

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

Date: September 17, 2020

Members Present:

Erik Remmers, Jennifer Fribush, Christine Latulippe, Cynthia Cole, Ric Reardon, Jennifer Clement, Christine Kurucz, Amy McMullen, Amy Minor, Cheryl Niedzwiecki

Members Absent:

Shelby Quinn, Bernadette Cleland, Amy Flannery

Staff Present:

Patrick Halladay, Ron Ryan, Terry Reilly, Amy Scalabrini, Deb Giles, Ellen Cairns, Andrew Prowten, Ruth Durkee

Members of the Public:

Malik McKinley, ETS; Mark Tucker, Superintendent of Caledonia Supervisory Union; Michael Clark, Superintendent of Grand Isle Supervisory Union; Leslie Leff

Call to Order:

E. Remmers called the meeting to order at 9:01am.

Approval of Agenda:

P. Halladay gave an overview of the additional waiver requests that were submitted for the Board's consideration.

R. Reardon moved to approve the agenda with the added waiver requests.

Seconded by J. Fribush.

Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes:

J. Fribush moved to approved Minutes from August
Seconded by A. McMullen.
Motion approved.

Board Member Updates:

The Board is now full with the addition of three newly appointed members:
Cheryl Niedzwiecki is a Culinary Arts at the Burlington Technical Center.
Amy Flannery is an Intensive Special Education Teacher for the Caledonia Central Supervisory Union.
Amy Minor is the Superintendent of the Colchester School District.

Correspondence and Announcements:

N/A

Staff Report:

Nothing new to add.

Superintendent Waiver Request – J. Carpenter

J. Fribush moved the VSBPE waive the requirement that J. Carpenter demonstrate coursework equivalent to Driver Ed I and II in order to qualify for a provisional license in Driver and Traffic Safety Education, with the understanding that none of this waiver waives any requirements for the in car portion of the Driver Ed endorsement and that the applicant receives mentoring as described in the waiver request.
Seconded by C. Cole.
Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request – C. Richard

J. Fribush moved to go into Executive Session. The appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee, provided that the public body shall make a final decision to hire or appoint a public officer or employee in an open meeting and shall explain the reasons for its final decision during the open meeting.
Seconded by R. Reardon.
Motion approved.

A. McMullen moved to exit Executive Session.
Seconded by A. Minor.
Motion approved.

J. Fribush moved the VSBPE waive the requirement for C. Richard Special Educator license in 5355.1 that Special Education endorsements are not allowed to request an extension.

Upon application by the Supervisory Union, the AOE will evaluate the extenuating circumstances and make the final determination.

Seconded by C. Cole.

Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request – M. Weaver

C. Cole moves that the VSBPE waive Rule 5355.1 and extends the provisional license for M. Weaver by one year.

Seconded by R. Reardon.

Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request – J. Grutta

J. Fribush moved the VSBPE waive the requirement for J. Grutta Director of Special Education license in 5355.1 that Special Education endorsements are not allowed to request a third year provisional. Upon application by the Supervisory Union, the AOE will evaluate the extenuating circumstances and make the final determination.

Seconded by A. McMullen.

Motion approved.

Educator Waiver Request – L. Leff

J. Fribush moved the VSBPE waive requirement 5323 that teachers who already have a license in VT are not allowed to use reciprocity to reinstate their license.

Seconded by A. Minor.

Motion approved.

The Board took a 5 minute recess.

Career and Technical Education

The Board was joined by Ruth Durkee, State Director of Career Technical Education. They discussed the potential impacts of allowing CTE Teachers to teach in traditional high schools more broadly.

Endorsement Revision Schedule

The Board discussed the endorsement revision schedule.

Committee Reports and Motions

Licensing Committee, C. Cole Reporting:

The Board discussed the OTS endorsement and will plan on devoting some time in their October meeting for further discussion.

In January of 2021, the Board will discuss the L/RSB Plans of Operation.

Program Approval Committee, R. Reardon Reporting:

R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE accept the report of the ROPA review team and grant two-year conditional approval to Vermont Higher Education Collaborative's (HEC) Early Childhood Education, Early Childhood Special Education, and Special Education programs.

Seconded by C. Latulippe.

Motion approved.

The PAC discussed a change in the ROPA Review Team for Lyndon.

Student Teacher Placements discussion seems to be an isolated incident.

October Agenda Items

Online Teaching Specialist Endorsement

UVM Computer Science

UVEI Specialized Literacy Professional

SMC Specialized Literacy Professional

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 11:55am.

Minutes recorded by Amy Scalabrini.