

Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators

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Draft Meeting Minutes

Meeting Place: Virtual Meeting | Microsoft Teams | Call-in # 802-828-7667 | Conference ID
897 398 28 | Date: July 9, 2024

Members Present: Amy Flannery, Amy Minor, Amy Pickering, Jennifer Clement, Christine Kurucz, Katie Revelle, Bill Clark, Bernadette Cleland, Bill Lucci, Ellen Emery

Members Absent: Kate Fay, Amanda Garces, Brenda Seitz

Staff Present: Ron Ryan, Andrew Prowten, Katie Gagliardo, Michelle Farrington, Ryan McCormick, Jessica Monahan

Others:

Juliette Longchamp
Gideon Cavallo

Approval of Agenda:

A. Minor called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.
B. Clark moved to approve the 07/09/24 agenda.
Seconded by A. Flannery.
The motion was approved.

Approval of Minutes:

B. Clark moved to approve the minutes from 05/14/2024.
Seconded by J. Clement.
The motion was approved

Public to be heard:

None.

Staff Report

In lieu of the Staff Report, R. Ryan informed the Board that there were eight internal waivers that the office is working on – these are per the multiple measure policy that the

Board has adopted.

Waiver Requests

Superintendent Request: Sarah McDonald

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for S. McDonald.
Seconded by A. Flannery.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Sarah MacDonalD's Special Education K - Age 21 Provisional for one additional year limited to Mt. Abraham Unified School District.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Kimberly Boyle Hall

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for K. Boyle Hall.
Seconded by A. Flannery.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Kimberly Boyle Hall's Speech Language Pathologist Age 3 - Age 21 Provisional for one additional year limited to Harwood Unified Union School District.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Suzanne Podhaizer

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for S. Podhaizer.
Seconded by K. Revelle.

A Roll Call vote was taken:

Yes: A. Minor, B. Cleland, B. Clark, C. Kurucz, E. Emery, J. Clement, K. Revelle, A. Pickering, W. Lucci

No: None

Abstain: A. Flannery

Absent: A. Garces, K. Fay, B. Seitz

9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain, 3 Absent: Motion Passed.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to allow Suzanne Podhaizer's to have another emergency license for the 2024-2025 school year based on the information presented limited to Caledonia Central School District. The Board also wants to be clear that their expectation is that she completes all the requirements for the Family and Consumer Sciences this year.

The Board will not entertain another waiver request.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Julie Sippel-Silowash

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for J. Sippel-Silowash.
Seconded by C. Kurucz.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Julie Sippel-Silowash's Special Education Provisional Waiver K-Age 21 for a second one additional year limited to Central Vermont Supervisory Union. This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Jessica Rose Foster

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Jessica Rose Foster's Special Education Provisional Waiver K-8 for a second one additional year limited to Central Vermont Supervisory Union.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Paul Smith

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for P. Smith.
Seconded by C. Kurucz.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved your waiver request to extend Paul Smith's Special Education 7 - Age 21 Provisional waiver for one additional year limited to Central Vermont Supervisory Union.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Cara Collette

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, took no action on the waiver request for C. Collette, as she received her recommendation for licensure via her Peer Review application.

Superintendent Request: Jennifer Burns

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for J. Burns.
Seconded by E. Emery.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Jennifer Burn's

Special Education K- Age 21 Provisional for one additional year limited to Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Adrea Parent

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for J. Burns.
Seconded by C. Kurucz.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Adrea Parent's Special Education K - Age 21 Provisional waiver for one additional year, limited to Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Bobbi Jo Capone

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for B. Capone.
Seconded by A. Flannery.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Bobbi Jo Capone's Special Education K - Age 21 Provisional waiver for one additional year, limited to Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Fenna Miller

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, took no action on the waiver request for F. Miller, as she received her recommendation for licensure via her Peer Review application.

Superintendent Request: Julia Anderson

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for J. Anderson.
Seconded by C. Kurucz.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Julia Anderson's Special Education K- Age 21 Provisional for one additional year limited to Hartford School District.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Carolyn McCullough

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for C. McCullough.
Seconded by C. Kurucz.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Carolyn McCullough's Special Education K - Age 21 Provisional for one additional year limited to Rutland City Public Schools. The Board wanted to be clear that Carolyn needs to get her initial licensure during this time frame because they would not hear another waiver regarding this.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Gustave Koennicke

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for G. Koennicke.
Seconded by A. Flannery.

A Roll Call vote was taken:

Yes: B. Cleland, B. Clark, C. Kurucz, J. Clement, K. Revelle, A. Flannery, W. Lucci

No: A. Minor, E. Emery

Abstain: A. Pickering

Absent: A. Garces, K. Fay, B. Seitz

7 Yes, 2 No, 1 Abstain, 3 Absent: Motion Passed.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Gustave Koennicke's Math 7-12 Provisional for a second one additional year, limited to North Country Supervisory Union. The Board wants to be clear that it is requiring that Gustave complete all requirements necessary to be licensed by 12/31/2024 and report back to the board by that date. If requirements are not met by then, the Provisional will expire.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Kaylee Flaherty

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for K. Flaherty.
Seconded by E. Emery.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Kaylee Flaherty's Special Education K- 8 Provisional waiver for one additional year limited to Rutland City Public Schools.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Jamie Nichols

E. Emery made a motion to approve the waiver request for J. Nichols.
Seconded by B. Clark.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Jamie Nichol's Special Education K - 8 Provisional waiver for one additional year limited to Rutland City Public Schools.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Kyle Gerrish

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for K. Gerrish.
Seconded by C. Kurucz.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Kyle Gerrish's Special Education K - 8 Provisional waiver for one additional year, limited to Barre Unified Union School District.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Julie-Marie Bristol

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for J. Bristol.
Seconded by C. Kurucz.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Julie Marie Bristol's Special Education K - 8 Provisional for one additional year, limited to Orange Southwest School District.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Gideon Cavallo

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for G. Cavallo.
Seconded by J. Clement.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Gideon Cavallo's Physical Education PK-12 Provisional for a second one additional year, limited to Windham Central Supervisory Union.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Sarah Wentworth

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for S. Wentworth.
Seconded by J. Clement.

A Roll Call vote was taken:

Yes: A. Minor, B. Cleland, B. Clark, C. Kurucz, E. Emery, J. Clement, K. Revelle, A. Pickering,
W. Lucci

No: E. Emery

Abstain: A. Flannery

Absent: A. Garces, K. Fay, B. Seitz

9 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstain, 3 Absent: Motion Passed.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Sarah Wentworth's Early Childhood Special Education Birth - Age 6 Provisional for one additional year, limited to Caledonia Central School District.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Jessica Brochu

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for J. Brochu.
Seconded by C. Kurucz.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Jessica Brochu's Special Education Provisional Waiver K - 8 for a second one additional year, limited to Caledonia Central School District.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Lisa Whitman

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for L. Whitman.
Seconded by J. Clement.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Lisa Whitman's Art PK - 8 Provisional for a second one additional year, limited to Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Don Dunchus

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for D. Dunchus.
Seconded by A. Flannery.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Don Dunchus's Special Education K - Age 21 Provisional waiver for a second one additional year, limited to Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Jennifer Simpson

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for J. Simpson.
Seconded by C. Kurucz.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved your waiver request to extend Jennifer Simpson's Special Education Provisional waver K-Age 21 for one additional year, limited to Orleans Central Supervisory Union.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Rose Daigle

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, took no action on the waiver request for R. Daigle, as she obtained her license and no longer needs an extension.

Superintendent Request: Dawn Powers

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for D. Powers.
Seconded by C. Kurucz.

A Roll Call vote was taken:

Yes: A. Flannery, B. Cleland, B. Clark, C. Kurucz, J. Clement, K. Revelle, W. Lucci

No: A. Minor, E. Emery

Abstain: A. Pickering

Absent: A. Garces, K. Fay, B. Seitz

7 Yes, 2 No, 1 Abstain, 3 Absent: Motion Passed.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Dawn Power's School Counselor PK - 12 Provisional for a second one additional year, limited to North Country Supervisory Union. The Board expects that Dawn will complete her requirements during this time period. The Board will not hear another waiver regarding this.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Jennifer Osborne

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for J. Osborne.
Seconded by A. Flannery.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to allow Jennifer Osborne to attain an Emergency license without a BA degree. The Board expects the district will support her for the student teaching component she still needs to complete.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Alaina Boulet

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for A. Boulet.
Seconded by A. Flannery.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to allow Alaina Boulet to attain an emergency license without a BA degree, limited to Maple Run Unified School District.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Elliot Stafford

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, put on hold the waiver request to extend Elliot Stafford's Special Education Provisional waiver K-8 for one additional year, limited to Kingdom East School District. The Board suggests that he provide accurate information regarding his licensure status. He said he is enrolled in Peer Review and working on his portfolio but that is not the case. The Board's recommendation is that the waiver be resubmitted with more information for the August 13 meeting.

Superintendent Request: Natalia Kilic

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for N. Kilic.
Seconded by A. Flannery.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Natalia Kilic's Elementary Education K - 6 Provisional for a second one additional year, limited to Kingdom East School District. She will need to get licensed during this time frame. The Board will not hear another waiver request for any further extensions.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Colleen Levins

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for C. Levins.
Seconded by A. Flannery.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, put on hold the waiver request to extend Colleen Levin's Elementary Education Provisional K-6 for one additional year limited to Mill River Unified Union School District. The Board suggests that she provide an accurate/specific plan regarding her licensure status path. The Board's recommendation is that the waiver be resubmitted with more information for the August 13 meeting.

Superintendent Request: Cynthia Houghton

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for C. Houghton.
Seconded by J. Clement.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Cynthia Houghton's Special Education Provisional waiver K-8 for one additional year, limited to Orange East Supervisory Union.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Courtney Musty

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for C. Musty.
Seconded by J. Clement.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Courtney Musty's Special Education K - Age 21 Provisional waiver for a second one additional year, limited to Orange East Supervisory Union.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Lisa Gingue

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for L. Gingue.
Seconded by A. Flannery.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Lisa Gingue's Special Education K-8 Provisional waiver for a second one additional year, limited to Kingdom East School District.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Fredrik Van Der Linde

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for F. Van Der Linde.
Seconded by J. Clement.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Fredrik Van Der Linde's Middle School Social Studies 5 - 9 Provisional for a second one additional year, limited to Kingdom East School District.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Lindsey McSweeney

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for L. McSweeney.
Seconded by J. Clement.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Lindsey McSweeney's Early Childhood Special Education Provisional waiver Birth - Age 6 for one additional year, limited to Maple Run Unified School District.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Tracy Bicking

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for T. Bicking.
Seconded by A. Flannery.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved your waiver request to extend Tracy Bicking's Special Education Provisional K-8 for one additional year, limited to Southwest VT Supervisory Union.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Andrea Stevens

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for A. Stevens.
Seconded by J. Clement.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Andrea Steven's Special Education Provisional K - Age 21 for one additional year, limited to Southwest VT Supervisory Union.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Brittany Huber

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for B. Huber.
Seconded by A. Flannery.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Brittany Huber's

Special Education Provisional K-Age 21 for one additional year, limited to Essex Westford School District.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Alexandra Kennedy

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for A. Kennedy.
Seconded by A. Flannery.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Alexandra Kennedy's Middle Grades Science 5 - 9 Provisional for one additional year, limited to Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Jaimie Scanlon

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for J. Scanlon.
Seconded by A. Flannery.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved your waiver request to extend Jaimie Scanlon's expired Elementary Education Provisional K-6 for one additional year, limited to Windham Southeast Supervisory Union.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Meeting Schedule for '24-25

The second draft of the VSBPE meeting schedule for 2024-2025 was presented to the Board. Dates have been changed for August and November to allow for more members to attend.

A. Minor made a motion to adjourn.
Seconded by B. Clark.
The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Katie Gagliardo.