motion, seconded by Bill Duncan, to approve the Minutes of Nonpublic Session September 9, 2015 and to seal the Minutes for an indefinite period.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by a 6 – 0 vote with Cindy Chagnon abstaining, and with the Chairman voting.

C. Minutes of Nonpublic Hearing September 29, 2105

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Bill Duncan, to approve the Minutes of Nonpublic Hearing September 29, 2015 and to seal the Minutes for an indefinite period.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by a 6 – 0 vote with Helen Honorow abstaining, and with the Chairman voting.

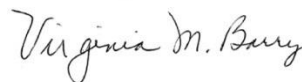
**AGENDA ITEM XII. NONPUBLIC SESSION**

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

**AGENDA ITEM XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Gary Groleau, to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

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



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