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: November 16, 2021

# Members Present:

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

# Members Absent:

Christie Martin, Cheryl Niedzwiecki

# Staff Present:

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

# Members of the Public:

J. Longchamp, L. Bonesteel, Meaghan Morgan-Puglisi

# Call to Order:

A. Minor called the meeting to order at 9:02am.

# Approval of Agenda:

Two items were added to the agenda including an amendment to Castleton University’s out of state student teaching agenda item and an additional Superintendent waiver request.

A. Garces moved to approve the agenda with changes.

Seconded by C. Kurucz.

Motion approved.

# Approval of Minutes:

B. Clark moved to approve the minutes.

Seconded by C. Kurucz.

Motion approved.

# Board Member Updates:

B. Clark gave the Board an update on the Literacy Committee work. The Committee is beginning to develop the legislative report.

# Staff Report:

Andrew Prowten has accepted the Pre-Service Coordinator position. We are actively recruiting to fill the Peer Review Coordinator position and hope to hold interviews the week after Thanksgiving.

# Educator Waiver Request: K. Guziak

A. Garces moved to accept the recommendation of the Office and waive Rule 5352 and accept K. Guziak’s MTEL Scores in lieu of the Praxis Core. She will be required to take the Praxis II.

Seconded by B. Cleland.

Motion approved with two abstentions. (E. Emery and B. Clark)

# Superintendent Waiver Request: M. Archer

B. Clark moved to approve the waiver request and accept M. Archer’s ASVAB scores in lieu of the Praxis Core.

Seconded by R. Reardon.

Motion approved with one abstention. (E. Emery)

# Superintendent Waiver Request: S. Airoldi

B. Clark moved to waive the three years of licensed teaching experience for S. Airoldi contingent upon successful completion of the Vermont Licensure Portfolio limited to Core Teaching Standards in conjunction with a Peer Review application for the Principal endorsement. License is to be restricted to the Montpelier-Roxbury School District.

Seconded by A. Minor.

Motion approved with two recusals. (S. Quinn and A. Garces)

# Non-transcripted Internship

B. Clark moved that the VSBPE shall allow the AOE to accept working under a provisional license in lieu of traditional student teaching when a candidate applies for initial licensure through Transcript Review in an endorsement area eligible for initial licensure through Transcript Review, provided that all Core Teaching and endorsement standards other than student teaching have been met through coursework and the candidate has completed a minimum of thirteen weeks of teaching under a provisional license.

Seconded by R. Reardon.

Motion approved.

# 2022 Rule Changes

The Office recommends we not take on an extensive Rule Change in 2022. R. Reardon suggested the Office isolate changes that need immediate attention. The Board is in agreement.

# Committee Reports and Motions

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

A. Prowten discussed upcoming endorsement revisions. He will be forming committees to review endorsements for redundancies with the Core Teaching Standards and compare with national standards. By June of 2023, the Office hopes to be back on the 5-year endorsement revision schedule.

R. Ryan spoke to the Board about the upcoming criminal record check requirement for temporary licenses. Qualifying individuals will receive a Letter of Eligibility while we wait to receive the report. This requirement will be in effect in January of 2022.

D. Giles gave the Board an update on the 2021 renewal cycle. 2022 renewals will open in January.

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

A. Garces moves that the VSBPE approve of Castleton’s request to place student teachers out-of-state, with the condition that Castleton conducts a follow-up survey of candidates, supervisors, and mentor teachers within three months after the conclusion of the internships and keeps records of the information collected as part of their ROPA evidence.

Seconded by B. Cleland.

Motion approved with one abstention. (R. Reardon)

B. Clark moved that the VSBPE approve the St. Michael’s College Early Childhood Education Program Two-Year Report and grant full approval to the program until St. Michael’s College next full ROPA review in 2025.

Seconded by B. Cleland.

Motion approved.

The Board took a 15-minute recess.

# Grow Your Own Programs

P. Halladay presented five different Grow Your Own Models for the Board to consider.

1. High School Recruitment
2. Post-AB with IHE Credit
3. Post-AB without IHE Credit
4. Residency Program
5. BA/BS for Paraeducators

The Board had a thorough discussion about the options presented. The Office will present draft proposals in May.

# January Agenda Items

* Praxis Core proposal
* Independent School experience for an administrative endorsement
* 3.0 GPA Alternative
* Reciprocity with New York

B. Clark motioned to adjourn.

Seconded by A. Garces.

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 12:28pm.

Minutes recorded by Amy Scalabrini.