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: March 9, 2022

# Members Present:

Brenda Seitz, Bill Clark, Ric Reardon, Jennifer Clement, Christine Kurucz, Amanda Garces, Bernadette Cleland, Ellen Emery, Shelby Quinn, Amy Flannery

# Members Absent:

Christie Martin, Amy Minor

# Staff Present:

Patrick Halladay, Ron Ryan, Andrew Prowten, Deb Giles, Amy Scalabrini, Ellen Cairns, Cathy Wilkins, Ryan McCormick, Jacqui Kelleher, Chris Case, Sienna Tuinei, Josh McCormick

# Members of the Public:

Colleen Palmer, Malik McKinley, Amy Saks Pavese

# Call to Order:

C. Kurucz called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

# Approval of Agenda:

B. Clark moved to approve the agenda.

Seconded by J. Clement.

Motion approved.

# Approval of Minutes:

R. Reardon moved to approve the minutes of 1/12/2022.

Seconded by J. Clement.

Motion approved.

# Public to be heard:

Colleen Palmer – Head of Mountain School at Winhall. Spoke to the Board in support of extending the license expiration date.

# Correspondence and announcements:

P. Halladay shared correspondence from a Superintendent regarding leniency on Provisional Licenses due to Covid-19 related impacts on professional learning.

# Board Member Updates:

The Literacy Committee has not met and there is nothing new to report.

# Staff Report:

EQ has welcomed Ryan McCormick as the new Peer Review Coordinator.

As a follow up to the January meeting, an educator met basic academic competencies per the draft basic competencies transcript review sheet and is exempt from the Praxis Core.

P. Halladay shared an update to the Teacher of the Year schedule and encouraged Board members to share the nomination link within their professional circles or consider nominating someone.

# Waiver Request: J. Hardt

The Board has given the Office authority to review and process waiver requests for additional one-year provisional licenses with the exception of special education endorsements.

# Waiver Request: Z. Zarfati

B. Clark moves to approve the waiver request and grant Z. Zarfati an additional one-year provisional license in Early Childhood Special Education.

Seconded by A. Flannery.

Motion approved.

# License Expiration Date

The Office is recommending to extend the license expiration date for all licenses that will be expiring on June 30, 2022. The proposal is to extend for 90 days and expire the licenses on September 30, 2022. This request is based on action from the Office of Professional Regulation and to grant an additional 30 days after the start of school.

B. Clark moved to extend the license expiration date for licenses set to expire on June 30, 2022 to expire on October 31, 2022.

Seconded by A. Flannery.

Motion approved.

# Special Education Provisional License Waiver Update and Extension Request

B. Clark moved that the VSBPE reaffirm the Temporary Waiver of the Special Education Provisional License through the end of the 2022/23 academic year.

Seconded by R. Reardon.

Motion approved.

The Board broke for a ten-minute recess.

# Policy G4: Unlicensed Teaching Experience For an Administrative Endorsement

B. Clark moved that the VSBPE approve Policy G4, Teaching Experience for Administrative Endorsements, to allow educators with three or more years of unlicensed teaching experience to apply for an administrative license.

Seconded by B. Seitz.

Motion approved.

# Policy G5: 3.0 GPA Alternative

B. Clark moved that the VSBPE approve Policy G5, Alternative Demonstration of Academic Competence, to allow educators who do not meet the 3.0 GPA as required by rule to demonstrate academic competency by an alternative manner.

Seconded by B. Cleland.

Motion approved.

# Committee Reports and Motions

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

J. Clement moved that the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators adopt the revisions (reviewed by the Licensing Committee at the January 12, 2022 meeting) to Policies D2, D3, E1, H1, H2, and H4, and not to revise Policies D4, G3 and P1 as it was determined upon review that revisions to these policies were not needed at this time.

Seconded by S. Quinn.

Motion approved.

J. Clement moved that the VSBPE adopt the updated Praxis II Content tests and cut scores based on ETS’s Annual Changes process for the 2022/2023 academic year.

Seconded by B. Clark.

Motion approved.

A. Prowten provided the Board with an overview of upcoming endorsement revisions.

ELL, School Psychology, School Counselor and Design and Technical Education.

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

B. Cleland moved that the VSBPE accept Saint Michael’s College Two-Year Report and grant continued Full Approval to all programs except Special Education Consulting Teacher, which will remain on Conditional Approval pending the Teach-Out of that program.

Seconded by B. Clark.

Motion approved.

The Board provided feedback to SMC to resubmit their Student Teaching Contingency Plan.

# Basic Competencies from Multiple Sources

B. Clark moved that the VSBPE allow educators to use multiple sources (consolidation) to demonstrate competency with required basic skills.

Seconded by A. Flannery.

Motion approved.

# Paraeducator Standards Update

A. Prowten discussed the process for drafting the paraeducator standards.

# New Meeting Dates

A poll will be created to confirm dates for the April, May and July meeting dates.

# April Agenda Items

* SMC Student Teaching Contingency Plan
* Para education standards
* Anti-bias Standards
* Proposed Rule Changes
  + Remove reference to Praxis II Test Code

B. Clark motioned to adjourn.

Seconded by J. Clement.

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 2:24pm.

Minutes recorded by Amy Scalabrini.