

New Hampshire
State Board of Education
Department of Education
Londergan Hall, Room 100F
101 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301

Minutes of the Wednesday, August 8, 2018 Meeting

AGENDA ITEM I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the State Board of Education was convened at 9:42 a.m. at the State Department of Education, Londergan Hall, Room 100F, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, New Hampshire. Drew Cline presided as Chairman.

Members present: Drew Cline, Chairman, Sally Griffin, Helen Honorow, Ann Lane, and Phil Nazzaro. Frank Edelblut, Commissioner of Education and Christine Brennan, Deputy Commissioner were also present. Kate Cassady and Cindy Chagnon were not able to attend due to other commitments.

AGENDA ITEM II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sally Griffin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

AGENDA ITEM IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Cline noted the change in the agenda structure designed to streamline the meetings.

A. Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2018

Ms. Honorow noted an error in Agenda Item VI, A Legislative Issues, regarding the inaccuracy of the Public Comment statement made by Ms. Laurie Gilbert of Nashua. Ms. Adams will make the correction to the minutes.

MOTION: Ann Lane made the following motion, seconded by Phil Nazzaro that the State Board of Education approve the Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2018 as amended.

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

B. Commissioner's Non-Public School Approval Designation Report

MOTION: Ann Lane made the following motion, seconded by Sally Griffin that the State Board of Education table this item until Commissioner Edelblut is present.

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

Jane Levesque from the NHDOE Nonpublic School Approval Office joined the meeting. Ann Lane inquired about the evaluation process and asked if there were any concerns. Ms. Levesque provided the Board with an overview of the application and approval process, which she explained is quite rigorous and includes site visits by the Department. She further explained that because these are new schools their approval only extends for one year.

MOTION: Phil Nazzaro made the following motion, seconded by Sally Griffin that the State Board of Education remove the Commissioner's Non-public School Approval Designation Report from the Tabled Items.

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

MOTION: Phil Nazzaro made the following motion, seconded by Sally Griffin that the State Board of Education approve the Commissioner's Non-Public School Approval Designation Report.

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

AGENDA ITEM VII. REPORTS, NEW BUSINESS, and/or DEPARTMENT UPDATE

A. Extension Request for the Approval of Plymouth State University's Educator Preparation programs (REMOVED FROM TABLE)

Chairman Cline explained this is only a request to extend the current approval.

Mary Earick, Director of the Holmes Center for School Partnerships and Educator Preparation introduced herself and Plymouth State University (PSU) President Don Birx. Richard Sala, Department of Education Attorney, explained the process by which the Board has authority to grant an extension. The Council for Teacher Education (CTE) report needed by the Board to render a longer-term

extension has not yet been received and an extension is being requested while the process continues. The length of the requested extension is until the end of the 2018-2019 academic year in order to make sure students are not impacted by the delay in the CTE report to the Board.

Ms. Honorow asked where the PSU Educator Preparation programs were in the accreditation process and was told that the national accreditation visits were complete and that the State review is in draft form and scheduled for review at the CTE meeting scheduled for September 20, 2018.

MOTION: Phil Nazzaro made the following motion, seconded by Sally Griffin that the State Board of Education approve the Extension Request for the Approval of Plymouth State University's Professional Educator Preparation Programs until May 31, 2019.

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

AGENDA ITEM V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Heartwood Public Charter School Charter Application

Ms. Courtney Bashaw, Educational Consultant, introduced herself and the five members of the founding board. A slide presentation was provided outlining the concept of place-based education as well as the mission, educational goals, values, and benefits of this type of learning that allows for differentiated instruction with individualized learning plans for each student. Plans for growth and sustainability utilizing community partnerships and educational campaigns were also reviewed and it is felt that once a core population of students is developed, meeting enrollment goals should not be a problem. Physical sustainability is planned through low administrative and instructional expenses, a small teacher base, and a low operations and facilities budget.

After a lengthy question and answer discussion Chairman Cline stated he thought the charter wasn't quite ready for approval, noting concerns regarding financing, sustainability, written policy for slots for children of staff, standardized tests at the end of the year, and the need for more information regarding assessments and measurements for benchmarks. It was also noted that clarification needs to be included in the application regarding who is responsible for Special Education Individual Education Plans (IEPs) at the school. The Board also recommended that at least one charter school board member should have experience in fundraising, finance, and/or a business management background. It was suggested that this agenda item be tabled until the October meeting, allowing Heartwood time to prepare detailed information regarding the Board's concerns.

The October meeting is will be held at the White Mountain Regional School and Ms. Adams will coordinate scheduling and materials.

MOTION: Phil Nazzaro made the following motion, seconded by Helen Honorow that the State Board of Education table this item until the October Meeting.

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

AGENDA ITEM VI. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES/RULES

A. Adopt – Special Education Aid (Ed 1128)

Diana Fenton, Attorney for the Department, introduced Bridget Brown and explained that these rules have been before the Board before. The rules have also been before the Office of Legislative Services (OLS) and the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR) and their concerns have been addressed.

MOTION: Ann Lane made the following motion, seconded by Phil Nazzaro that the State Board of Education adopt Ed 1128, Special Education Aid.

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

B. Adopt – Non-public School Approval (Ed 403.03; Ed 405.01; Ed 407.01)

Attorney Fenton noted that this is the Final Proposal for the State Board. The changes were minor and made to be compliant with Senate Bill (SB) 433 which became effective yesterday.

There was missing documentation for this agenda item in the Board's meeting material packets and a motion was made to table until the Board had time to review the missing documentation.

MOTION: Phil Nazzaro made the following motion, seconded by Helen Honorow that the State Board of Education table the Adoption of Non-public School Approval Ed 403.03; Ed 405.01; and Ed 407.01.

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

C. Adopt – Basic Academic Skills (Ed 513.01) Amendment to Existing Rules in Response to HB 1498

Ms. Amanda Phelps noted that this rule was approved by the JLCAR with no issues or edits.

Sally Griffin commented that the passing score requirement seems low at 50%. Ms. Phelps explained that this approval concerns changes to Section 8 and the passing score requirement cannot be addressed at this time. Chairman Cline reviewed the process for proposing changes in the rules. He noted that the Board can include review of this rule in its annual charge to the Professional Standards Board (PSB).

MOTION: Ann Lane made the following motion, seconded by Phil Nazzaro that the State Board of Education adopt the Ed 513.01 Basic Academic Skills Amendment.

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

D. Adopt – Mathematics Teacher; General Requirements (Ed 507.26); Middle Level (Ed 507.27); Upper Level (Ed 612.17) and Mathematics – Middle Level (612.17) and Mathematics - Upper Level (Ed 612.18)

Ms. Phelps noted there were no issues except for a couple of editorial comments by attorneys and this is now ready for adoption.

MOTION: Ann Lane made the following motion, seconded by Phil Nazzaro that the State Board of Education adopt Mathematics Teacher; General Requirements Ed 507.26; Middle Level Ed 507.27; Upper Level Ed 612.17; Mathematics Middle Level Ed 612.17 and Mathematics Upper Level Ed 612.18.

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

AGENDA ITEM VII. REPORTS, NEW BUSINESS, and/or DEPARTMENT UPDATE

B. Update on Social Studies Standards

Ms. Ashley Frame, NHDOE, Division of Learner Support, Education Consultant introduced herself and reported a 25-member team was put together in March 2018 to begin work on the Social Studies Standards. A [webpage](#) has

been created for posting information, activities, and updates. The process involves the development of templates, examination and revision of existing standards including curriculum frameworks. Five subcommittees have been created by subject areas and include economics, civics and government, U.S. history, geography, and world history. A final draft will be prepared for presentation to the Board and that will be followed by a Public Comment period and listening tours.

Ms. Honorow inquired as to how the resources were selected and Ms. Frame explained that the Massachusetts Standards were selected because they are considered a high performing state and geographically close to better facilitate collaboration. The Engage New York Standards were chosen by the committee members because they have resources teachers and student instructors can use to supplement their work. The College, Career, and Civic Life (C3) Framework for Social Studies State Standards are as close as social studies has to national standards.

Ms. Honorow stated the importance of keeping the Board in the feedback loop throughout the process in order for the Board to participate and benefit from comments and information received and noted that the Social Studies Teachers associations and other constituents should also be included in this process.

Chairman Cline stated he attended one of the meetings and was encouraged that the group was utilizing the Massachusetts and New York frameworks to create standards that will be unique to New Hampshire and not just a copy from somewhere else. He added this is a review of the standards as opposed to curriculum. The Board authorized the process last year with the directive to begin the review process for the social studies standards. The standards are indefinite but the rule of thumb is that they should be looked at every decade and these are due for update.

C. New Hampshire Academic Standards for Computer Science

David Benedetto, Department of Education, State Director of STEM and Computer Science reported this is his last Board meeting as a NHDOE employee as he is leaving to pursue his doctorate. He introduced Mr. Nate Green, Science and STEM Consultant for the Department.

The field of computer science is growing rapidly and educators and the public realize how critical these standards are to creating opportunities for our students and State. Mr. Green will continue the work with the program standards. It was noted that the University of New Hampshire (UNH) - Manchester, has received grants from the National Science Foundation and computer science professional development has been offered to over 50 educators whose programs involve over 200 students. UNH and Code.org have begun a partnership and last month the organization paid for 60 New Hampshire

educators to fly to Phoenix, AZ to attend a computer science education conference. The educators that attended will now offer free professional development throughout the State paid for by Code.org and coordinated by UNH. White Mountain Science, Inc. and North Country Education Services received a \$200,000 grant to do computer science professional development in the North Country. The Title IV-A grant program allocations have been released, which is about a \$5 million grant program that can be used for many things including the support of computer science education and other uses of technology in the classroom.

An early draft of the Ed 306 rules has been created and we are looking at draft rules for minimum program standards in order to be compliant with HB 1674. HB 1674 added computer science to the definition of adequate public education, and along with the Ed 306 rules, the Department plans to develop a timeline for district implementation. We plan to connect this computer science work with other work in science and update some of our other technology and engineering policies. Getting computer science in place is important and Mr. Benedetto thanked the Board for their continued support. A summary of outreach efforts conducted has been provided.

Ms. Lane expressed her concerns about communities that don't have resources and asked about follow-up support. Mr. Benedetto explained that discussions are still ongoing and the challenges have been acknowledged. There are plans to continue the work with partnerships and communities to provide professional development by leveraging available resources and finding new resources. Mr. Green will be presenting a Coordinators Workshop in September and work on effective district planning so schools can successfully implement these programs.

Mr. Green noted that he is working with another group to obtain federal funds to conduct a landmark study of all rural areas in New Hampshire and of State computer science technology. This will allow for the collection of more data on the lesser populated areas of New Hampshire. In response to Chairman Cline's question about next steps, Mr. Green stated the standards would be recognized and will be more binding when the Board adopts the revised Ed 306 rules.

MOTION: Ann Lane made the following motion, seconded by Phil Nazzaro that the State Board of Education adopt Academic Standards for Computer Science on the basis of legislative action, demonstrated need and the ability of the New Hampshire Department of Education and New Hampshire Schools to effectively implement computer science programs within an appropriate timeframe.

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

Chairman Cline thanked Mr. Benedetto for all his hard work wished him good luck.

D. Overview of Rulemaking (REMOVE from TABLE)

Ms. Amanda Phelps from the Department's Office of Policy began with a general overview of the rulemaking process and then provided detailed information on the Board of Education's role in the various steps of the process. An example of an initial draft proposal was followed through OLS, fiscal impact statement, rulemaking register, public comment, additional revisions and edits, final proposals, and a final review and approval by JLCAR before final Board adoption. There are statutory timelines and expiration dates and instances where conditional approvals and extensions are allowed.

There have been issues in the past where rules were close to expiration and the process had to be pushed through quickly. Ms. Phelps is working on providing the Professional Standards Board (PSB) a list of rules at least two years prior to their expiration and provide monthly updates on the status of each rule in the process. She and Chairman Cline have discussed proposing changes to the Professional Standards Board Policy and Procedures to include a detailed procedure manual and a procedure for broader stakeholder engagement.

Ms. Honorow stated she would like to have a better understanding of the process pertaining to new rules. Chairman Cline explained that the process wasn't much different and emphasized the need to have plenty of notice upfront for all stakeholders to be aware of the opportunity to provide input and feedback.

Ms. Honorow asked for a draft of the timelines and methods and also requested that in the future when a rule is on the agenda someone from PSB be present to provide background information.

E. Nominations for Professional Standards Board.

Category I – Teachers and Education Specialists*

1. Reappoint – Joanne Goelzer – 2nd Three-year term (2018-2010)
Science Educator at Coe Brown-Northwood Academy, Northwood NH
2. Reappoint – David Webster – 2nd three-year term (2018-2021)
Science Educator and Department Chair at Linwood High School, Lincoln, NH

Category II – Higher Education and Education Administration

3. Reappoint – Cynthia Lucero – 2nd three-year term (2018-2021)
Professor of Education/Clinical Coordinator at NH Technical Institute, Concord, NH
4. Reappoint – Page Tompkins – 2nd three-year term (2018-2021):
Executive Director and Faculty Member, Upper Valley Educators Institute, Lebanon, NH
5. VACANCY (2018-2021) – six applicants:
 - 1) Gale Adams-Davis, Principal, Waterville Valley Elementary School, Valley, NH
 - 2) Marion Anastasia, Superintendent at SAU #36, Whitefield, NH
 - 3) Pam Harland, Educational Leadership Faculty, Plymouth State University, Plymouth, NH
 - 4) Julie Heon, District Curriculum Coordinator for SAU #63, Lyndeborough, NH
 - 5) Beth McClure, Principal at Strong Foundations Public Charter School, Pembroke, NH
 - 6) Daniel Tanguay, Associate Dean of Faculty & Programs for Education at NH University, Manchester, MN

Category III – Qualified Lay Person

6. VACANCY – No applicants

*Currently no vacancies, only Higher Ed/Edu Admin reappointments. One application received was from Lois-Jean Stevens, Director of Special Services at Prospect Mt. High School, Alton, NH.

Ms. Phelps explained that these are nominations for Professional Standards Board. There are two recommended reappointments in Category I, Teachers and Education Specialists, and they are applying for their second three-year term. Category II, Higher Education and Education Administration has two possible vacancies but two current members reapplied for a second term. These two members are actively involved in committees for rules that are going to be coming before the Board. The PSB recommends they be reappointed for a second term because they are actively involved at this time and are chairs of their respective committees. There are six applicants for the remaining vacancy in that category and no applicants for the vacancy in the Qualified Lay Person category.

Ms. Honorow asked if there were specific recommendations from the PSB and Ms. Phelps stated the PSB highly recommends the Category II reappointments because they are both chairing committees.

Mr. Nazzaro and Ms. Griffin noted this was challenging without more specific recommendations from PSB. Ms. Phelps noted there are no procedures for the process of choosing applicants or verifying applications. She offered to return to PSB and request recommendations. Ms. Honorow requested that attendance reports be included in the future. Chairman Cline provided options

to the Board of calling for more applications, approving the two recommendations and tabling the remainder.

MOTION: Phil Nazzaro made the following motion, seconded by Helen Honorow that the State Board of Education reappoint Category II Cynthia Lucero and Page Tompkins to their second three-year term with the PSB that starts in September.

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

MOTION: Phil Nazzaro made the following motion, seconded by Helen Honorow that the State Board of Education table Category I and Category II, 5 Vacancies and have Helen Honorow and Phil Nazzaro contact two of the four applicants each and their references (Gale Adams-Davis, Marion Anastasia, Julie Heon, and Beth McClure); and have Ms. Phelps send letters to Pam Harland and Daniel Tanguay thanking them for their interest; and request from the PSB attendance and participation reports for each member.

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

AGENDA ITEM VIII. OPEN BOARD DISCUSSIONS

A. Agenda Items for the Wednesday, September 26, 2018 Retreat

Chairman Cline reported that Ms. Griffin has provided a list for discussion topics and requested other Board members submit their lists. After the lists are consolidated Ms. Adams will provide a draft agenda.

The Board was reminded that the retreat is an official meeting and should be posted on the website.

Ms. Honorow commented that the nursing rule recently approved by JLCAR should end all questions with respect to what to do if people are applying for school nurse positions, and stated that she would like to go into nonpublic session.

Chairman Cline made an official expression that the Board affirms the support of the rule passed by the Board and approved by JLCAR.

AGENDA ITEM IX. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

AGENDA ITEM X. TABLED ITEMS**A. Extension Request for the Approval of Plymouth State University's Educator Preparation programs (REMOVE FROM TABLE)**

MOTION: Phil Nazzaro made the following motion, seconded by Helen Honorow that the State Board of Education remove this item from the Tabled Items.

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

B. Overview of the Rule Making Process (REMOVE FROM TABLE)

MOTION: Phil Nazzaro made the following motion, seconded by Helen Honorow that the State Board of Education remove this item from the Tabled Items.

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

AGENDA ITEM XI. NONPUBLIC SESSION

MOTION: Helen Honorow made the following motion, seconded by Phil Nazzaro, that the State Board of Education enter into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3, II(a).

VOTE: The motion was approved by roll call vote by State Board of Education members, Drew Cline, Sally Griffin, Helen Honorow, Ann Lane, and Phil Nazzaro.

MOTION: Ann Lane made the following motion, seconded by Phil Nazzaro that the State Board of Education return to public session.

VOTE: The motion was approved by roll call vote by State Board of Education members, Drew Cline, Sally Griffin, Helen Honorow, Ann Lane, and Phil Nazzaro.

MOTION: Phil Nazzaro made the following motion, seconded by Sally Griffin that the State Board of Education seal the minutes of the nonpublic session.

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

AGENDA ITEM XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 PM

MOTION: Ann Lane made the following motion, seconded by Phil Nazzaro that the State Board of Education adjourn.

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



Secretary