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VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS

January 9, 2018 AOE Offices, Barre

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

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cynthia Cole, Helen Lanthier, Jennifer Fribush, Don Tinney, Roberta Baker, David Younce, Thomas Young (left at 1:30), David St. Germain, Erik Remmers

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeremy Hill, Ric Reardon, Amy McMullen

STAFF PRESENT: Debora Price, Deborah Giles, Terry Reilly, Amy Scalabrini, Ron Ryan, Wendy Scott, Ellen Cairns

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Janet Murray, Joy Wilcox, Patty Morgan, Andrea Wasson

CALL TO ORDER: D. Tinney called the meeting to order at 9:12am

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion made by D. Younce to approve agenda. Seconded by R. Baker. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

D. Tinney asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the November 1, 2017 and November 28, 2017 meeting.

Motion made by H. Lanthier to approve 11/1/17 and 11/28/17 minutes. Second by T. Young. Motion approved.

CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

D. Tinney and D. Younce attended the Governor's Summit on Education.

D. Tinney reported hearing comments about the April 1st timeline to submit applications. The Agency sent communication to the field in December regarding submission of applications by April 1st to ensure a licensed Educator in the classroom by the start of the school year. This was based on previous years' application submission data collected and feedback from Local and Regional Standards Boards.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES:

Nothing to report

STAFF REPORT:

Renewal season opened on January 3, 2018! During the renewal season, licensing specialists process renewal applications while simultaneously processing all other license applications. From January 1, 2017 through December 1, 2017 there were 9,394 applications submitted! Roughly 1/3 of the applications were for initial licenses or renewals for licenses that were expiring on June 30, 2017. [The full staff report has been posted online.](#)

WAIVER REQUESTS:

Superintendent Waiver Request – Presented by J. Murray

Motion made by H. Lanthier to approve C. LaFountain as a long term sub until the end of the 2018 School year. Seconded by D. St. Germain. Motion approved.

STRATEGIC PLAN ADOPTION:

Adoption of Strategic Plan will be tabled to reformat and clarify goals 2 & 3. To be revisited at the next meeting.

LICENSE PATHWAY PRESENTATION:

D. Price made a presentation to the Board about the nine different types of License Applications: Provisional, Emergency, Apprenticeship, Initial Level I, Initial Transcript Review, Transcript Review- Add endorsement, Renewals for Level I and Level II, Reinstatement, and Retired.

PROVISIONAL LICENSE TIME LINE:

AOE recommendation to leave current licensing period in place. The current licensing period aligns with school years (July 1 – June 30). Additionally, the Agency recommends that if the VSBPE would like to make changes to the licensing period, the VSBPE assign a designee to contact the VTNEA and the VSA to discuss the field impact if Provisional licenses were issued for two calendar years. One of several possible impacts would be the issuance of partial year contracts due to the various expiration dates.

Motion made by E. Remmers to table discussion on changing Provisional License time period until we hear from Special Education Team of AOE (District Management Group report – Expanding and Strengthening Best Practice Supports for Students Who Struggle) and remain open to possibility of changing rules that will support efforts in addressing the Special Educator shortage. Seconded by R. Baker. Motion approved.

Break for lunch at 11:59

Reconvene at 12:28 pm

3.0 GPA:

Motion made by D. St. Germain to follow the Agency recommendation that the VSBPE maintain the current rules regarding 3.0 GPA requirement. As a designee of the VSBPE, the Agency will use an internal measure to determine if and when flexibilities need to be granted. Seconded by R. Baker. Motion approved.

PROGRAM APPROVAL COMMITTEE – J. FRIBUSH REPORTING

J. Fribush moved that the VSBPE approve the following team members for the CSJ visit on April 11-12, 2018. Team members are Amy Munger (Chair), Hannah Miller, Bill Lucci, and Don Tinney. Ellen Cairns and Terry Reilly will represent the AOE on this visit. Seconded by R. Baker. Motion approved.

J. Fribush moved that the VSBPE approve the following team members for the GMC visit on April 19-20, 2018. Team members are Christine LaTulippe (Chair), Martha Deiss, Nan Parsons, Jennifer Fribush, and Carol Gargon. Ellen Cairns will represent the AOE on this visit. Seconded by H. Lanthier. Motion approved.

LICENSING COMMITTEE – R. BAKER, CHAIR REPORTING:

R. Baker moved that the VSBPE adopt revisions to Policy H2 – *Activities that Qualify for Professional Learning Credit*. Seconded by C. Cole. Motion approved.

R. Baker moved that the VSBPE accept and adopt the additional language to Rule 5360, Emergency Licenses and Endorsements. Seconded by C. Cole. Motion approved.

ENDORSEMENT REVISIONS:

Motion made by H. Lanthier to maintain current expectations of Dance endorsement with revision to be included in the next five year revision cycle. Seconded by J. Fribush. Motion approved.

Motion made by R. Baker to accept and approve recommendation that the VSBPE accepts revised Online Teaching endorsement. Seconded by C. Cole. Motion approved.

Motion made by R. Baker that the VSBPE accept & approve recommendation that VSBPE accepts revised Educational Technology Specialist endorsement. C. Cole seconded. Motion approved.

Motion made by R. Baker that the VSBPE accept and approve recommendation that the VSBPE accepts revised Computer Science endorsement. Seconded by C. Cole. Motion approved.

2018/2019 MEETING SCHEDULE ADOPTION:

Moved by D. St Germain to adopt the 2018/2019 Meeting Schedule. Seconded by R. Baker. Motion approved.

CORE LEADERSHIP STANDARDS / TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Professional Standards for Educational Leaders was adopted by the Board in November 2016. The Agency recommends reconvening stakeholders to look at Core Teaching Standards in the future.

FEBRUARY AGENDA ITEMS:

Strategic Plan adoption

UVM SLP

Upcoming Endorsement Revisions (Feb-March): Art, Music, Theatre Arts, Social Studies, Business Education, Family & Consumer Science

Self-Assessment survey results

Legislative update: Trauma informed PL activity bill on the table.

Deeper dive on rule 5231.7

Motion to adjourn made by D. St. Germain. Seconded by H. Lanthier. Motion approved.

Adjourned by consensus at 2:52pm.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Amy Scalabrini