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**VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS**

March 28, 2018 AOE Offices, Barre

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

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** A. McMullen, W. Hillmuth, D. Younce, H. Lanthier, J. Hill, J. Fribush, D. Tinney, E. Remmers, R. Baker, R. Reardon, D. St. Germain, T. Young

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** C. Cole

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

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** J. Longchamp, R. Johnson DeLear

**CALL TO ORDER:** 9:00AM

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion made by A. McMullen to approve the agenda with amendments to add the Castleton Literacy and Principal report to the PAC Sub-Committee, and to add a vote to the UVEI update.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

D. Tinney asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the February 14, 2018 meeting.

**Motion made by D. St. Germain to approve the minutes. Seconded by R. Reardon.  
Motion approved.**

**CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

D. Tinney submitted a card of appreciation for Secretary Holcombe from the Board.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

J. Longchamp thanked the board for their work setting high standards for Vermont educators; asked the board to consider in a future agenda discussion around documentation of proficiency based professional learning for renewal requirements.

## **BOARD MEMBER UPDATES:**

Welcome new board member, Wendy Hillmuth. Wendy is filling the Community Member seat and joins the Board from Williston. D. Younce spoke about the ASA Conference he attended in Nashville, TN; D. Tinney spoke about his attendance at the March for Life in Montpelier.

## **STAFF REPORT:**

Updated renewal application information: As of March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1/3 of renewal applications have been submitted. Aithent contract has been renewed until the end of August 2019. Aithent is working on a systems update to minimize challenges associated with using a MAC computer.

## **WAIVER REQUESTS:**

### **Educator Waiver Request:**

V. Reid waiver request withdrawn by educator. AOE to follow up with educator.

### **Educator Waiver Request:**

R. Johnson DeLear

D. Younce recused himself.

**Motion made by E. Remmers to grant waiver to extend provisional license.**

**Seconded by H. Lanthier. Motion withdrawn.**

**Motion made by J. Fribush to approve retroactive letter of eligibility to August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Seconded by H. Lanthier. Motion denied.**

Break for lunch at 12:00pm

Reconvene at 12:45pm

## COMMITTEE REPORTS AND MOTIONS

### Program Approval Committee – R. Reardon, chair reporting to full board:

Motion made by J. Fribush that the VSBPE requests additional information from Castleton University to determine if its literacy course meets the endorsement requirements, that the additional information be due no later than April 20, 2018 and that VSBPE will review Castleton's Undergraduate Elementary Education program's approval to grant licensure at their next meeting.

Seconded by H. Lanthier. Motion approved.

Motion made by J. Fribush that the VSBPE requests additional information from Castleton University to determine if their Principal Endorsement Program is in compliance with the ROPA program, that the additional information to accompany their Two-Year Report be due no later than April 20, 2018, and that VSBPE will review the report at their next meeting.

Seconded by H. Lanthier. Motion approved.

Motion made by J. Fribush that the VSBPE accepts the Spark Two-Year Report with the condition that the questions and gaps noted in red in the Report below are addressed in an annual report due by January 31, 2019.

Seconded by H. Lanthier. Motion approved.

Motion made by R. Reardon to approve St. Michael's College application for a ROPA review of their Early Childhood Education program. The new program review will be scheduled outside of their October 2018 review of current programs.

Seconded by H. Lanthier. Motion approved.

Motion made by R. Reardon to accept VSBPE ROPA Review policies as submitted.

Seconded by H. Lanthier. Motion approved.

Motion made by R. Reardon to have VSBPE clarify requirement for EPP to require candidates to pass Praxis Core and Praxis II if required prior to recommending for licensure. Directed the Agency to inform Vermont educator preparation programs.

Seconded by D. Younce. Motion approved.

**R. Reardon moved VSBPE accept UVEI's 2 year report – grant approval to director/curriculum endorsement until next ROPA review in fall 2021. Seconded by J. Fribush. Motion approved.**

**Licensing Committee – R. Baker, Chair reporting to Full Board:**

**R. Baker move that the VSBPE act to approve the proposed changes made by stakeholders in the field to the (09) Family and Consumer Sciences endorsement. Seconded by A.McMullen. Motion approved**

**R. Baker moved that the VSBPE act to approve proposed changes made by stakeholders in the field of Social Studies with one change, to strike “towards a common good” at end of 4.4. Seconded by R. Reardon. Motion approved.**

**R. Baker moved that the VSBPE act to approve proposed changes made by stakeholders in the field of 37 Theatre Arts endorsement. Seconded by J. Hill. Motion approved.**

**R. Baker moved that VSBPE keep current F2 policy as written. Seconded by E. Remmers. Motion approved.**

**R. Baker moved that the VSBPE accept and adopt removal of the self-assessment component from Rule 5421(c) – Level II License; 5424 – Retired Educator License; 5431.1(b)(ii) – Level I renewal; 5423.3(c) – Level II Renewal; 5433(c) – Retired Educator renewal; and any other document associated with the self-assessment as a component for renewing/reinstating a license or applying for Retired Educator License. Seconded by J. Hill. Motion. Motion approved.**

**RULE REVISIONS**

Review of Agency's rule changes table that includes VSBPE adoption dates for specific rules  
Additional rule change: “Jurisdiction Specific Requirements” approved.

**Motion made by D. St. Germain to allow chair to sign ICAR documents to bring rules forward. Seconded by R. Reardon. Motion approved**

**Motion made by H. Lanthier to accept rulemaking timeline. Seconded by Motion approved.**

**VSBPE will identify at least one representative at May 22<sup>nd</sup> public comment section.**

## **MAY AGENDA ITEMS:**

M. Bloom waiver reconsideration request. The board decided not to hear the waiver request again. Their decision from June 2017 remains the same. The Agency will follow up with M. Bloom.

Provisional License data summary  
2018/2019 Endorsement Revision schedule  
Communication plan for rule and endorsements changes  
ETS Praxis I and Praxis Core: Malik  
EPIC annual report

**Motion to adjourn made by J. Fribush. Seconded by D. St. Germain. Motion approved.  
Adjourned by consensus at 2:20pm.**

Minutes recorded and prepared by Amy Scalabrini