

New Hampshire
State Board of Education
Minutes of the July 14, 2016 Meeting

AGENDA ITEM I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the State Board of Education was convened at 9:10 a.m. at the State Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH. Tom Raffio presided as Chairman.

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

AGENDA ITEM II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Emma Rous led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM IV. OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

A. Update on Science Standards – Doug Earick addressed the Board regarding the Science Standards. Hanover would like to host a public session, likely in September timeframe, so this would make seven sessions scheduled; and contact has been made to see about UNH hosting a session. Also, Doug indicated that the website should be ready for public use by August 1. Paul indicated that the interview process is underway for a new science person and a major portion of that person's role will be continuing work on the science standards.

Cindy Chagnon spoke of Sue Downer, a Souhegan chemistry teacher who was very involved in PACE activities, and who has indicated a willingness to speak with interested groups in support of Next Generation Science standards.

B. Justin Ballou – Socrademy - Cindy discussed the newspaper article about Justin Ballou, a teacher at Campbell High School, who started Socrademy, a personalized learning platform and program. It breaks learning into modules and is competency-based learning geared to the interests of individual students. Chairman Raffio asked that Mr. Ballou be contacted with a request to address the state board on this subject at a future meeting.

C. Commission on Disabilities – Chairman Raffio reminded members that there is a slot for a state board member on the Commission for Disabilities.

AGENDA ITEM V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Professional Standards Board (PSB) Report – John Fabrizio, chairman of the Professional Standards Board reviewed the report that was provided to the board members. The PSB supports a code of ethics, though questions remain as to how to implement and what to adopt moving forward. Board members inquired as to the feedback received from the field.

B. Code of Educator Ethics – Dr. Troy Hutchings of Educational Testing Services addressed the board on the Model Code of Ethics for Educators and provided handout materials on the subject. Discussion ensued. Seven states have adopted or adapted model codes of ethics. For example, Georgia mandates it for teacher preparation candidates. Delaware has accepted it for all new teachers each year. States that have accepted it did not change or remove language. Dr. Hutchings explained that the group which created the model will review it every two years for revisions as necessary.

C. Approval of Professional Educator Preparation Programs, New Hampshire Institute of Art (NHIA) - Nicole Heimark presented the Council for Teacher Education team report, recommending approval of NHIA's Professional Educator Preparation program. Kent Devereaux, president of NHIA, addressed the board, explaining their Math for Educators course; their reciprocal partnership with UNH/Manchester; and their movement toward project-based learning.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Greg Odell, to grant the New Hampshire Institute of Art seven-year approval of its Arts Education professional educator preparation program through August 31, 2023.

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

D. Franklin School District Plan for Withdrawal from SAU #18 – Remained tabled at the request of Franklin School District.

E. Public Hearing – Ed 1100 Special Education Rules – Chairman Raffio opened the hearing at 10:45 a.m. Diana Fenton outlined the timeline. The following people testified: Bonnie Dunham, Karen Hatch, Cathy Wahl, Michele Chaplen, Robin LeRoy, Lisa Semin and Susan Wolf-Downes. Chairman Raffio closed the hearing at 11:30 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM VI. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

- A. Public Hearing Extension Request For Ed 504.05 Paraeducator II and Ed 504.06 Paraeducator I - As the Paraeducator II and Paraeducator I rules are being readopted, the previously scheduled public hearing must be rescheduled to a later date.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Greg Odell, that the State Board of Education grant an extension of the public hearing to discuss Ed 504.05 Paraeducator II and Ed 504.06 Paraeducator I from July 14, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. to August 15, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

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

- B. Public Hearing Extension Request For Ed 507.12 Reading And Writing Specialist and Ed 614.02 Reading and Writing Specialist Preparation Program – As the reading and writing specialist rules are being readopted; the previously scheduled public hearing must be rescheduled to a later date.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Bill Duncan, that the State Board of Education grant an extension of the public hearing to discuss Ed 507.12 Reading and Writing Specialist and Ed 614.02 Reading and Writing Specialist Preparation Program from July 14, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. to August 15 at 11:30 a.m.

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

- C. Final Proposal For 507.19 Specialist in Assessment of Intellectual Functioning (SAIF) and Ed 614.08 Specialist in the Assessment of Intellectual Functioning (SAIF) Preparation Program - The Department of Education has made changes to the initial proposal as annotated in response to comments from the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR).

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Greg Odell, that the State Board of Education adopt the Final Proposal For Ed 507.19 Specialist in Assessment of Intellectual Functioning (SAIF) and Ed 614.08 Specialist in the Assessment of Intellectual Functioning (SAIF) Preparation Program.

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

D. Interim Rule Proposal for Ed 320 Manifest Educational Hardship – The current rule for manifest educational hardship expired on May 16, 2016. This interim rule will keep the rule active for 180 days from the date the interim rule is filed, during which time the Department will work to draft a new rule. The interim rule is necessary because the rule contains guidance from local school boards, students and their respective families on what constitutes a “manifest educational hardship.”

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Greg Odell, that the State Board of Education adopt the final interim proposal for Ed 320, Manifest Educational Hardship.

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

E. Update on Ethics Rule – Diana Fenton explained that at this time the state board does not have the authority to implement rules on ethics. Legislation will likely be proposed in the upcoming legislative session to give the board this authority. Rep. Myler spoke briefly on the issue of ethics, recommending that a model be created at the state level. Nicole Heimarck spoke to the earlier inquiry about the PSB survey re: code of ethics; among the 242 who responded to the survey there was confusion between code of conduct and code of ethics. For the next meeting the board would like to see the following: (1) additional information on PSB deliberation responses to the PSB survey; (2) Dr. Hutchings’ input from other states; and (3) as state board members would be interested in supporting the implementation of a code of ethics for NH educators, a draft motion supporting this outcome is be prepared for the board’s consideration at its August meeting. The chairman also asked for Commissioner Barry to set a stakeholders group to work on this issue.

F. Various Items and Related Bills

G. Discussion on Legislation and Process

AGENDA ITEM VII. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND NEW DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

- Commissioner and Deputy attended CCSSO Conference in Albuquerque, addressing cultural values that educators hold; continue to discuss transformation.
- NHSAA Annual conference, Whitefield – over 200 attendees. Focus was on transformation.

- Joint partnership with Dept. of Justice, concerning situations in schools. This Fall there will be a workshop addressing the role of administrators in the reporting process.
- SAT College Board Report – in the process of standard setting. In August we will present final report to State Board. SAT did bring about changes in states that used SAT as 11th grade assessment.
- Nashua has hired a new superintendent, Cornelia Brown.

Paul Leather updated the board as follows:

- Heather Gage is leading on developing the ESSA plan; and will be seeking stakeholder engagement through the established committees. When the work of individual committees are done, we will start another process with the larger stakeholders for input. First round to be submitted in March 2017 so should be completed in-state by Jan 2017.
- Assessment/Accountability Task Force – we are likely to see the current model with a few modifications, as well as a continuation with a pilot model like PACE, Decisions will likely go into the new administration in 2017.
- PACE – in next two weeks, (3) summer institutes going on in Sanborn/Kingston, One for beginning districts for PACE, one on Competency Education, and one for the implementing PACE districts. The competency education studio has many states planning to attend.

AGENDA ITEM VIII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business at this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM IX. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of June 16, 2016

MOTION: Helen Honorow made the motion, seconded by Emma Rous, to approve the Minutes of June 16, 2016.

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

B. Minutes of the Public Hearing on Ed 1100 Special Education Rules, June 16, 2016

MOTION: Helen Honorow made the motion, seconded by Gary Groleau, to approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing on Ed 1100 Special Education Rules of June 16, 2016.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by 4 - 0 vote of the Board present, with Cindy Chagnon, Greg Odell and Emma Rous abstaining, and with the Chairman voting.

C. Lempster – Fall Mountain Regional School District Tuition Agreement

MOTION: Helen Honorow made the motion, seconded by Gary Groleau, to table this request awaiting additional information.

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

AGENDA ITEM X. TABLED ITEMS

A. Oz Land Early Learning Center/NHDOE – SB-FY-15-08-001

B. Franklin School District Plan for Withdrawal from SAU #18

AGENDA ITEM XI. NONPUBLIC SESSION

The Board did not go into Nonpublic Session.

AGENDA ITEM XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Helen Honorow made the motion, seconded by Bill Duncan, to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

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

Virginia M. Berry

Secretary