

New Hampshire
State Board of Education
Minutes of the July 13, 2017 Meeting

AGENDA ITEM I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the State Board of Education was convened at 9:22 a.m. at the State Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, New Hampshire. Drew Cline presided as Chairman.

Members present: Kate Cassady, Cindy Chagnon, Drew Cline, Chairman, Bill Duncan, Gary Groleau, Helen Honorow, and Ann Lane. Frank Edelblut, Commissioner of Education and Paul K. Leather, Deputy Commissioner of Education were also present.

AGENDA ITEM II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Cline led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM III. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals provided comments supporting the current standards and requested the Board reconsider the proposed revisions.

- Jill Lizier, SAU 16, Franklin, New Hampshire. She provided written testimony.
- Kathleen Desmarais, SAU 16. She provided written testimony.
- Melissa Crotto-Young, SAU 29. She provided written testimony.
- Todd Allen, Assistant Superintendent SAU 5, Oyster River School District. He provided copy of an article from Fosters.com.
- Kathleen Murphy, Superintendent SAU 90, Hampton School District.
- Pam Stile, SAU 72. She provided written testimony.
- Mark McLaughlin, Nashua, NH parent.
- Maureen Redmond-Scura, Concord School Board Member.
- Lorrie Carey, SAU 46, small business owner.
- Elizabeth Moore, Michelle Hautanen & Greg Morris, SAU 1

Donna Couture, Karen Thompson, Anne Banks, and Doug Cullen of New Hampshire Extended Learning Opportunities Network (NHELON), provided an overview of the organization's activities and programs around the state, and requested a place on the agenda, possibly every quarter, to provide updates and opportunities for the Board to hear directly from students about the programs.

AGENDA ITEM IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations.

AGENDA ITEM V. OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

A. Review and Revision of the English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematic Academic State Standards – This item was continued from the last meeting due to time constraints.

Commissioner Edelblut provided his comments and observations regarding today's testimony and comments. The approach outlined is not designed to be disruptive but to build on work already being done, is additive to activities already in place, and can be woven into the process.

Helen Honorow voiced her concerns and did not think a review and revision of the ELA and Math Academic Standards should be done at this time given all the feedback received by the Board.

Commissioner Edelblut reminded the Board that his job requires him to look at, and evaluate academic standards, and bring recommendations to the Board.

Chairman Cline mentioned that it could be 2019 before any proposals are brought before the Board for consideration and before anything would be implemented.

Bill Duncan acknowledged that anyone choosing to undertake an academic standards review may do so, including the commissioner. The State Board of Education should make it clear that it is not opening a formal academic standards review. This would assure stakeholders that changes to the current academic standards are not being made at this time.

Commissioner Edelblut added that he would also be looking at Social Studies after ELA and Math.

MOTION: Bill Duncan made the following motion, seconded by Helen Honorow, that the State Board of Education recognizes that the Department will undertake its own informal review of the English Language Arts and Math Standards; however, the Board agrees with the feedback of the teachers, business community, PTA, higher education, individual parents, and especially with the strong stand taken by the Superintendent's Association, that the standards are serving our students well and are not in need of modification. Therefore, the State Board of Education will not reopen the ELA or the Math Standards. Only the State Board of Education has the statutory authority to open a formal standards review and will not do so at this point.

VOTE: The motion was approved by a vote of the Board; 3 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstentions, with the Chairman abstaining.

AGENDA ITEM VI. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES/RULES

A. PUBLIC HEARING - Ed 507.52 and 612.3 Educator in Computer Science - The Public Hearing was opened at 11:40 a.m.

Tammy Andrew, President, New Hampshire Computer Science Teachers Association (NHCSTA) reintroduced herself and noted she has been before the Board previously regarding the need for teacher endorsement and feels this proposal embodies what is needed for grades 7 through 12.

Commissioner Edelblut expressed his concern that the credentialing requires at least bachelor's degree and cautions against sending the wrong message.

Helen Honorow inquired about the alternative avenues to certification and it was explained that most teachers come from backgrounds within industry that are not necessarily in computer science but have master's and bachelor's degrees in other areas. The focus is whether or not they are able to work with the subject matter. They still need teaching certifications.

Deputy Commissioner Leather added that the bachelor's degree requirement is in place for alternatives but if they don't have a bachelor's in computer science there are other ways they can demonstrate that they have the requisite knowledge.

The Board was invited to attend the 2nd Computer Science Fall Conference at White Mountain Community College in Berlin, New Hampshire. The keynote speaker will be from Google who does research on rural computer science education. Angela will send out information to the Board regarding the event.

The Public Hearing was closed at 12:37 p.m.

B. INITIAL PROPOSAL - Ed 507.28, Ed 612.22 Science Teacher 5-8 - Ginny Clifford reviewed changes with the Board and noted the intent was to not be redundant and be more concise. Previously the 600's were restated in the 500's. Now the 600's refer back to the 500's so it is only written in one place. Seventy-five people representing all five geographic regions of the state as well as all the science areas included teachers, administrators, and higher education met in January 2017. The group conducted a review and a draft of general science requirements was agreed upon by all. The draft was included in a survey sent across the state looking for feedback. Feedback went back to the group which continued to meet and refine. The general science requirements were approved by the Professionals Standards Board and the State Board

requested the physical science requirements be revisited. This was completed and approved by the Professional Standards Board in June 2017.

Commissioner Edelblut provided the Board with a handout for a more efficient cross-referencing process between the Department and the Professional Standards Board. The process would assure consistent language when it gets to the State Board for review.

Ms. Michelle Matthew spoke to the Board relative to her thoughts on the licensure testing and the measure of content knowledge.

Diana Fenton explained that the language came from the Office of Legislative Services' (OLS) and can be worked on to make sure the intent is not to nullify or supplant. The current regulations expire in October 2017 allowing time for public hearings and final edits.

Chairman Cline requested the rule expiration date and final date for passage is included with future proposals.

Bill Duncan suggested all science items be encompassed in one motion.

- C. INITIAL PROPOSAL - Ed 507.29, Ed 612.23 Science Teacher; General Requirements
- D. INITIAL PROPOSAL - Ed 507.30, Ed 612.24 Earth and Space Science Teacher
- E. INITIAL PROPOSAL - Ed 507.31, Ed 612.25 Life Science Teacher
- F. INITIAL PROPOSAL - Ed 507.32, Ed 612.26 Chemistry Teacher
- G. INITIAL PROPOSAL- Ed 507.33, Ed 612.27 Physics Teacher
- H. INITIAL PROPOSAL – Ed 507.51 and Ed 612.34 Physical Science Teacher

MOTION: Helen Honorow made the motion, seconded by Bill Duncan that the State Board of Education approves Items B through H and to call a Public Hearing on each of those items for the next meeting.

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

I. FINAL PROPOSAL – Ed 507.24, Ed 507.25, Ed 612.05, Ed 612.06 English Language Arts Teacher - Diana Fenton noted that when the initial proposal was brought to the Board it was explained that it was being brought forward as is due to the expected changes as a result of it expiring. Moving forward, efforts will be made to avoid rules expiring. If a situation arises with an expiring rule, an interim rule will be brought forward that allows for public comment in an effort to be more transparent.

Ms. Clifford reviewed the changes between initial and final proposals and noted this is a restructuring of the same language. The italics represent new additions to the rules. Both the 5-8 and 5-12 references exist because our elementary education standards are currently in transition. If we were to remove the K-8 certification option we wouldn't have a corresponding area concentration option in middle school level English. As we look at our elementary education standards, we may lose the need for the 5-8.

Commissioner Edelblut noted that as we move further towards competency-based and personalized learning these references will need to be decoupled.

MOTION: Helen Honorow made the following motion, seconded by Ann Lane, that the Final Proposal Ed 507.24, Ed 507.25, Ed 612.05 and Ed 612.06 English Language Arts Teacher, be presented in a public hearing in August that includes the changes of relocating (b) *“The Department of Education shall assess the skills, competencies and knowledge of candidates for certification as educators in English language arts by reviewing evidence, such as, but not limited to, college course work, documented professional experience, letters of recommendation, professional development hours or CEUs, and artifacts of professional practice.”* and (4) (c) (6.) *“concerning or authored by people of various shared traditions, beliefs, customs, genders and ethnicities”*, and that a final hearing be scheduled for August 24, 2017.

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

J. FINAL PROPOSAL – Ed 507.29, Ed 507.30, Ed 612.30, Ed 612.31 Social Studies Teacher - Ms. Clifford noted that changes to this rule are items that are crossed out and additions are italicized. A review was done of Senate Bill 45 recently signed into law that addresses the instructional specificity and outlines more specific content to be included in curriculum.

MOTION: Chairman Cline made the following motion, seconded by Ann Lane, to revise Paragraph 2 to move (d) to (a) for the

Final Proposal Ed 507.29, Ed 507.30, Ed 612.30, Ed 612.31
Social Studies Teacher.

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

MOTION: Chairman Cline made the following motion, seconded by Ann Lane, to bring the Final Proposal Ed 507.29, Ed 507.30, Ed 612.30, Ed 612.31 Social Studies Teacher forward as amended and place on next month's agenda for public hearing.

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

K. FINAL PROPOSAL – Ed 507.23, Ed 614.09 School Speech Language Specialist – Ms. Clifford noted this is an intermediate credential and does not require a license for speech and language pathologist. Representatives of the Board of Speech and Language assisted with the criteria for the proposal. A public hearing was held and no one was present.

Chairman Cline requested that someone, at a future meeting, explain more in depth what the differences are between this position and a speech pathologist.

MOTION: Helen Honorow made the motion, seconded by Ann Lane to relocate (b) "*The Department of Education shall assess the skills, competencies and knowledge of candidates for certification as educators in English language arts by reviewing evidence, such as, but not limited to, college course work, documented professional experience, letters of recommendation, professional development hours or CEUs, and artifacts of professional practice.*" of the Final Proposal for Ed 507.23, Ed 614.09 School Speech Language Specialist.

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

MOTION: Helen Honorow, made the motion, seconded by Ann Lane to accept the Final Proposal for Ed 507.23, Ed 614.09 School Speech Language Specialist as amended.

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

L. FINAL PROPOSAL – Ed 306.12, Ed 504.07, Ed 505 various sections, Ed 508.06, Ed 512.07 School Nurse – When the initial proposal was submitted the Office of Credentialing was informed that the Board does not have rulemaking authority to allow for alternative pathways. According to OLS, any nurse that was hired after July 1, 2016 who does not have an actual degree, BSN or RSN license and 3 years' experience at the time of application, cannot apply under current law. The grandfathered clause for nurses hired before July 1, 2016 passed in Session law and was not written into the actual RSA. Our rulemaking authority is limited to paragraph 2. We do not have any rulemaking authority to issue certificates to any of those nurses. A solution might be to meet with the OLS attorneys and work something out before moving forward. The options for the Board to proceed consist of withdrawing the rule, submitting the final proposal the way it is written, or submit a revised final proposal.

Helen Honorow made the suggestion to have Attorneys Jill Perlow and Diana Fenton work with the OLS attorneys to resolve the issues. Diana Fenton will attend the meeting and report back to the Board in August.

MOTION: Helen Honorow, made the motion, seconded by Kate Cassady that the State Board of Education take no action on the Final Proposal for Ed 306.12, Ed 504.07, Ed 505 various sections, Ed 508.06, Ed 512.07 School Nurse.

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

M. INTERIM RULE – Ed 1410 Robotics Education Fund - Diana Fenton explained that this rule was created based on HB 517 signed into law on July 1, 2017. This legislation creates the Robotics Education Fund and in that statute the Commissioner (the Board of Education) is to adopt rules to develop grant application forms and procedures and establish criteria for awarding and distributing grants. The recommendation to the Board is to draft rules, present them as interim rules to the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR) at their August meeting requesting the rules be in place to meet the September 1, 2017 deadline when the review process begins. This will meet the obligations of the statute and the Department is covered liability-wise. This is a working draft and the Board may see some changes at the August meeting.

MOTION: Helen Honorow made the motion, seconded by Kate Cassady that the State Board of Education approves the Interim Rule Ed 1410 Robotics Education Fund Program as amended with date clarification, recognizing that this is an interim rule and may see some revisions which the Board will have an opportunity to adjust at the time.

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

AGENDA ITEM VII. REPORT AND NEW DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Commissioner Edelblut will bring his recommendations to the Board for nominations to the Professional Standards Board (PSB) at the August meeting. During the review of the PSB rules it was noticed that members may have been nominated inappropriately relative to the statute. The PSB Board should consist of 20 members; 9 representing classroom teachers or education specialists or both, 9 representing higher education and education administration, 2 members representing qualified lay persons. At the April 15, 2016 meeting the Board appointed Dr. Irv Richardson to a 3-year term as a qualified lay person. However, Dr. Richardson is Coordinator of Public Education and School Support for NEA-NH, and a teacher at the university level. Commissioner Edelblut's recommendation is for this Board move Dr. Richardson to the category where he would fit and be in compliance with statutes.

AGENDA ITEM VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Amendments to the Keene School District's Authorized Regional Enrollment Area (A.R.E.A.) Plans - This item is a carryover until the affidavits have been received, which should be prior to the August meeting. This item does not need to be on the agenda; however, the Board will receive an update once the final affidavit is received.

AGENDA ITEM IX. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Meeting Minutes June 8, 2017
- B. Haverhill Cooperative Bath School Districts Tuition Agreement
- C. Haverhill Cooperative and Piermont School Districts Tuition Agreement

MOTION: Kate Cassady made the following motion, seconded by Gary Groleau, that the State Board of Education approves Consent Items A, B, and C.

VOTE: The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the Board with Ann Lane abstaining from A, and the Chairman abstaining.

AGENDA ITEM X. TABLED ITEMS

There were no tabled items.

AGENDA ITEM XI. NONPUBLIC SESSION

There was no Non-Public Session.

AGENDA ITEM XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

MOTION: Helen Honorow made the motion, seconded by Gary Groleau to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

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



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