

New Hampshire
State Board of Education
Minutes of the August 24, 2017 Meeting

AGENDA ITEM I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the State Board of Education was convened at 9:11 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 commentary:

- Joyce Robinson, Fremont, New Hampshire; spoke in opposition to the New Hampshire Common Core State Standards. She provided 1,891 iPetition signatures in opposition to the New Hampshire Common Core State Standards at Sanborn School District.
- Hayden Robinson, Fremont, New Hampshire provided a student prospective of her time as a student within the Sanborn School District in opposition to the New Hampshire Common Core State Standards.
- Diane Sekula, Nashua, New Hampshire; spoke in opposition to the New Hampshire Common Core State Standards.
- Tim Soucy, Manchester Health Department; spoke in opposition to the proposed School Nurse Certification Rules. He provided written testimony.
- Bonnie Dunham, Merrimack, NH; expressed her concerns regarding legislation that would expand options to private institutions using tax dollars. She would like to see tax dollars directed to making New Hampshire's public schools such that no one would want to leave them. If legislation is passed to divert tax dollars for non-public school options, she asked the State Board to use their influence to ensure that these options are available to all New Hampshire children.

AGENDA ITEM IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**A. Student/Merrimack Valley School Board – SB-FY-17-03-003**

Chairman Cline gave the parties the option of going into non-public session. The parties declined and chose to have the hearing in public session.

Stephanie Alicéa, representing herself (Pro sé), spoke to the State Board regarding the Manifest Educational Hardship situation involving her 16 year old son who was attending Merrimack Valley High School and chose to take a knee during the playing of the National Anthem at a sporting event. Ms. Alicéa went into detail regarding the situation that resulted in her pulling her son from Merrimack Valley High School due to threats to his life. She also spoke in detail regarding the options available to the family as far as placing her son in another school and the decision to place him in a private school.

Carolyn Alicéa, Stephanie's mother, spoke to the State Board regarding the family's decision to pull her grandson from Merrimack Valley High School. The decision to remove her grandson happened the same day his friends approached the family and told them it would behoove them to remove him immediately due to threats against his life. Ms. Alicéa further explained that the school administration did not believe the threats because her grandson's friends only approached the family and not the school administrators. She asked that her grandson be treated fairly and given the same consideration as any other student.

Cindy Chagnon asked why the decision was made to place the student in a private school and not a nearby less costly public school.

Stephanie Alicéa explained that nearby public schools were considerations; however, after weighing the options for her son, the family felt it would be moving him into a similar unsafe situation as Merrimack Valley High School. She further explained that no placement options were offered by Merrimack Valley.

Attorney James O'Shaughnessy from the Drummond/Woodsum law firm, representing the Merrimack Valley School State Board, spoke to the State Board, directing them to the Hearing Officer's recommendation. He stated he didn't want to get into the merits of what did or did not happen because the purpose of this hearing is for the State Board to accept or reject the Hearing Officer's recommendation. Attorney O'Shaughnessy told the State Board that the facts were a lot more complicated than what the State Board heard by the parent and reminded the State Board that there is another side. He stated that at no time did the school district interfere with the student's choice to take a knee, nor did they join in the protest. When a student exercises a right, they are not free from the unintended consequences of that action. In this case there were a significant amount cyber-attacks and threats against the student, off campus, outside of

school where the school district cannot interfere. The school district was not told that these things were happening by the family and were not made aware until the day the student was pulled from school. Months later the family approached the school board under the Educational Hardship Reassignment Law and Policy asking the school district for tuition reimbursement. The case has always been about tuition reimbursement, not reassignment. In the reassignment process there is a hearing where the student asks for a ticket/waiver to be assigned to another public school. This never happened. He further explained that in accordance to RSA 193:3, Manifest Educational Hardship, which he pointed out, has not happened in this case, but if it did, the State Board can only grant a Manifest Educational Hardship waiver to reassign the student to another public school. The State Board cannot grant a tuition waiver to a private school; not in accordance to RSA 193:3. Because the case was about tuition reimbursement and not reassignment, the Merrimack Valley School Board was not in a position, from a legal perspective, to grant the family's request. The Merrimack Valley School Board supports the Hearings Officer's recommendation.

Helen Honorow asked if there was ever a school board hearing on the merits of this case. Attorney O'Shaughnessy responded that there was and further explained that it is an informal process where the parents are welcomed to speak their case to the school board. At the end of the hearing, there was a discussion between the board and the parents about jurisdiction and private school. After this discussion, it was determined that the parents were asking for tuition reimbursement to a private school, not reassignment. The school board's understanding is that tuition reimbursement to a private school cannot be allowed under recent court decisions and interpretations of RSA 193:3, Educational Hardship. It was Attorney O'Shaughnessy's understanding, that the parents then withdrew the Educational Hardship request during the hearing. He noted that in the school board's letter to the parents denying the request, it let them know that they had the right to file an appeal to the State Board, even though, technically, they acknowledged at the hearing that this was not the proper venue/vehicle for pursuing tuition reimbursement and withdrew their Manifest Educational Hardship request.

Attorney O'Shaughnessy explained that he brought the motion to dismiss to the pre-hearing conference on this matter and the Hearings Officer took it under review and dismissed the matter before he scheduled a merits hearing.

Helen Honorow asked if there was a bullying investigation done by the school district. School Superintendent Mark MacLean responded that school district did work with the family relative to any complaints that were submitted to administration. They met with the student and the family and discussed what options were available. The student took a knee last September during the Homecoming Game, and explained how it then escalated and that some adults from the community and surrounding communities were posting things online. There were students, some from other schools that either liked or disliked

comments posted online. School administration met with the student who told administration that he did feel safe at school, but not always at home, as he lives at the end of a dirt road where hunters sometimes show up near the house with guns. Superintendent MacLean said this could have been the student putting on a brave face and that administration can only respond based on what the student was telling them. He also stated that this in no way mitigates what the student may have been feeling at home. Superintendent MacLean told the State Board he has a deep respect for the family and felt that they had a positive relationship with the family.

Chairman Cline asked if the administration did any investigation in regards to the students within the district that participated in the social media posts. Superintendent MacLean responded that they did meet with the students involved and that they were addressed by administration.

Chairman Cline asked if there was any effort on the part of the administration to talk to students, the football team, letting them know what was happening. Superintendent MacLean stated that he was not aware of any formal communications. This was a student exercising his first amendment rights and the situation was such that people really did not know how to act and that similar situations have been playing out at the national level. The administration did respond with heightened security at sporting events. Attorney O'Shaughnessy explained that the situation was not a school-wide concern being ignored by the administration. The school principal felt the situation was under control and by the time it ramped up the student was removed due to the threats from outside the school.

Commissioner Edelblut asked what relief was taken by the school administration to ensure the safety of the student. Superintendent MacLean stated that additional security was provided at athletic events, regular communication with the family, and meetings with the student to ensure he felt safe at school.

Chairman Cline asked how much time the reassignment ticket/waiver process takes for a student to attend another school. Superintendent MacLean explained the process, which could take up to 45 days. Attorney O'Shaughnessy stated that there are a lot of situations where school administrators can take immediate steps to ensure the safety of their students. Cindy Chagnon further clarified, as a school board member, that the process could occur in a rapid fashion should there be immediate danger to the student. School boards can call emergency meetings to ensure the safety of a student.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the following motion, seconded by Kate Cassady, that the State Board of Education go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3(c).

VOTE: The motion was approved by roll call vote by board members Ann Lane, Gary Groleau, Kate Cassady, Cindy Chagnon, Drew Cline, Bill Duncan, and Helen Honorow.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the following motion, seconded by Gary Groleau, that the State Board of Education return to public session.

VOTE: The motion was approved by roll call vote by board members Ann Lane, Gary Groleau, Kate Cassady, Cindy Chagnon, Drew Cline, Bill Duncan, and Helen Honorow.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the following motion, seconded by Kate Cassady, that the State Board of Education seal the nonpublic session meeting minutes.

VOTE: The motion was approved by roll call vote by board members Ann Lane, Gary Groleau, Kate Cassady, Cindy Chagnon, Drew Cline, Bill Duncan, and Helen Honorow.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the following motion, seconded by Ann Lane, that the State Board of Education deny the motion to dismiss, without prejudice, and remand it back to the Hearings Officer to schedule a Manifest Educational Hardship hearing.

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

B. Student/Con-Val School State Board – SB-FY-18-07-003

Chairman Cline gave the parties the option of going into non-public session. The parties declined and chose to have the hearing in public session.

Megan Amundson, representing herself (Pro sé), introduced her husband, Eric Amundson and son, Robert Amundson to the members of the State Board. Ms. Amundson then outlined the family's reasons for filing for Manifest Educational Hardship reassignment from Con-Val High School to Keene High School for their son Robert.

Cindy Chagnon noted that Robert attended a Catholic middle school in Keene and asked if he also attended a Catholic elementary school in Keene and if this would be his first experience in public school. Ms. Amundson responded that yes, he has always attend private Catholic schools. Cindy Chagnon then asked if there was a private Catholic high school in Keene and Ms. Amundson responded that there was not.

Attorney Dean Eggert from Wadleigh, Starr and Peters, PLLC, representing the Con-Val School District (SAU #1) introduced himself and Superintendent of Schools Kimberly Saunders and noted that School Board Chairman, Myron Steere was in the audience. Attorney Eggert addressed the State Board and spoke in favor of the Hearing Officer's recommendation and requested the State Board uphold the recommendation.

Commissioner Edelblut spoke of RSA 193:3 stating that it is the parents' responsibility to determine whether hardship exists and if they do, may decide to bring it before the school board. It is then the school board's responsibility to make a determination as to relief. He then asked what relief options were provided to the parents in this case.

Attorney Eggert stated that if a parent thinks they have a good faith case, they can apply to the school board for relief. He asserted that no one has suggested that the parents in this case were acting in bad faith. Attorney Eggert cited a case involving the burden in an administrative proceeding that maintains that while parents may think that they have a case, that if they then pursue it in front of a board in an administrative process, that whoever chooses to pursue it holds the burden of proof. Attorney Eggert continued and spoke to the State Board and Commissioner about the relief provided by the school board to the parents in this case.

Chairman Cline asked what the school board's rationale was to deny this student reassignment to Keene. Superintendent Saunders responded the school district provided accommodation so that Robert could participate in swimming, as well as pursue academics to meet his desire to attend Stanford. Chairman Cline followed up by noting the school district has to "jerry-rig" the system at Con-Val to meet the needs of this student and observed that sending him to Keene might be easier and better serve both the school district and the student. Attorney Eggert responded that the Chairman's question might be an articulate argument to changing the law.

Cindy Chagnon inquired about the science curriculum options and whether or not they were conducted with other students or individually to which Superintendent Saunders responded that it could be either or a combination of both depending on the needs of the student and the science course selected.

Helen Honorow asked about the options for Robert to take French III as it was not made clear in the materials provided. Superintendent Saunders explained a fifth block option, online options, as well as an extended learning task block option.

Helen Honorow asked if high school biology is a prerequisite for AP biology. Superintendent Saunders stated that yes it would be as well as

chemistry and noted that freshman and sophomores are not offered AP Biology as far as she was aware at any high school, including Con-Val.

Cindy Chagnon asked if Robert swims with an AAU league team and Ms. Amundson responded that he swims with the Peterborough Wave Swim Club.

Chairman Cline asked if staying at Con-Val High School was in the best interest for this student. Attorney Eggert responded that the unanimous decision of the school board, particularly with the emphasis before the board on swimming, could not see any fact pattern where it was in the student's best interest to red shirt his freshman year if he wants a D 1 scholarship. Attorney Eggert responded that the school board's decision distinguished between best interest, which is a matter of preference, and manifest educational hardship.

MOTION: Helen Honorow made the following motion, seconded by Bill Duncan, that the State Board of Education go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3(c).

VOTE: The motion was approved by roll call vote by board members Ann Lane, Gary Groleau, Kate Cassady, Cindy Chagnon, Drew Cline, Bill Duncan, and Helen Honorow.

MOTION: Helen Honorow made the following motion, seconded by Cindy Chagnon, that the State Board of Education return to public session.

VOTE: The motion was approved by roll call vote by board members Ann Lane, Gary Groleau, Kate Cassady, Cindy Chagnon, Drew Cline, Bill Duncan, and Helen Honorow.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the following motion, seconded by Kate Cassady, that the State Board of Education seal the nonpublic session meeting minutes.

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

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the following motion, seconded by Gary Groleau, that the State Board of Education accepts the Hearing Officer's Report and adopts the Recommendation.

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

Chairman Cline stated that while there was sympathy for the family's situation it did not meet the definition of manifest educational hardship.

C. Student/Fall Mountain Regional School State Board – SB-FY-17-06-007

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the following motion, seconded by Bill Duncan, that the State Board of Education accepts the Hearing Officer's Report and adopts the Hearing Officer's Recommendation.

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

D. Kreiva Academy, Manchester, NH – Michelle Mathieu, President/Chair of the Board along with other Kreiva staff members presented Kreiva's charter application to the State Board and responded to Board questions.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the following motion, seconded Ann Lane, that the State Board of Education conditionally approves the charter, subject to confirmation of the legal review.

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

E. Home Education Advisory Council Annual Report – Amy Gall, Chair, Home Educator New Hampshire Homeschooling Coalition was not able to attend the meeting and George D'Orazio, Vice Chairman, and board member since 1988, presented the annual report on her behalf, highlighting some of the key points. He welcomed and answered questions from board members.

F. Professional Standards State Board Annual Report -- Dianna Terrell, Chair, Professional Standards Board (PSB) spoke to the State Board, highlighting some of the key points from the annual report, which she provided to the State Board in advance of the meeting. She welcomed and answered questions from board members.

Cindy Chagnon commended the PSB for developing and adopting the use of the *Quality Criteria for Proposed Revisions to Standards* rubric.

Helen Honorow thanked the PSB for all their hard work this past year and asked moving forward if someone versed in the subject matter could be present, such as a subcommittee chair, at State Board meetings to answer questions. Dianna Terrell agreed with the request and mentioned also including an executive summary. Commissioner Edelblut also mentioned that the Department will be working on better interfacing with the PSB.

G. New Program Approval Report for Two New Programs at St. Anselm College – Nicole Heimark, Administrator for the Bureau of Educator Preparation

Programs provided the State Board with a brief orientation to the program approval and review process. She also provided background information on Saint Anselm's two new program proposals and the review process and welcomed questions from the Board. Nicole noted during the summer of 2017, the Council for Teacher Education (CTE) conducted a review of the two new program proposals and has determined recommendations for approval status. The Council is now requesting that the State Board of Education formally approve these new programs.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Kate Cassady to grant initial approval until April 30, 2020 to the following educator preparation programs at Saint Anselm College: Visual Arts Education (612.01) and Music Education (612.20)

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

AGENDA ITEM V. OPEN STATE BOARD DISCUSSION

A. Advisory Panels for Social Studies and Math – This discussion item was tabled and moved to the September 19, 2017 meeting.

B. Tuition Agreements – This discussion item was tabled and moved to the September 19, 2017 meeting.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Kate Cassady to table Open State Board Discussion Agenda Items A and B and move them to the September 19, 2017 meeting.

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

AGENDA ITEM VI. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES/RULES

A. PUBLIC HEARING - Educator in Science; General Requirements (Ed 507.29 & 612.23), Physical Science (Ed 507.51 & 612.34), Physics (Ed 507.33 & Ed 612.27) and Chemistry (Ed 507.32 & Ed 612.26)

The Public Hearing was opened at 11:03 a.m.

Dr. Lisa Janosik, the Middle School STEM curriculum coach for the Nashua School District who participated in the review of science credentialing standards spoke in support of the new credentialing science standards. She explained that it was three-day long review with educators representing kindergarten through higher education from all around the State of New

Hampshire. There was a common vision of keeping the critical pieces of the current credentialing standards and to incorporate, not just content knowledge, but also the science and engineering methodology practices and overarching concepts that embrace all areas of science.

Commissioner Edelblut asked if Dr. Janosik knew why the requirement for a college level knowledge of calculus and/or statistics, depending on the domain in which they operate, was removed from physics, chemistry, life science and earth science? Dr. Janosik responded that she could not as she participated in the general science requirements and not those specific areas.

Dr. Christopher Harper, retired science teacher, Science Department and Dean of Academic Affairs at Pinkerton Academy, with 37 years in the field, spoke in support of the new science credentialing standards and provided written testimony.

Commissioner Edelblut asked Dr. Harper about the removal of the Scientific Method from the general science credentialing standards. Dr. Harper agreed with the Commissioner on their importance and explained that there is no specific reference to the Scientific Method; however, the science skills and concepts that are part of the Scientific Method are contained throughout the standard.

Cindy Chagnon thanked Dr. Harper and asked for a copy of his testimony.

Chairman Cline asked about his and the Dr. Janosik's testimony about the need to focus on method and process and not memorization. Dr. Harper explained that with the new standards, science content knowledge does not go away, but promotes what to do once students have that knowledge when looking at the big ideas of science and applying them to the real world.

Laura Nickerson, Director, STEM Teachers' Collaborative and a 17 year veteran of physics, engineering and computer science education spoke to the State Board in support of the new credentialing science standards and reiterated and commended the previous speakers' commentary.

Commissioner Edelblut asked Ms. Nickerson the same question he asked Dr. Janosik about whether or not it was appropriate to remove the requirement for a college level knowledge of calculus and/or statistics, from physics, chemistry, life science and earth science. Ms. Nickerson responded that they need to have an introductory level knowledge of either, and that yes, it would be appropriate when teaching in these areas.

The Public Hearing was closed at 12:32 p.m.

B. PUBLIC HEARING - Educator in Life Science (Ed 507.31 & Ed 612.25)

The Public Hearing was opened at 11:55 a.m.

Mark Pedersen, Academic Dean of Science and Engineering at Timberlane Regional School District (SAU 55) and Karen Pringle a science teacher from Pembroke Academy spoke to Board in favor of the new Life Science credentialing standards.

Commissioner Edelblut asked the same question he asked previously regarding whether or not it was appropriate to remove the requirement for a college level knowledge of calculus and/or statistics, from life science. Mark Pedersen responded that he believed they were removed from life science and placed in the general science requirement; therefore, the expectation would be that life science teachers would be required to have a collegiate level knowledge of math, especially in the area of statistics.

Helen Honorow asked for clarification and confirmation that the collegiate level calculus and/or statistics knowledge was indeed a requirement in the general science credentialing standards. Mark Pedersen and Karen Pringle responded that that was their understanding.

Chairman Cline asked for clarification on text that was struck and its replacement text. Mark Pedersen explained that the process did not include one-for-one strike and replacement and text was struck if it was already located elsewhere.

Helen Honorow asked if Barbara Hopkins, Director of Science Education for the Department could speak and provide some clarity to Chairman Cline's concerns that requirements might inadvertently be removed during the revision process.

Barbara Hopkins reassured the Board that over-arching and/or broader language was used intentionally to incorporate/capture all areas of science and to reduce document length and language redundancy. She also clarified that collegiate level math knowledge was indeed in the general science teacher requirements and that more or specific collegiate math knowledge was added to those areas of science where appropriate.

The Public Hearing was closed at 12:32 p.m.

C. PUBLIC HEARING - Educator in Earth & Space Science (Ed 507.30 & Ed 612.24) and Science Teacher 5-8 (Ed 507.28 & Ed 612.22)

The Public Hearing was opened at 12:32 p.m.

Laura Nickerson, Director, STEM Teachers' Collaborative and a 17 year veteran of physics, engineering and computer science education spoke to the State Board in support of the new credentialing science standards. She commented that they were more in-depth and more holistic.

Commissioner Edelblut commented on improving coordination between the 5-8 and the 7-12 grade requirements.

The Public Hearing was closed at 1:37p.m.

D. PUBLIC HEARING - Educator in English Language Arts (Ed 507.24, Ed 507.25, Ed 612.05 and Ed 612.06)

The Public Hearing was opened at 12:43 p.m.

There were no comments.

The Public Hearing was closed at 1:37p.m.

E. PUBLIC HEARING - Educator in Social Studies (Ed 507.29, Ed 507.30, Ed 612.30 and Ed 612.31)

The Public Hearing was opened at 1:37p.m.

There were no comments.

The Public Hearing was closed at 2:18 p.m.

F. Proposed Interim Rule for Ed 1128 – Special Education Aid – Attorney Diana Fenton provided the State Board with background information regarding this request and explained that the request is for an editorial change to the rule.

MOTION: Ann Lane made the following motion, seconded by Cindy Chagnon, that the State Board of Education approves the interim rule Ed 1128, Special Education Aid.

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

G. Final Proposal New Rule for Computer Science

MOTION: Ann Lane made the following motion, seconded by Kate Cassady, that the State Board of Education approves the final proposal for Ed 505.05(a) Alternative 5: Site-Based Certification Plan, Ed 507.52 Computer Science Teacher

and Ed 612.33 Computer Science Education with the amended date of June 30, 2019.

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

H. School Nurse Update and Final Proposal - There was State Board discussion regarding the certification fee to charge for the grandfathered nurses already in the field.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the following motion, seconded by Ann Lane, that the State Board of Education approves the final proposal for school nurse certification and moves the rule forward to Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR) with the amendment that the grandfathered school nurses will have no initial certification fee.

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

I. Conditional Approval Request Robotics

MOTION: Ann Lane made the following motion, seconded by Cindy Chagnon, that the State Board of Education approves the conditional approval response for Ed 1410 Robotics Education Grant Fund.

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

AGENDA ITEM VII. REPORT AND NEW DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

A. Nominations for Professional Standards State Board

Category I – Teachers and Education Specialists

1. Re-appoint Anne Wallace – 2nd three-year term (2017-2020): Math Teacher & Coach, Hampstead Middle School, Hampstead, NH
2. Appoint Janine Casavant – 1st three-year term (2017-2020): Social Studies Teacher, Merrimack Valley High School, Penacook, NH
3. Appoint Christine Oskar-Poisson – 1st three-year term (2017-2020): English Teacher, Bedford High School, Bedford, NH
4. Appoint Jack Grube – 1st three-year term (2017-2020): Retired CTE Director, Pinkerton Academy, Londonderry, NH

Category II – Higher Education and Education Administration

5. Appoint Christie Sweeney – 1st three-year term (2017-2020): Associate Professor in Educational Leadership, Plymouth State University, Plymouth, NH
6. Appoint George Harne – 1st three-year term (2017-2020): President, Northeast Catholic College, Warner, NH

Category III – Qualified Lay Person *

7. Appoint Kenneth Gorrell – 1st three-year term (2017-2020): Owner, Fibrenew Lakes Region, Northfield, NH

* 1 vacancy for qualified lay person to be filled at a later date.

MOTION: Helen Honorow made the following motion, seconded by Ann Lane, that the State Board of Education approves the nominations to the Professional Standards Board.

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

B. Charter School Renewal Reports

1. CSI Charter School, Penacook, NH
2. MC2 Charter School, Manchester, NH
3. Mill Falls Charter School, Manchester, NH
4. Polaris Charter School, Manchester, NH
5. Robert Frost Charter School, Manchester, NH
6. The Birches Academy, Salem, NH

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the following motion, seconded by Ann Lane, that the State Board of Education approves the renewals of the CSI Charter School, MC2 Charter School, Mill Falls Charter School, Polaris Charter School, Robert Frost Charter School, and the Birches Academy.

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

Commissioner Edelblut provided the State Board with an update on the Northwood busing situation and the proactive steps the Department is taking to provide assistance.

Commissioner Edelblut spoke of Scott Mantie's resignation from the Department and his plan to nominate Caitlin Davis to replace him as Director, Division of Program Support. Members of the Board agreed that Caitlin was a good choice.

AGENDA ITEM VIII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

AGENDA ITEM IX. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Meeting Minutes July 13, 2017
- B. Commissioner's Nonpublic School Approval Designation
- C. Haverhill Cooperative and Benton Districts Tuition Agreement

MOTION: Helen Honorow made the following motion, seconded by Cindy Chagnon, that the State Board of Education approves Consent Agenda Items A, B, and C.

VOTE: The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the State Board with 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 4:00 p.m.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Kate Cassady to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

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



Secretary