

New Hampshire
State Board of Education
Minutes of the February 14, 2017 Meeting

AGENDA ITEM I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the State Board of Education was convened at 9:00 a.m. at the State Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, New Hampshire. Tom Raffio presided as Chairman.

Members present: Cindy C. Chagnon, Bill Duncan, Gary Groleau, Helen G. Honorow, Tom Raffio, Emma Rous, and Gregory Odell.

AGENDA ITEM II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cindy Chagnon led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM III. OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

A. Consultation with Governor Sununu – New Commissioner of Education
Per Section 21-N:3, there is a consultative process in which the governor meets with the State Board of Education prior to Governor and Council vote on a nominee. Governor Sununu answered questions from the Board about the nominee for Commissioner of Education, Frank Edelblut, and why he felt this nomination would benefit New Hampshire education.

MOTION: Gary Groleau made the following motion, seconded by Cindy Chagnon, to authorize Chairman Raffio to write a letter to Governor Sununu expressing the Board's concerns that will include copies of constituent feedback received by the Board regarding the nomination of Mr. Edelblut.

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

B. Next Generation Science Standards Discussion – Chairman Raffio reminded board members to the extent that they have any data that falls under the Right to Know Request to make sure to funnel that through Attorney Erin McIntyre and she will respond to the request.

AGENDA ITEM IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Raffio expressed his understanding that all stakeholders have been working collaboratively to agree to the final package of rules for children with disabilities and the final version was completed Monday, February 13, 2017.

Chairman Raffio offered an opportunity for comments in opposition to the package. There were none.

The following individuals spoke in regards to Governor Sununu's nomination of Frank Edelblut as Commissioner of Education:

- Zandra Rice Hawkins
- Bonnie Dunham
- Diane St. Germain
- Nancy Brennan
- Pam Wicks
- Erica Layon

Ms. Durham also thanked the Board members for helping to build the collaboration needed for the special education rules, and requested the Board vote against the proposed House Bill 620.

AGENDA ITEM V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Institutional Program Approval Report for Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) – Nicole Heimarck, Administrator for the Bureau of Educator Preparation, introduced the Dean, Ray McNulty and Assistant Dean, Cathy Stavenger, for the School of Education at Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) and reviewed with the Board highlights and proposed changes as outlined in the report.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the following motion, seconded by Gary Groleau, that the State Board of Education will grant new program approval for three years through March 31, 2020 for the following professional educator preparation program at SNHU: Ed 612.18 Secondary Mathematics.

The State Board of Education will grant conditional program approval for three years through March 31, 2020 for the following professional educator preparation program at SNHU: Ed 614.02 Reading Writing Specialist. Furthermore, the institution will need to report on this program in its annual report over the next three years addressing the areas requiring responsive action highlighted in the January 2017 report.

The State Board of Education will grant full program approval for seven years through March 31, 2024 for the following professional educator preparation programs at SNHU: General Special Education, Middle Level Science, Secondary Social Studies, Early Childhood Education, and

Music. Furthermore, the institution will need to report on these programs in its annual reports addressing the areas requiring responsive action highlighted in the January 2017 report.

The State Board of Education will grant full program approval for seven years through March 31, 2024 for the following professional educator preparation programs at SNHU: Middle Level Mathematics, Secondary English Language Arts, Curriculum Administrator, School Principal, and Education Technology Integration Specialist.

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

AGENDA ITEM VI. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES/RULES

A. House Bill 505 – Establishing an Independent Commission as an Additional Authorizing Entity for Chartered Public Schools – This item was moved up in the agenda. Chairman Raffio noted that House Bill 620 could be also discussed at this time. Dan Vallone, Director of Engagement for Reaching Higher New Hampshire discussed the merits, risks, and implications, as well as covering the structure, responsibilities, operational considerations of the proposed commission.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the following motion, seconded by Gary Groleau that the Board oppose House Bill 505 and a letter be prepared and sent addressing concerns of the board.

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

B. Amended Final Proposal – 2016-86 (New Hampshire Rules for the Education of Children with Disabilities) - Ed 1100 – Attorney Diana Fenton explained since the original deadline for submission was missed due to the cancellation of the approval meeting, a Conditional Approval Request needs to be submitted. This is a different mechanism for achieving the same goal. Final approval and adoption will come back before the Board. Changes will be posted on the website.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the following motion, seconded by Helen G. Honorow, that the State Board of Education adopt a Conditional Approval Request for the Special Educational Rules ED 1100.

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

Gregory Odell left the meeting at 11:25 AM due to a commitment elsewhere.

C. Final Proposal – 2016-210 (Manifest Hardship) Ed 320 – Attorney Diana Fenton noted suggestions from the January 12, 2017 meeting have been incorporated.

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

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

D. Final Proposal – 2016-216 (Modern (World) Language) – Ed 507.37 and Ed 612.14 – Attorney Diana Fenton noted final edits have been made and an Incorporation by Reference Statement will need to be signed by the Chairman.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Helen Honorow, that the State Board of Education adopt the final proposal for Ed 507.37 World Language Teacher and Ed 612.14 World Languages.

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

E. Code of Ethics Update – Attorney Diana Fenton, by request of Chairman Raffio, reviewed a memo prepared for the Board containing progress updates for the Code of Ethics and noted to the Board that this is on a parallel track with House Bill 210. Attorney Fenton provided a draft letter outlining concerns to Representative Ladd for the Board's review.

Chairman Raffio took this time and asked the Board to discuss House Bill 620.

MOTION: Bill Duncan made the motion, seconded by Gary Groleau, to empower Chairman Raffio to write a letter on behalf of the Board to Representative Ladd outlining examples of impact and the Board's opposition to House Bill 620.

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

Also, by request of Chairman Raffio, Attorney Diana Fenton provided the Board with a written summary of other bills in the legislative process that are of interest to the Board.

AGENDA ITEM VII. REPORT AND NEW DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Deputy Commissioner Paul Leather presented the following:

- He commended everyone who worked on the Special Ed rules, especially work done by Attorney Diana Fenton to help the process succeed.
- Commissioner of Education nominee, Frank Edelblut, spent a day meeting with and being brought up to date by cabinet members.
- United States Department of Education Secretary DeVos will be implementing ESSA on the original timetable.
- Responded to questions from Board members regarding the current approval process for new charter schools.

Bill Duncan indicated this would be a good time to look at updating the English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics in the same fashion as the completed Next Generation Science standards.

MOTION: Bill Duncan made the motion, seconded by Cindy Chagnon, to authorize a working subgroup to review the feasibility of revising the ELA and Mathematics standards.

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

AGENDA ITEM VIII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business at this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM IX. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of January 12, 2017

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Bill Duncan, to approve the Minutes of January 12, 2017 as presented.

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

B. Regional Agreement for Career and Technical Education in Region 14.

MOTION: Gary Groleau made the motion, seconded by Cindy Chagnon, that the State Board of Education approve the Regional Career and Technical Education Agreement with Region 14 as presented.

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

AGENDA ITEM X. TABLED ITEMS

A. Initial Proposal – Approval of Nonpublic Schools, Ed 400

B. Initial Proposal – Speech Language Specialist, Ed 507.23 and Ed 614.09

AGENDA ITEM XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Bill Duncan, to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

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



Secretary