Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators

*VSBPE: Ensuring a Caring, Competent, Highly Effective Educator in*

*Every Vermont Classroom to Improve Student Learning*

Draft Meeting Minutes

# Meeting Place: Virtual Meeting | Microsoft Teams | 1 National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT

# Date: April 19, 2022

# Members Present:

Amy Minor, Brenda Seitz, Bill Clark, Ric Reardon, Jennifer Clement, Christine Kurucz, Ellen Emery, Amy Flannery

# Members Absent:

Christie Martin, Amanda Garces, Bernadette Cleland, Shelby Quinn

# Staff Present:

Patrick Halladay, Ron Ryan, Andrew Prowten, Deb Giles, Amy Scalabrini, Ellen Cairns, Cathy Wilkins , Ryan McCormick

# Members of the Public:

David McGough, Claudine Bedell, Bethany Turnbaugh

# Call to Order:

A. Minor called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

# Approval of Agenda:

B. Clark moved to approve the agenda.

Seconded by J. Clement.

Motion approved.

# Approval of Minutes:

C. Kurucz moved to approve the minutes of 3/9/22.

Seconded by A. Flannery.

Motion approved.

# Public to be heard:

N/A

# Correspondence and announcements:

N/A

# Board Member Updates:

B. Clark updated the Board on the work of the Act 28 Literacy Committee. There is an ongoing instructional program with Dr. Nel Duke aiming to create cnsistentcy and cogenrence in literacy instruction. The report shows statewide literacy plan awareness is low. There is a need educator professional development to implement the blueprint.

R. Reardon updated the Board on the VT State University merger. Currently, three teams have been meeting to look at the big picture of student experience, academic operations, and workforce development.

# Staff Report:

P. Halladay updated the Board on a new credential evaluation service who contacted the AOE to be added to the list of approved evaluators. Member of NACE.

VT NEA came forward with a proposal to Senate Education Committee for significant supports for folks enrolled in Peer Review.

C. Wilkins gave the Board an update on New York reciprocity applications. New York signed the NASDTEC interstate agreement on March 11, 2022.

# Proposed Rule Changes:

B. Clark moved to accept the proposed rule changes as written.

Seconded by R. Reardon.

Motion approved.

The Board broke for a ten-minute recess.

# Anti-bias Standards Update:

A. Prowten and P. Halladay updated the Board on anti-bias standards work being done through collaboration with the Learning Policy Institute and the Teacher Licensure Collaborative. Science based and data driven research of adverse effects and academic results of children who have been affected by poverty, racism, etc. are informing future revisions of

InTasc Standards that will be weaved into the Core Teaching Standards.

# Paraeducator Standards Update:

The Board discussed Paraeducator credentialing options presented by A. Prowten. One of the goals for developing a credential is to create a pathway towards Level I licensure which may address teacher shortage issues in the long term. The Office is seeking guidance from the Board on gaining approval from the Legislature.

# Committee Reports and Motions

# **Licensing Committee, J. Clement, Chair, Reporting**

R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE adopt the Praxis II Japanese: World Language (5661) with a passing score of 156.

Seconded by B. Seitz.

Motion approved.

R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE change the qualifying score for Praxis Core Math (5733) from 150 to 146.

Seconded by C. Kurucz.

Motion passed.

D. Giles and R. Ryan updated the Board on the 2022 renewal cycle. Letters of Eligibility are being issued for applicants who need a Criminal Record Check for temporary licenses. The licensing team will be offering upcoming Spring trainings for Superintendents and Human Resources personnel.

**Program Approval Committee, R. Reardon, Chair, Reporting**

B. Clark moved that the VSBPE grant approval to NVU to place some of their student teachers out of Vermont for their student teaching internship.

Seconded by A. Minor.

Motion approved.

David McGough and Claudine Bedell presented their EPIC annual reports for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 academic years.

# Educator Waiver Request: S. Gencarelle

The Board did not to take any action on this waiver request. The Office will follow up with the applicant.

# Educator Waiver Request: B. Turnbaugh

The Board did not take action on this waiver request. The Office will follow up with the applicant.

# Superintendent Waiver Request: A. Hayes

R. Reardon moved to approve the waiver request for an additional one-year provisional in Early Childhood Education for A. Hayes. Upon application, the license will be restricted to the Greater Rutland SU.

Seconded by A. Flannery.

Motion approved.

# Superintendent Waiver Request: D. Howe

R. Reardon moved to approve the waiver request to Rule 5355.2 Provisional Licenses and Endorsements for D. Howe.

D. Howe will be issued (following completion of the online application) a special educator provisional license expiring June 30, 2023, with the following restrictions/conditions:

* License Restricted to White River Valley Supervisory Union
* D. Howe will be provided weekly supervision from a licensed special educator.
* Weekly supervision includes meeting time with D. Howe and the licensed special educator/supervisor and direct observation of D. Howe in her role. Weekly meetings will include at least: review of student progress, feedback/intervention on observations made in providing instruction, and “lesson plan” implementation.
* D. Howe cannot made decisions regarding legal, curricular and assessment, and cannot develop IEPs. These activities must be done by a licensed special educator. However, as a member of the IEP team can provide collaborative problem-solving.

Seconded by B. Clark.

Motion approved.

# May Agenda Items

* New potential endorsement areas
* Waiver Requests
* Grow Your Own options
* UVM ELL ROPA Report
* SMC Consulting Teacher Teach Out
* Rule Changes
* ROPA Support Model for VT State University

R. Reardon motioned to adjourn.

Seconded by B. Seitz.

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 12:32pm.

Minutes recorded by Amy Scalabrini.