

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**RETREAT MINUTES***May 26, 2016***I. Commissioner introduced the Cabinet****II. ESSA**

Heather Gage discussed changes as a result of ESSA. Regulations related to ESSA were to be released on May 31, 2016 and would need to be reviewed. Heather Gage identified the Advisory Teams and provided a status update. The DOE website will have summaries of the work that is being done. It will include links to minutes and documents.

Teams will be providing the Commissioner with recommendations. The Department will review these recommendations in order to develop appropriate technical assistance.

III. Charter Schools

Caitlin Davis provided an update on enrollment of charter schools. The Department is anticipating having Charter Schools on the Dashboard by December.

Last summer, DOE applied for a federal Charter School Program grant but did not receive it. DOE, in partnership with Matt Southerton, is currently working on a new application for charter school funds. The Department anticipates hearing the results by August. New Hampshire is competing with much larger states.

School approval teams have reviewed three charter schools and have been impressed with what they have observed.

IV. Higher Education

Nichole Heimarck provided an update on a Higher Education Summit that took place earlier this week. The goal of the summit was to bring together stakeholders from Higher Education and P-12 to discuss collaborative efforts. The summit focused on equity and high quality educators. The Institution of Higher Education spoke about their initiatives and principal preparation. Vision 2.0 was discussed as a guiding document.

The State Board discussed the economic impact of education. And how the leaders we are graduating are important to state development.

The Board discussed the fact that both private institutions are facing issues with graduating qualified teachers. Nationally, there is a reciprocity discussion taking place. This is prompting a conversation about post-secondary standards.

V. Vision

The State Board discussed developing a “vision” for New Hampshire public education. The board brainstormed ideas and key terms for a vision statement for NH. The Commissioner is looking for a common language that people can get behind and support. The Department will work with the Board’s suggested language to draft a statement that can then be shared with other stakeholders for comments and suggestions. The terms included:

- Competency
- Personalized Learning
- Diversity
- Connection to the community
 - Accountability
- Promoting the value of public education
- Empowered
- Deeply Engaged
- Intellectual curiosity
- Critical analysis (speaking with evidence)
- Engaging in complex problems (with competence and confidence)
- Citizenship
 - “engaged citizenry”
 - “citizens of the 21st century”
- Intergenerational
- Effective teachers/leaders to support education in the future
- Independence vs dependence: solution = education
- Room for creativity
- Growth

- VI. The State Board also discussed the role the media plays and could play in public education and the need for strategic media planning.

There was a brief discussion about helping our lowest performing schools. The new ESSA standards may provide guidance. Math Southerton raised the issue about how we hold charter schools accountable.

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Secretary