

Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators

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Approved Meeting Minutes

Meeting Place: Virtual Meeting | Microsoft Teams | Call-in # 802-552-8456 | Conference
ID # 574 932 482# | Date: July 11, 2023

Members Present:

Amy Flannery, Amy Minor, Bill Clark, Jennifer Clement, Christine Kurucz, Bernadette Cleland, Ellen Emery, Amanda Garces

Members Absent:

Katie Revelle, Kate Fay, William Lucci, Brenda Seitz

Staff Present:

Josh Souliere, Ron Ryan, Andrew Prowten, Ryan McCormick, Suzanne Sprague

Members of the Public:

Adam Chase, Luis Betancourt, Jody Emerson

Call to Order:

A. Minor called the meeting to order at 9:13 am.

Approval of Agenda:

There was no objection to adding the 4 additional waivers to the agenda. Agenda approved by consensus.

Approval of Minutes:

B. Clark moved to approve the minutes from 05/19/2023. Clark asked if there was action pertaining to retired licenses. Minor confirmed it was a comment. Minor requested that the topic be moved to the Correspondence and Announcement section in the 05/19/2023 minutes. Minor seconded the motion. Motion approved with correction.

Public to be heard:

None

Waiver Requests

Superintendent Waiver Request: Jessica Brouchu

B. Clark moved to approve a Special Education Provisional Waiver 1-year provisional license extension to J. Brouchu limited to the Caledonia Central Supervisory Union. Seconded by E. Emery.
Motion approved. Flannery abstained.

Superintendent Waiver Request: Kathryn Nester

B. Clark moved to approve a Special Education Provisional 1-year provisional license extension to K. Nester limited to the Caledonia Central Supervisory Union. Seconded by C. Kurucz.
Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: Lauryn Holsopple

B. Clark moved to approve an Emergency license request for Physical Education without BA degree to L. Holsopple limited to the Northern Mountain Valley Unified Union/Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union and contingent upon successfully completing her degree by December 2023. Seconded by A. Garces.
Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: Christine Frost

A. Minor moved to approve a Special Education Provisional 1-year provisional extension for C. Frost limited to the Orange East Supervisory Union. Seconded by B. Clark.
Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: Courtney Musty

B. Clark moved to approve Special Education Provisional 1-year provisional extension and to waive praxis core requirement to C. Musty limited to the Orange East Supervisory Union and contingent on completing the peer review. Seconded by A. Flannery.
Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: Cynthia Houghton

Garces moved to approve to waive praxis core requirement to C. Houghton limited to Orange East Supervisory Union. Seconded by B. Clark.
Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: Melody Frank

B. Clark moved to approve the Special Education Provisional 1-year Director of Special Education provisional extension limited to the Harwood Unified Union School District.

Seconded by A. Minor.

Motion approved.

Educator Waiver Request: Makayla Theroux

B. Clark moved to approve a Special Education Provisional 1-year provisional extension limited to the North Country Supervisory Union and contingent upon the successful submission of her portfolio by the end of July 2023.

Seconded by A. Minor.

Motion approved.

Educator Waiver Request: Debra Dauphinais

Garces moved to approve a 2nd request for an Emergency license for D. Dauphinais limited to the Rutland City School District.

Seconded by E. Emery.

Motion approved.

Educator Waiver Request: Sarah Standis

B. Clark moved to approve an emergency license for Elementary Education without BA degree to S. Standis contingent upon her conferring her degree in December 2023 and running through the 23-24 school year and limited to the North Country Supervisory Union.

Seconded by A. Flannery.

Motion approved.

Educator Waiver Request: Donna Lloyd

B. Clark moved to approve a 2nd 1-year provisional license in elementary education to D. Lloyd and limited to the North Country Supervisory Union.

Seconded by A. Minor.

Motion approved.

Educator Waiver Request: Ruth Lamberson

E. Emery moved to approve a Special Education Provisional 1-year provisional extension to R. Lamberson and limited to the Mt. Abraham Unified School District.

Seconded by B. Clark.

Motion approved.

Educator Waiver Request: Deena Tarleton

B. Clark moved to approve a request to waive the praxis II math test for elementary education to D. Tarleton.
Seconded by A. Flannery.
Motion approved.

Educator Waiver Request: Adam Chase

A. Minor moved to approve a second emergency license for a CTE endorsement in Architecture & Construction to A. Chase limited to the Central Vermont Career Center School District through June 20, 2024.
Seconded by B. Clark.
Motion approved.

Educator Waiver Request: Luis Betancourt

A. Garces made a motion to approve a Special Education Provisional Waiver 1-year provisional extension to L. Betancourt limited to the Grand Isle Supervisory Union.
Seconded by B. Clark.
Motion approved.

Educator Waiver Request: Sarah Fisher Snow

B. Clark moved to approve a Special Education Provisional 1-year extension coming to another district limited to the Washington Central Unified Union School District.
C. Kurucz seconded.
Motion approved.

Educator Waiver Request: Donald Dunchus

B. Clark moved to approve a Special Education Provisional Waiver 1-year provisional extension contingent upon the successful submission of his peer review portfolio by May 26, 2024 and limited to the Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union.
Seconded by A. Garces.
Motion approved.

Educator Waiver Request: Jennifer Robertson

B. Clark moved to approve a 2nd 1-year provisional license to J. Robertson contingent upon her applying for peer review and setting a deadline for the submission of her portfolio and limited to the Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union.
Seconded by A. Flannery.
Motion passed. Emery voted nay.

Educator Waiver Request: Denise Lavallee

E. Emery moved to approve an Early Childhood Special Education Provisional Waiver 1-year provisional extension to D. Lavallee limited to the Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union.

Seconded by B. Clark.

Motion passed.

Superintendent Waiver Request: Jessica Foster

B. Clark moved to approve a Special Education Provisional 1-year waiver extension to J. Foster limited to the Central Vermont Supervisory Union and contingent on meeting the portfolio requirement by May 26, 2024.

Seconded by C. Kurucz.

Motion passed.

Superintendent Waiver Request: Julie Sippel-Silowash

B. Clark moved to approve a Special Education Provisional Waiver 1-year provisional extension to J. Sippel-Silowash limited to the Central Vermont Supervisory Union and contingent upon the delivery of the work of her portfolio review by May 26, 2024.

Seconded by C. Kurucz.

Motion passed.

Superintendent Waiver Request: Jordan Scholtz

E. Emery moved to approve a Special Education Provisional 1-year provisional extension to J. Scholtz and limited to the Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union.

Seconded by B. Cleland.

Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: Samantha Cochran

E. Emery moved to approve a 2nd one-year provisional license to S. Cochran and limited to the Kingdom East School District.

Seconded by B. Cleland.

Motion approved.

2023-2024 Meeting Schedule

AOE to email the Board to determine if quorum will be met for the August 10th meeting. A new meeting date will be selected if necessary.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.
Minutes recorded by Suzanne Sprague.