



VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS

March 29, 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, Jennifer Fribush, , Claudine Bedell, Richard Reardon, Helen Lanthier, Roberta Baker, Jeremy Hill, Amy McMullen.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Eric Remmers, Steve Owens.

STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT: Debora Price, Rebecca Gile, Deborah Giles, Terry Reilly, Linda McSweeney, Kara Mayo, Patty Morgan, VT-HEC, Joyce Wilcox, Coordinator Special Ed – VT-HEC, Malika Mckinley, ETS, Sarah Tetzlaff, Rutland Town School.

CALL TO ORDER: D. Tinney called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

D. Tinney asked the board to adopt the revised agenda for today's meeting with flexibility.

R. Baker **moved that the VSBPE accept the revised agenda.** A. McMullin **seconded.**
Motion passed.

Approval of minutes

D. Tinney asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the February 16, 2017 meeting.

R. Baker **moved that the VSBPE accept the minutes of the February 16, 2017 meeting.**
H. Lanthier **seconded.** **Motion passed.**

Staff Report

D. Price announced that after six years leading the licensing team, Susan Yesalonia has taken another position at the Agency. We congratulate Susan on her position with the Proficiency Based Learning team where she will be focusing on Physical Education & Health Education. Susan started with her new team on March 20th however, she will be finishing out some licensing projects over the next month and assisting with renewals until the end of June. We wish Susan the best in her new endeavors!

Waiver Requests

Grand Isle Supervisory Union – Principal Licensure

Waiver request from Barbara Burrington, Superintendent, from Grand Isle Supervisory Union of Rule 5324 for Thomas Tregan.

The Board asked questions and discussed the waiver request.

A.McMullen moved to waive rule 5324 for Thomas Tregan granting a Level I License with a PreK-6 principal endorsement (restricted to Isle La Motte School/Grand Isle SU) which is comparable to his NY license. C.Bedell seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Waiver granted.

Essex Town School District – Substitute – Grade 6

Waiver request from Mark Andrews, Superintendent, from Essex Town School District, of Rule 5382 Substitute educators' time limits and extensions; for Jonathan Brown.

The Board asked questions and discussed the waiver request.

H. Lanthier moved that the VSBPE waive Rule 5382 for the Essex Town School District on behalf of Jonathan Brown to serve as a substitute for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year. R. Baker seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Waiver granted.

Educator Request – Rutland Central Supervisory Union - Special Educator Director

Waiver request from Sarah Tetzlaff, Assistant Principal at Rutland Central Supervisory Union, of Rule 5440-86, requirement of 3 or more years' experience as a special educator to obtain a Special Education Director endorsement.

The Board asked questions and discussed the waiver request.

A.McMullen moved that the VSBPE waive Rule 5440-86 for Sarah Tetzlaff, recognizing her years of experience as fulfillment of the 3 years' experience requirement for Special Education Director. H. Lanthier seconded. Motion denied 5 to 4.

Educator Request – Mt. Abraham HS - School Nurse requirement – follow-up

Waiver request from Wanda Bouvier Associate School Nurse at Mt. Abe High School for VSBPE Rule 5440-65 requirement of a Bachelor's or Master's degree for a nursing program accredited by the National League for Nursing (NLN) or the Commission on the Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). At the request of the Board T. Reilley created a crosswalk regarding current

academic requirements for School Nurse endorsements and shared the information with the Board.

J.Fribush moved that the VSBPE grant the waiver for Wanda Bouvier. H. Lanthier seconded. Motion denied unanimously

Educator Request – Oxbow UHSD – Principal - follow up

Waiver request for Jean Wheeler, Dean of Students/Director of College and Career Counseling at Oxbow High School, for VSBPE Rule 5440-91 requirement of three years experience under an educator endorsement for a Level I Educator License with a Principal endorsement.

J.Fribush moved that the VSBPE approve the waiver for Rule #5440-91. R. Baker seconded. Motion denied unanimously.

VT Higher Education Collaborative – Patty Morgan – follow up

Waiver request from P. Morgan for the Vermont Higher Education Collaborative (VT-HEC) VSBPE Rule 5911.2 Initial Licensure Portfolio requirements.

The Board asked questions and discussed the waiver request.

J. Fribush 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 only to students in the existing cohorts as listed in the document that is attached and would end on December 30, 2018 H. Lanthier seconded. Motion passed unanimously

Rule Revisions 2.0 ICAR Submission- Round#2

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.

Provisional License Data:

D. Price reviewed Provisional license data for licenses issued in 2014 and 2015. Initial review of the data identifies less than 15% of those individuals receiving a provisional license in 2014 then became licensed as a Level I educator when the license expired on June 30, 2016. Board would like to place this topic on a future agenda item (2017-18).

D. Price shared with the Board a recent meeting with Executive Committee of Vermont Special Education Directors regarding provisional licensure of Special Educators to meet federal

regulations and challenges SU/SDs are facing with recruitment and retention of Special Educators.

Licensure Committee – R. Baker Chair Reporting

The committee discussed recent revisions to the Policy on Sunsetting Endorsements

R. Baker, moved that the VSBPE approve and adopt Policy G3, Policy on Sunsetting Endorsements. H. Lanthier, seconded. Motion passed unanimously

R. Baker moved that the VSBPE approve and adopt Policy Q3, Policy on Special Education Endorsement Provisional Licenses. H. Lanthier, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Professional Standards Committee –

PSC members joined the Licensure Committee team discussion due to committee member absences.

Program Approval Committee – L. Millington Chair Reporting

The committee discussed: Request for change in date for UVM ROPA Visit, Champlain College –Proposed Review Team, TAP –Proposed Review Team.

L. Millington moved that the VSBPE accept and approve the request for a change in the UVM ROPA visit from March 26-28, 2017 to September 24–26, 2017. T. Young seconded. Motion passed unanimously

L. Millington, moved that the VSBPE approve the following team members for the Champlain College ROPA visit in April 2017. The team members are: Amy Mungur, Team Chair, Kate Evans, educator, and Tom Young, educator/VSBPE member. C. Bedell seconded. Motion passed unanimously

L. Millington, moved that the VSBPE approve the following team members for the TAP ROPA visit in May 2017. The team members are: Dr. Page Tompkins (Team Chair), Jamie Koehnlein, Roberta Baker, Educator and VSBPE member, with Sigrid Olson, and Linda McSweeney representing the AOE. R. Reardon seconded. Motion passed unanimously

Reciprocity outside of the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement

D. Price discussed the difficulty in cross- walking the content of VSBPE testing requirements with NY testing requirements. D. Price will be meeting with Superintendents Joan Paustin and

Ron Ryan regarding licensing challenges and possible solutions to be shared with board at a later meeting date.

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 2:27 p.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Kara Mayo