

New Hampshire
State Board of Education
Minutes of the June 8, 2017 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 State Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, New Hampshire. Drew Cline presided as Chairman.

Members present: Kate Cassady, Cindy C. Chagnon, Drew Cline, Chairman, Bill Duncan, Gary Groleau, Helen G. Honorow. Frank Edelblut, Commissioner of Education and Paul K. Leather, Deputy Commissioner of Education were also present. Ann Lane was unable to attend due to a previous commitment.

AGENDA ITEM II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cindy Chagnon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Cline explained that the process of public comment will continue intermittently throughout the meeting due to scheduled public hearing time requirements. He advised everyone that their remarks and written comments will be part of public record.

The following individuals provided comments on various topics to the Board.

- Debra Cinamon Whalen, Exeter, NH; expressed her concern regarding the school voucher program. She provided her written testimony.
- Suzanne Bokas Stone, Exeter, NH; asked the Board to keep choice in the public school system. She provided her written testimony as well as written testimony from friends.
- Matt Grazzier, Exeter, NH; expressed his concerns about a false narrative that New Hampshire schools are in crisis. He noted that the State's academic test scores increased last year and students are graduating at one of the highest rates in the country. He fully supports the Next Generation Science Standards that were approved last year and asked the Board to continue to build on the work they started in 2015 and laid out in Vision 2.0.
- Lauren Provost, STEM Outreach, Dartmouth College and parent strongly advocated for equity in education and spoke to the Board regarding standards, assessment and competency reform.

- Joe Mendola, Bedford, NH; spoke to the Board about the Common Core State Standards and the need for the State and local school boards to take back control of education standards from the Federal government. He provided his written testimony.
- Bonnie Dunham, Merrimack, NH; expressed her concerns regarding the recent introduction and passage of legislation allowing tax dollars intended for public education to be diverted to private institutions and the potential for discrimination based on a child's disability. She asked that the Board establish an advisory group to provide input to the Board on how to protect the integrity of New Hampshire's public school system and that this group include representation from parents of children with and without disabilities, parents from minority populations and other underserved groups, parents from urban and rural communities, as well as, representatives from school boards, educators and school administrators.
- Pam Wilks, Concord, NH; spoke in support of the current English Language Arts and Mathematics standards and asked the Board to reconsider the proposed revision. She provided her written testimony.
- Marie L. Correa, Northwood, NH; asked that the Board move forward on the proposed revision of the New Hampshire English Language Arts and Mathematic standards. She provided her written testimony.
- Jon Dipretro, Manchester, NH; spoke in support of the proposed revision of the New Hampshire English Language Arts and Mathematic standards.
- Ed Bryans, Parent from Cheshire County; spoke in support of the proposed revision of the New Hampshire English Language Arts and Mathematic standards.
- Howard Coffman, Nashua, NH; spoke in support of the proposed revision of the New Hampshire English Language Arts and Mathematic standards.
- Tim Soucy, Manchester Health Department; spoke in opposition to the proposed School Nurse Certification Rules. He provided his written testimony.
- Pediatrician Dr. Sarah Henry, Concord, NH; stated that she was there to speak in support of the New Hampshire teachers, superintendents, families and students that had spoken in defense of their schools. She expressed her concerns about getting data from reliable sources and the enormous undertaking it will be to make rational comparisons between different bodies of data when comparing the standards from other States. This was in response to Commissioner Edelblut's earlier presentation on the proposed revision of the New Hampshire English Language Arts and Mathematic standards. Dr. Henry stated her support of the Board's

decision to endorse and approve the Next Generation Science Standards. She noted that there are over a thousand bills introduced every year and to characterize one of those bills as the voice of the people would be disingenuous and that the job of citizens and of this Board is to be leaders when looking at bills.

- Janet Ward, Contoocook, NH; spoke in support of the current English Language Arts and Mathematics standards and asked the Board to reconsider the proposed revision.
- Mary Wilke, Concord, NH; spoke in support of the current English Language Arts and Mathematics standards and asked the Board to reconsider the proposed revision.
- Jennifer Manning, Kindergarten Teacher, Sanborn Regional School District; spoke in support of the current English Language Arts and Mathematics standards and asked the Board to reconsider the proposed revision.
- William MacKenzie, Goffstown, New Hampshire; provided documentation on National School-to-Work All Grantee Meeting 1998.
- Evan Czyzowski, English Teacher, Sanborn Regional School District; spoke in support of the current English Language Arts and Mathematics standards and asked the Board to reconsider the proposed revision.

AGENDA ITEM IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Reflections on a Multi-tier District Moving into PACE - Christine Landwehrle, Director of Curriculum & Professional Development and Kathy White, Dean of Faculty from SAU 39 (Souhegan/Amherst) along with 2 student presenters - Ms. Landwehrle and Ms. White provided background on the history of the PACE program, professional development supports that PACE provides, PACE scaling and readiness, a review and explanation of Tiers 1, 2, and 3, and the progress and results of the program over the last three years. This year has seen the addition of the New Hampshire teacher leads and work study practices. The end goal is to have self-directed learner and knowledgeable, collaborative, and responsible citizens and the PACE performance assessments provide this. Ms. Lindsey McCool and Ms. Ellie Noble, recent high school graduates, presented their views and feedback on the PACE assessments and their experiences as students.

B. Ed 505.01 through Ed 505.07 - Qualifying Methods for Obtaining a Teacher Credential (Alternative 1-5) Expiring 9/16/19 – Ginny Clifford, Administrator, Bureau of Credentialing, provided a review of background information for the proposed certification standards for educators in computer science for which a public hearing is scheduled for next month's meeting. Ms. Clifford further explained that a variety of pathway opportunities to certification will be coming up for review over the next year as they will be expiring and are in

need of revision. During the revision process, input from educators outside the credentialing office is needed. It would also be beneficial to create a waiver opportunity for exceptional situations. In response to a question from Chairman Cline, Ms. Clifford explained the process used to define critical shortage areas, and also added that districts through their school board have the ability to declare a local shortage for a specific endorsement.

C. STEM and Computer Science – David Benedetto, Director of STEM Education for the Department, reviewed with the Board background information regarding future job growth in the areas of technology and is proposing the Board develop state standards for computer science.

Helen Honorow expressed concern with the timeline presented as there is no allowance for the scheduling of public input, such as listening tours.

Bill Duncan suggested Mr. Benedetto further refine the schedule, outline the process, and return next month for further discussion.

D. English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematic Academic State Standards

The following individuals offered comments in support of the current state standards:

- Stephen McDonough, Mathematics Teacher, Laconia High School
- Linda Thanas, Kindergarten Teacher, Pleasant Street School in Laconia
- Jen Eccleston, Mathematics Coach, Clark-Wilkins Elementary School in Amherst

The following individuals offered comments in support of reviewing the current state standards:

- Natalie Brankin, Certified NH High School Mathematics Teacher
- Dr. Amy Fahey, Visiting Fellow, English and American Literature, Thomas More College of Liberal Arts, Merrimack, NH
- Dr. Eva Szillery, State of Maine Director of American Mathematics Competition and Founder and Director of Maine Mathematics Science & Engineering Talent Search Program
- Dr. Sandra Stotsky, Professor Emerita in the Department of Education Reform at the University of Arkansas, National Validation Committee for Common Core State Systemic Initiative, 2009-2010, National Mathematics Advisory Panel, 2006-2008
- Frank Edelblut, Commissioner of Education

AGENDA ITEM V. OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION**A. Review and Revision of the English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematic Academic State Standards**

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the following motion, seconded by Bill Duncan, that the State Board of Education move this item to the July Board Meeting.

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

B. Distribution of Board Documents

Chairman Cline stated that the main issue to be addressed is when and how documents are distributed to Board members and how they are made available to the public. The Chairman and Angela will work together on compiling the documents provided to the Board prior to each meeting to ensure nothing is distributed until it is ready. The logistics and infrastructure for posting the Board's meeting packets on the website with the agenda needs to be reviewed further but can be accomplished.

Written testimony submitted to the Board should also be available on the website for public access and could be an amendment added as a separate document to the meeting minutes. Chairman Cline noted the Board should be sensitive to posting email addresses as part of the public record and suggested the email addresses be redacted prior to posting.

Memos among Board members need to be done with care and a suggestion for a process is to send all memos to the Chairman who will pass them to Angela for board distribution, at which time they would become public documents.

AGENDA ITEM VI. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES/RULES**A. ADOPTION INTERIM RULE- Ed 1400 Career and Technical Education Program**

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the following motion, seconded by Gary Groleau, that the State Board of Education adopt Ed 1400 Career and Technical Education Program.

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

B. 9:30-10:00 AM – PUBLIC HEARING - Ed 507.27, Ed 507.271, Ed 612.28 and Ed 612.29 Social Studies Teacher - The Public Hearing was opened at 9:35 a.m. The following individuals provided testimony to the Board:

- Dianna Terrel, Professor at Saint Anslem College and Trustee, New Hampshire Institute for Civics Education
- Martha Madsen, President, New Hampshire Institute for Civics Education
- Chris Herr, Trustee, New Hampshire Institute for Civics Education
- John Lewis, Trustee, New Hampshire Institute for Civics Education
- Christine Rath, Trustee, New Hampshire Institute for Civics Education

The Public Hearing was closed at 9:50 a.m.

C. 10:00-10:30 AM - PUBLIC HEARING - Ed 405.01 Non-Public School Approval - The Public Hearing was opened at 10:00 a.m. The following individual provided testimony to the Board:

- Bonnie Dunham, Merrimack, NH

The Public Hearing was closed at 10:30 a.m.

D. 10:30-11:00 AM – PUBLIC HEARING - Ed 507.24, Ed 507.241, Ed 612.05 and Ed 612.051 English Language Arts Teacher - The Public Hearing opened at 10:30 a.m. There was no testimony. The Public Hearing closed at 11:00 a.m.

E. 11:00-11:30 AM – PUBLIC HEARING - Ed 507.23 and Ed 614.09 Speech-Language Specialist - The Public Hearing opened at 11:00 a.m. There was no testimony. The Public Hearing closed at 11:30 a.m.

F. 11:30-12:00 PM – PUBLIC HEARING - Ed 306.12, Ed 504.07, Ed 505 various sections, Ed 508.06 and Ed 512.07 School Nurse - The Public Hearing opened at 11:30 a.m. The following individuals provided testimony to the Board.

- Barbara C. French, Retired New Hampshire School Nurse.
- Martha Judson, Retired NH School Nurse and New Hampshire School Nurse Association Liaison (provided letter of support).

- Laurie Fleming, School Nurse at Gilbert H. Hood Middle School, Derry, NH.
- Harriet Davenport, School Nurse, Keene School District – NHSNA.

The Public Hearing closed at 12:12 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM VII. REPORT AND NEW DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Deputy Commissioner Paul Leather notified the Board that the department will be taking a more active role when an educator's credentialing license is being revoked due to a felony. The department will also, where appropriate, be present at court hearings to revoke educator credentialing licenses.

AGENDA ITEM VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Amendments to the Keene School District's Authorized Regional Enrollment Area (A.R.E.A.) Plans – Chairman Cline noted that the Board has not received the information requested at the May 11, 2017 meeting. No action was taken.

AGENDA ITEM IX. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2017
- B. Fall Mountain Regional and Lempster School Districts Tuition Agreement
- C. Commissioner's Nonpublic School Advisory Council Nomination
 - Laurie G. Hurd, Executive Director, Independent Schools Association of Northern New England, Maine
 - Richard B. Johnson, Founding Head of School, The Beech Hill School, Hopkinton, NH
- D. Bartlett and Jackson School Districts Tuition Agreement

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the following motion, seconded by Bill Duncan, that the State Board of Education approve Consent Items, A, B, C, and D.

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

AGENDA ITEM X. TABLED ITEMS

A. Bartlett and Jackson School Districts Tuition Agreement

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the following motion, seconded by Bill Duncan, that the State Board of Education remove this item from the Table and move it to the Consent Agenda.

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

AGENDA ITEM XI. NONPUBLIC SESSION

There was no nonpublic session.

AGENDA ITEM XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Helen Honorow to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

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



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