



VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS

February 16, 2017 AOE Offices, Barre

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

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donald Tinney, Thomas Young, Luisa Millington, Steve Owens, Jennifer Fribush, Eric Remmers, Claudine Bedell, Richard Reardon, Helen Lanthier, Roberta Baker, Jeremy Hill.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Amy McMullen.

STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT: Debora Price, Rebecca Gile, Deborah Giles, Terry Reilly, Linda McSweeney, Kara Mayo, John Pandolfo, Barre Superintendent, Julie Longchamp, NEA, Patty Morgan, VT-HEC, Joy Wilcox, Janet Murray, Lamoille North SU, Yaw Obeng, Superintendent Burlington SU, Joseph McNeil, General Counsel for Burlington SU, Ron Ryan, Superintendent, Addison Rutland SU, Joan Paustian, Superintendent, Rutland Southwest SU.

CALL TO ORDER: D. Tinney called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Approval of minutes

D. Tinney asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the January 10, 2017 meeting.

R. Baker moved that the VSBE accept the minutes of the January 10, 2017 meeting. S. Owens seconded. **Motion passed.**

Staff Report

D.Price introduced Kara Mayo to the Board, she will be taking over administrative responsibilities for the VSBE from Rebecca Gile.

Secretary Holcombe was re-appointed by Governor Phil Scott this past week. R. Reardon remarked on the feedback he's received in the field regarding the appointment, it has been overwhelmingly positive.

Waiver Requests

Barre Supervisory Union - Special Educator – Provisional License

J. Pandolfo spoke to the Board regarding the waiver request from the Barre Supervisory Union for Adam Monroe. Currently, there is a vacancy in the Alternative Career and Technology Program (ACT).

The Board asked questions and discussed the waiver request.

S. Owens moved to waive rule 5351 C to allow Adam Munroe to serve the Barre Supervisory Union as a Special Educator, and be granted a Provisional License for two school-years. H. Lanthier seconded. Motion passed.

VT Higher Education Collaborative – Patty Morgan

P. Morgan spoke to the Board regarding the waiver request from the Vermont Higher Education Collaborative (VT-HEC). This waiver request asks the VSBPE to grant a waiver of Rule 5911.2 which will enable current and future students to use the Curriculum Alignment in lieu of addressing individual endorsement competencies.

The Board asked questions and discussed the waiver request.

S. Owens moved that the VSBPE waive Rule 5911.2 to enable the VT-HEC to continue to offer a hybrid model where the VT Core Teaching Standards are met via Peer Review, and the competencies related to Early Childhood, Early Childhood Special Education, and Special Education may be met via a curriculum map. R. Baker seconded.

T. Young moved to amend the motion to read: the VSBPE waive Rule 5911.2 to enable the VT-HEC to continue to offer a hybrid model where the VT Core Teaching Standards are met via Peer Review, and the competencies related to Early Childhood, Early Childhood Special Education, and Special Education may be met via a curriculum map, which is aligned yearly with the endorsement standards. S. Owens seconded.

R. Reardon moved to amend the motion to read: the VSBPE waive Rule 5911.2 to enable the VT-HEC to offer a hybrid model where the VT Core Teaching Standards are met via Peer Review, and the competencies related to Early Childhood, Early Childhood Special Education, and Special Education may be met via a curriculum map, which is aligned with the endorsement standards. This would apply to only the current students in the existing cohort (June 30, 2018); 26 student's total. S. Owens seconded. Motion passed.

Lamoille North Supervisory Union – Substitute – PreK Program

Janet Murray, Director of Early Education, from Lamoille North SU, spoke to the Board regarding their request for a waiver of Rule 5382 Substitute educators' time limits and extensions; for Carrie LaFountain.

The Board asked questions and discussed the waiver request.

S. Owens moved that the VSBPE waive Rule 5382 for the Lamoille North Supervisory Union on behalf of Carrie LaFountain to serve as a substitute for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year. E. Remmers seconded. Motion passed.

Educator Request – Mt. Abraham HS - School Nurse requirement

Wanda Bouvier, Associate School Nurse from Mt. Abraham School spoke to the Board regarding her request for a waiver of VSBPE Rule 5440-65 regarding School Nurse endorsement requirements.

The Board asked questions and discussed the waiver request.

S. Owens moved that the VSBPE waive Rule 5440-65 which is the School Nurse endorsement, specifically the requirement for a Bachelor's or Master's degree from a nursing program accredited by the National League for Nursing (NLN) or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE); and allow Wanda Bouvier to receive a 65 School Nurse endorsement added to her Level I License.

S. Owens moved to table the waiver request from Wanda Bouvier, and move the hearing to the Board's March meeting. E. Remmers seconded. Motion passed.

The Board broke for lunch at 11:30 AM and reconvened at 12:15 PM.

Grand Isle Sup. Union - Special Educator – Provisional License

Barbara Burrington, Superintendent Grand Isle SU, and Beth Heminway, Director of Student Support Services, spoke to the Board regarding their request for a waiver of Rule 5351 Provisional License and Endorsements; for Bethany True.

The Board determined that a waiver request was not necessary, as Ms. True holds a current Level I License in Elementary Education, which qualifies her for a Provisional License.

Educator Request – Oxbow UHSD – Principal

Jean Wheeler, Dean of Students/Director of College and Career Counseling at Oxbow High School, spoke to the board regarding her waiver request which asks the Board to waive the requirements for a Level I Administrator License with a Principal endorsement #91.

S. Owens moved that the VSBPE approve a waiver of Rule 5440-91, number four, for Jean Wheeler; and recognize her teaching experience at Lyndon Institute as fulfillment of the PreK-12 teaching experience requirement; the definition in the glossary notwithstanding. H. Lanthier seconded.

S. Owens **moved to table the waiver request from Jean Wheeler, and move the hearing to the Board's March meeting.** E. Remmers seconded. **Motion passed.**

Reciprocity outside of the NASDTEC Agreement – Yaw Obeng

Yaw Obeng, Superintendent of Burlington SU, and Joseph McNeil, General Counsel for Burlington SU, spoke to the Board regarding their waiver request for a Level I Administrator License with a Superintendent Endorsement #90. Mr. Obeng holds a current teaching certification from Canada.

S. Owens **moved to direct the agency, as of 6/30/2017, at the expiration of the Provisional License, to issue a Level I Superintendent endorsement, to Yaw Obeng.** H. Lanthier seconded. **Motion passed.**

Reciprocity outside of the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement

R. Ryan Superintendent of Addison Rutland SU and Joan Paustian, Superintendent Rutland Southwest SU; spoke to the Board about challenges their educators face regarding securing licensure in Vermont. These districts, being so close to the New York border, receive a large amount of applicants who possess licensure in New York. As NY is not a signatory of the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement, this presents a challenge in hiring appropriately licensed educators for open teaching positions.

[ESSA Public Comment – Patrick Halladay](#)

P. Halladay spoke to the Board about recent developments around Vermont's state plan. The Agency of Education, in collaboration with many stakeholders, has drafted a Vermont State Plan in response to the Vermont Education Quality Standards and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The AOE currently anticipates proposing a State Plan to the US Department of Education in April 2017.

Licensure Committee – R. Baker Chair Reporting

The committee discussed recent revisions to the Core Teaching and Leadership Standards for Vermont Educators, handbook.

Professional Standards Committee – E. Remmers Chair Reporting

E. Remmers **moved that the VSBPE accept and approve the recommendation that the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators votes to accept the revised (06) Modern and Classical Languages endorsement.** S. Owens seconded. **Motion passed.**

E. Remmers **moved that the VSBPE accept and approve the recommendation that the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators votes to accept the revised (65) School Nurse Endorsement.** S. Owens seconded. **Motion passed.**

E. Remmers moved that the VSBPE sunset the 65A Associate School Nurse endorsement in 2018. This would include a grandfathering clause which allows current holders of the 65 A endorsement to maintain said endorsement indefinitely. No new 65A endorsements would be issued after July 1, 2017. J. Fribush seconded. **Motion passed.**

E. Remmers moved that the VSBPE accept and approve the recommendation that the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators votes to accept the revised 30 Driver and Traffic Safety Education endorsement. R. Reardon seconded. **Motion passed.**

Program Approval Committee – L. Millington Chair Reporting

The committee discussed: The University of Vermont (UVM) Results Oriented Program Approval (ROPA) Team, Policy N5 - Selection and Training of Members Visiting Teams for Educator Preparation Programs, Alternate Route Approval Visits, ROPA Handbook – Chapters #7 and #8.

J. Fribush moved that the VSBPE approve the following team members for the University of Vermont ROPA visit in March 2017. The team members are: Glenn Giles (Team Chair), Mary Reardon, and Nicole Johnson will join Jennifer Fribush, VSBPE member and Linda McSweeney to represent the AOE. C. Bedell seconded. **Motion passed.**

Discussion on Licensing Standards and Competencies (Leadership)

The Board decided to leave the current PSEL in place, however, tabling an implementation plan until the Board reviews the Leadership Competencies for Personalized, Student-Centered Education is finalized. These anticipated competencies will be finalized by summer 2017.

S. Owens moved that the VSBPE approve the current rule revisions, and move them forward to the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR) as presented. R. Baker seconded. **Motion passed.**

J. Fribush moved that the VSBPE remove the recommendation from the AOE to change Rule 5357 in the next round of Rule revisions. J. Hill seconded. **Motion passed.**

H. Lanthier moved that the VSBPE approve the current rule changes as presented by the AOE, and move them forward to the Interagency Committee on Administrative Rules (ICAR) J. Hill seconded. **Motion passed.**

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 4:10 p.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Rebecca Gile