

## **VSBPE**

**Date: Aug. 11, 2022**

**Item: UVEI ROPA Review Team**

**ITEM:** Shall the VSBPE approve the proposed team for the ROPA review of Upper Valley Education Institute's Principal and Director of Curriculum programs on Nov. 9-10?

### **AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**That the VSBPE approve the proposed team for the ROPA review of Upper Valley Education Institute's Principal and Director of Curriculum programs on Nov. 9-10.**

### **BACKGROUND:**

UVEI had their last ROPA review for their Principal and Director of Curriculum programs in 2015 and are due for their regularly scheduled review of those two programs. Proposed review team members are:

**Dr. Ric Reardon** is the Director of Education and licensure officer at Castleton University, which has an approved program in educational leadership leading to a recommendation for the Principal endorsement. Ric recently served as the chair of the Program Approval Committee of the VSBPE, and has served on prior ROPA review teams. He is a former special education teacher, district inclusion coordinator, special education administrator, and university professor. His Ph.D. is in Special Education Policy and Practice from the University of Central Florida.

**John Barone** is the new Assistant Superintendent of Schools for the Orange East Supervisory Union, and prior to starting in that role, he has served as Dean of Students/Assistant Principal, Principal, Director of Curriculum, Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent in various districts in Vermont. John is a licensed Principal, Director of Curriculum, and Superintendent, and also has been an adjunct instructor in the Graduate Education Program at St. Michael's College. He has previously served as a Peer Review panelist and was recommended by the previous Peer Review coordinator to serve as a ROPA review team member.

**Yeshua Pastina** is the principal at Highgate Elementary School, and also holds educator licenses in Social Studies, Educational Technology Specialist, and Middle Grades Social Studies and English Language Arts. He earned his B.A. in Secondary Education from St.

Michael's College and his M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction from Southern New Hampshire University. Yeshua has previously served as a Peer Review panelist and was recommended by the previous Peer Review coordinator to serve as a ROPA review team member.

**Ellen Emery**, Director of the Teacher Apprenticeship Program, will represent the VSBPE.

**Ellen Cairns**, ROPA Coordinator, will represent the AOE.