

## 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: Norwich University, Kreitzberg Library**

**Address: 158 Harmon Drive, Northfield, VT, 05663**

**Date: March 12, 2020**

#### **Members Present:**

Erik Remmers, Jennifer Fribush, Thomas Young, Christine Latulippe, Cynthia Cole, Shelby Quinn, Bernadette Cleland, Ric Reardon, Jennifer Clement, Christine Kurucz, David Younce, Amy McMullen

#### **Members Absent:**

Erin Brady

#### **Staff Present:**

Patrick Halladay, Ron Ryan, Terry Reilly, Amy Scalabrini, Deb Giles, Ellen Cairns, Emily Simmons, Secretary Daniel French

#### **Members of the Public:**

Ellen Baker; Katie Shepherd

#### **Call to Order:**

E. Remmers called the meeting to order at 9:04am.

#### **Approval of Agenda:**

J. Fribush moved to approve the agenda with a change to add a second waiver request.

Seconded by C. Cole.

Motion approved.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

J. Fribush motion to approve the minutes from 1/16/2020.

Seconded by C. Latulippe.

Motion approved.

## **Board Member Announcements:**

N/A

## **Staff Report:**

P. Halladay gave an overview of the [Staff Report](#).

## **New Board Member Orientation:**

Agency of Education General Counsel, Emily Simmons gave a [presentation](#) explaining the Open Meeting Law and conflicts of interest.

## **Superintendent Waiver Request:**

J. Fribush moved that the VSBPE grant the waiver request for L. Wignall to have an additional 30 days of substituting for M. Wickens in Essex Westford School District provided that L. Wignall cannot make decisions regarding legal, curricular and assessment, and cannot develop IEPs. These activities must be done by a licensed special educator. Additionally, L. Wignall will receive weekly supervision including review of student progress, feedback/intervention on instruction, and lesson plan implementation.

Seconded by R. Reardon.

Motion approved.

## **Superintendent Waiver Request:**

E. Remmers recused himself.

A. McMullen moved that the waiver request for Ms. Naylor is approved for Cambridge Pre-K to serve as a substitute teacher until the end of the school year.

Seconded by S. Quinn.

T. Young amended the motion to include that the person supervising Ms. Naylor is identified.

Seconded by C. Cole.

Motion approved.

Break until 10:30am.

## **ETS Presentation**

Due to COVID-19, ETS has restricted their staff from all out of state travel. This presentation will be rescheduled for a later date.

### **Early Literacy Bill Update:**

Bill H. 668 has been re-written to include language regarding a potential grant for SU/SD's to provide different types of Professional Learning. All concerns from the old bill have disappeared.

### **Modern and Classical Language Video Presentation:**

T. Reilly shared a video from Yara Hanna, the only educator in Vermont currently holding an endorsement in Modern and Classical Languages with an Arabic sub endorsement. The video is posted on the [AOE Twitter](#) page and the Colchester School District [Facebook page](#). The Board has asked T. Reilly to express their thanks to the educator who shared the video.

Break for lunch at 12:00pm.

Reconvene at 12:45pm.

### **Secretary Daniel M. French:**

Secretary French spoke to the Board regarding Vermont's demographics and teacher pipeline.

Secretary French also updated the Board on State measures being taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

### **VSBE Action Regarding COVID-19**

R. Reardon moves that as PK-12 schools potentially move to online instruction due to closures on account of the coronavirus, teachers who do not have an Online Teaching Specialist endorsement shall be granted a waiver and be allowed to design and deliver on-line instruction until the end of the 2019-2020 academic year.

Seconded by C. Cole.

Motion approved.

C. Latulippe moves that the VSBE approve the Agency's recommendation to hold a student harmless when student teaching placements are cut short due to a school or an Education Preparation Program closing due to coronavirus when the student has completed at least half of the required student teaching placement, receives a written recommendation of their efficacy from the cooperating teacher and the Education Preparation Program student teaching coordinator. This does not serve as a precedent for other reasons a student teaching placement might not reach the required thirteen weeks. Also, that the VSBE approve the Agency's recommendation to grant a Provisional License to students when the student has completed at least half of the required student teaching placement to a school or an EPP closing due to

coronavirus and the student did not receive a written recommendation of their efficacy from the cooperating teacher and the EPP student teaching coordinator. This does not serve as a precedent for other reasons a student teaching placement might not reach the required thirteen weeks.

Seconded by C. Cole.

Motion approved.

### **Proposed Rule Changes:**

The Board reviewed Proposed Rule Changes. The Board will vote on those changes at their next meeting.

### **Committee Reports and Motions:**

#### **Program Approval Committee, R. Reardon reporting:**

R. Reardon recused himself.

J. Fribush moves to table the vote on Castleton's 2-Year Report until the Board's next meeting.

Seconded by C. Latulippe.

Motion approved.

R. Reardon moves that the VSBPE accept the change to UVM's CAEP approval process, with the conditions that UVM will still need to request to use their CAEP approval towards their ROPA approval in 2023, per Policy N17 Policy on National Accreditation, and that if the VSBPE approves the request in 2023, that the AOE ROPA Coordinator participates in the CAEP review.

Seconded by C. Latulippe.

Motion approved.

R. Reardon moves that the VSBPE accept Northern Vermont University-Lyndon's Teach-Out Plan for their Secondary Programs.

Seconded by J. Fribush.

Motion approved.

R. Reardon moves to table the Revised ROPA Standards until the Board's next meeting.

Seconded by C. Latulippe.

Motion approved.

R. Reardon moves that the VSBPE approve the new review team members for NVU-Johnson's ROPA Review to be conducted on April 23-24, 2020.

Seconded by J. Fribush.

Motion approved.

R. Reardon moves that the VSBPE grant conditional approval of Champlain College's new Middle Grades and Secondary Math programs for two years with a Two-Year Report due in March of 2022.

Seconded by C. Latulippe.

Motion approved.

### **Licensing Committee, C. Cole reporting:**

C. Cole gave a recap of the discussion with UVM working group to partner with the University of Vermont to consider potential strategies to attract under-represented population to teaching by considering alternatives to established assessments.

First reading of Policy G4 to address how endorsement revision groups are formed. The Board will vote on this policy at their next meeting.

### **Draft April Agenda Items**

Current situation may lead to a postponement of the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Proposed Rule Changes

Review of draft revised Policy Q1

Driver's Ed report

Second reading of Policy G4

Second reading of Policy N15

Castleton University 2-Year Report

Revised ROPA Standards

Online Teaching Specialist credit hours

Early Childhood Education endorsement

ETS Presentation

Update on student teaching and school closures

J. Fribush motioned to adjourn at 3:24pm.

Seconded by C. Latulippe.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Amy Scalabrini.