

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: February 9, 2023

Members Present:

Amy Minor, Brenda Seitz, Bill Clark, Jennifer Clement, Christine Kurucz, Bernadette Cleland, Kate Fay, Ellen Emery, Katie Revelle, Amanda Garces, Amy Flannery, William Lucci

Members Absent:

Shelby Quinn; Kate Fay

Staff Present:

Josh Souliere, Ron Ryan, Andrew Prowten, Deb Giles, Amy Scalabrini, Ellen Cairns, Cathy Wilkins, Wendy Scott, Ryan McCormick

Members of the Public:

Juliette Longchamp, Barbie Collette, James Nagle, Kathleen Brinegar, Jeffrey Higgins

Call to Order:

A. Minor called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Approval of Agenda:

B. Clark moved to approve the agenda.
Agenda approved by consensus.

Approval of Minutes:

B. Clark moved to approve the minutes from 1/10/2023.
Seconded by J. Clement.
Motion approved.

Public to be heard:

J. Longchamp

Correspondence and announcements:

J. Nagle and M. McEnerny sent letters to the VSBPE regarding Middle School licensure pathways.

Board Member Updates:

B. Clark shared the Literacy Committee is looking at statewide recommendations that will have the greatest impact on literacy.

Staff Report:

R. Ryan introduced J. Souliere as the Interim Division Director. A. Garces and A. Prowten discussed the progression of the Anti-Bias Standards.

Superintendent Waiver Request: M. Ackert

B. Clark moved to waive the Praxis II Elementary Education - Social Studies requirement for M. Ackert of the Slate Valley Unified Union School District, based on her additional work. This waiver is not precedent setting and based on the individual circumstances.

Seconded by B. Seitz.

Motion approved with one abstention.

Superintendent Waiver Request: E. Laxner

B. Clark moved to approve the waiver for E. Laxner to be eligible for one-year provisional license in Music for the 2022-2023 school year. The license shall be restricted to the Washington Central Supervisory Union.

Seconded by B. Cleland.

Motion approved with one opposition. (Lucci)

VLP Presentation:

E. Emery gave the Board an overview of the Vermont Licensure Portfolio.

ECE/ECSE Provisional Waiver Request:

A. Minor moved the VSBPE approve continuation of the VSBPE approved AOE ECE/ECSE Provisional License for Private Prekindergarten Programs Policy for the following years: Cohort 3 (2023-2025) and Cohort 4 (2024-2026).

Seconded by B. Seitz.

Motion approved.

The Board took a fifteen-minute recess.

Committee Reports and Motions

Licensing Committee

J. Clement move the Board waive Rule 54431 allowing applicants to apply for licensure with a Driver and Traffic Safety education endorsement with 17 credits vs 18 credits for one year. A review will be performed annually.

Seconded by B. Clark.

Motion approved.

B. Clark moved to approve the revisions in Policy F1: Foreign Credentials.

Seconded by J. Clement.

Motion approved.

B. Seitz moved to approve Policy G5: Experienced Educator Exemption.

Seconded by B. Clark.

Motion approved.

B. Clark moved to table Policy G6: Middle Grades Licensure.

B. Seitz seconded.

Motion approved.

B. Seitz moved to approve the L/RSB Plans of Operation with the correction of two minor typos.

Seconded by J. Clement.

Motion approved.

B. Seitz moved to accept Appendix A, Agreements of Support, as written .

Seconded by A. Flannery.

Motion approved.

B. Seitz moved to accept Appendix B, Board Procedures, as written.

Seconded by A. Minor.

Motion approved.

B. Seitz moved to approve the relicensure handbook.

Seconded by A. Flannery

Motion approved

Program Approval Committee

A. Minor moved to approve the ROPA reports for UVEI, St. Michael's College, and SPARK.

Seconded by J. Clement

Motion approved.

A. Minor moved to approve VTC's request for a delay of their ROPA review for one year.
Seconded by J. Clement.
Motion approved.

March Agenda Items

- Praxis II
- Anti-Bias Standards Update
- Endorsement Revision Updates
- Math Specialist Endorsement
- Policy G6: Middle Grades Licensure
- Goddard ROPA Review Team

Meeting adjourned at 12:33pm.

Minutes recorded by Amy Scalabrini.