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VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS

September 19, 2019 AOE Offices, Barre

*VSBPE: Ensuring a Caring, Competent, Highly Effective Educator in
Every Vermont Classroom to Improve Student Learning*

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Erik Remmers; Jennifer Fribush; Thomas Young; Christine Latulippe; Ric Reardon; Cynthia Cole; Shelby Quinn

MEMBERS ABSENT: D. Younce; A. McMullen; B. Cleland

STAFF PRESENT: Patrick Halladay, Ron Ryan, Terry Reilly, Amy Scalabrini, Ellen Cairns, Deb Giles

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Jennifer Botzjourns, Kingdom East SU; Cheryl McVetty, Lunenburg Schools; Erin Gallivan, Meub, Gallivan & Larson, Attorneys, PLC; Patty Morgan, VT-HEC; Wendy Cohen, VT-HEC.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Board unanimously agreed to amend their agenda to hear two additional waiver requests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: C. Latulippe moved to approve minutes. Seconded by C. Cole. Motion approved.

CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Board discussed a [letter received from Craftsbury Saplings](#).

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES:

N/A

STAFF REPORT:

The Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR) approved the final proposed Rules on September 5th. They will be in effect on September 20th. The move to National Life in Montpelier has been postponed to November.

The Request for Information (RFI) to replace the existing online licensing system closes on September 20. The ALiS contract will expire in August of 2021 and cannot be renewed due to state rules.

WAIVER REQUESTS:

School Board Chair Waiver Request: D. Courcelle

T. Young moved the Board grant the request for a School Board Chair to submit a waiver. Seconded by R. Reardon.
Motion approved.

J. Fribush moved to waive the requirements in 5351 for David Wolk to receive a provisional license in the area of Superintendent limited to the Rutland City School District that would otherwise require him to possess a valid Vermont license within 10 years, to be mentored and supervised during the provisional and to develop a plan to reinstate his Level II Superintendent license. This would only be a one-year license and would expire June 30, 2020.
Seconded by C. Latulippe.
Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: J. Botzojorns

Motion made by T. Young to waive the Bachelor's Degree requirement for a 65 School Nurse endorsement with a stipulation that P. Baxter is not allowed to supervise any Nurses in the district and the license is restricted to Lunenburg Schools. Seconded by R. Reardon.
6 approved, 1 opposed.
Motion approved.

Educator Waiver Request: P. Parsons

T. Young moved to lift the restriction off P. Parson's Provisional License for in-vehicle only. Seconded by C. Cole.
Motion denied.

Criminal Record Checks for Temporary Licenses

[Statute 16 V.S.A. § 254](#) (b) says "the Secretary shall request and obtain from the Vermont Crime Information Center the criminal record for any person applying for an initial license as a professional educator or for reinstatement of a license that has lapsed pursuant to subdivision 256(a)(1)(C) of this title or for any person who is offered a position as a superintendent of schools in Vermont."

A temporary license can be considered an initial license. The AOE will begin to require a fingerprint supported criminal record check for educators who are applying for a temporary license. The Agency staff will develop a procedure and report to the Board at a future meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND MOTIONS:

Licensing Committee: T. Young, Chair, Reporting

T. Young reported upcoming policy language changes to stay current with the Board's expectations.

Program Approval Committee: R. Reardon, Chair, Reporting

J. Fribush moved the Board approve J. Rito as a new member of the Castleton Review Team to replace B. Boyes.

Seconded by C. Latulippe.

6 approved; 1 abstention.

Motion approved.

R. Reardon moved that the Board approve the NVU Teach Out Plan for their Physical Education program.

Seconded by J. Fribush.

Motion approved.

R. Reardon moved that the Board approve the VT-HEC application for a ROPA review of Early Childhood Special Education Program and a separate ROPA review for their Special Education Program.

Seconded by C. Latulippe.

Motion approved.

Draft October Agenda Items

Act 1

Act 173

Act 166 - Provisional Licenses

Policy Revisions

Peer Review portfolio alignment

Criminal Record Check procedure for temporary licenses

Driver and Traffic Safety Education

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 11:39am.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Amy Scalabrini.