

VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS
January 14, 2016 AOE Offices, Barre

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

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steven John, Charlie Phillips, Roberta Baker, Patti Coultas, Donald Tinney, Thomas Young, Luisa Millington, Steve Owens, Jennifer Fribush, Erik Remmers, Claudine Bedell, Amy McMullen.

STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT: Debora Price, Patrick Halladay, Deborah Giles, Rebecca Plude.

CALL TO ORDER: S. John called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Approval of minutes

S. John asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the December 11, 2015 meeting.

R. Baker moved that the VSBE accept the minutes of the December 11, 2015 meeting.
D. Tinney seconded. **Motion passed.**

State Board of Education Report

R. Plude updated the Board on the most recent meeting of the SBE on November 17, 2015 at Union Elementary School.

Staff Report

D. Price distributed a chart to members which details the history of Speech Language Pathology (SLP) licensing and requirements therein.

VSBE Budget and Schedule

D. Price spoke to the Board about the Board's budget for this fiscal year. The Board discussed the potential schedule for fiscal year 2016-2017. The Agency is suggesting the Board hold nine meeting per year. The Board approved the schedule by unanimous consent.

EQR Presentation: Amy Fowler, Deputy Secretary

The Board broke into committees at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

Licensure Committee – R. Baker reporting

The committee discussed: a recent plan the Licensing Office will implement regarding monitoring of the Educator Provisional - Initial License Plans; they also discussed the 2016 Renewal roll-out plan.

Professional Standards Committee – P. Coultas reporting

The committee discussed the draft policy: Master’s Degree Program/3.0 GPA, P. Halladay will capture the Committee’s discussion and provide a draft policy for the February meeting. The endorsement update was discussed and the committee reviewed a five-year plan for revising the endorsements. The revisions timeline will be updated and presented at the February meeting. The committee also discussed the Online Teaching Specialist – grandfather plan.

P. Coultas moved that the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators vote to take the following action: Candidates who have completed applicable professional learning hours to add the Online Teaching Specialist endorsement by 1 September 2015 can use those hours in lieu of college credits if they apply for their license by 1 September 2016. Candidates who are not yet to submit for an Online Teaching Specialist endorsement but are teaching in an online setting must apply for a provisional license by 15 March, 2016. S. Owens seconded. Motion passed. One abstention – J. Fribush.

Program Approval Committee – L. Millington reporting

The committee discussed: Level I Licensure Portfolio – acceptance cutoff date; ROPA Review Team: VT Career & Technical Education Program; and the ROPA Report: SPARK. J. Fribush gave a brief background on the visit and the Spark program.

L. Millington moved that the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators vote to take the following action: After the conclusion of the 2017-18 academic year, portfolios reflecting the 16 principles will not be accepted for a recommendation for initial licensure from a Vermont educator preparation program. Beginning in the 2018-19 academic year, the adopted licensure portfolios reflecting the Vermont Core Teaching Standards must be submitted in order to receive a recommendation for initial licensure from a Vermont educator preparation program. D. Tinney seconded. Motion passed. S. Owens abstained.

L. Millington moved move that the VSBPE approve the following four team members for the CTE ROPA visit in March of 2016. The team members are: Bill Lucci (chair), Charlie Phillips (VSBPE representative), Susette Bollard and Carolyn Dickinson. Patrick Halladay and Nancy Reid will represent the AOE. D. Tinney seconded. Motion passed. 2 abstentions – C. Philips and P. Coultas.

L. Millington moved move that the VSBPE approve the full ROPA report for Spark. The Spark program is approved to offer endorsements in the following areas: Elementary Education, Middle Level Science, Social Studies, English and Math and Secondary Science, Social Studies, English and Math. D.Tinney seconded. Motion passed.

The Board broke for lunch at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

Legislative Bill: ROPA Review Fees

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VSBPE Rules Revisions

D. Price distributed a revised chart to Board members which details recent rules revisions, and the explanation for these changes. The Board discussed the changes to the rules.

At 3:18 p.m., Chair John declared the December 11, 2015 meeting of the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators adjourned.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Rebecca Plude