



Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators

## **VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS**

### **May 4, 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, Donald Tinney, Thomas Young, Luisa Millington, Steve Owens, Jennifer Fribush, Eric Remmers, Helen Lanthier, Amy McMullen, Patti Coultas, Claudine Bedell.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT:** Debora Price, Patrick Halladay, Susan Yesalonia, 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 March 31, 2016 meeting.

R. Baker **moved that the VSBE accept the minutes of the March 31, 2016 meeting.** H. Lanthier seconded. **Motion passed.** P. Coultas and C. Bedell abstained.

### **State Board of Education Report**

R. Plude updated the Board on the most recent meeting of the SBE on April 19, 2016 at the Capitol Plaza.

### **Staff Report**

D. Price gave a brief update on the Educator Quality Team's peak season.

### **Waiver Requests**

The Board spoke with Michael Lawler regarding his request for a waiver of VSBE *Rule 5421 B Level II Professional Educator's License*.

The Board broke into committees at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened after lunch at 12:45 p.m.

### **Executive Session - Waiver Requests**

J. Fribush moved to enter into executive session at 1:10 p.m. to discuss the waiver requests. The Board invited D. Price to join them and provide input. R. Baker seconded. Motion passed.

The Board unanimously agreed to conclude executive session at 1:30 p.m.

H. Lanthier moved that the VSBPE grant a waiver of Rule 5246.3. Waiver of Praxis Core Series Requirements for Jennifer Morgan-Hall pending receipt of documentation of disability. C. Philips seconded. Motion passed.

### **Educational Testing Service: Praxis Core Cut Scores, Accommodations; Malik McKinley**

The Board spoke with Malik McKinley from ETS via conference call. He explained recent developments regarding alignment of the Praxis Core tests to alternative tests such as the SATs. Board members asked questions and discussed Vermont's role in this process.

### **Preparation for: [Rule Series 5100: LCAR](#)**

The Board spoke about the upcoming hearing of their proposed rules before the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR). Chair John, Director Price, and Legal Counsel Glennon will be in attendance on May 5th.

### **Licensure Committee – R. Baker reporting**

The committee discussed: the Board's adoption of the revised Early Childhood Education Endorsement in August, 2015. As part of the endorsement revision, a testing requirement was added for educators that want to hold the Birth - grade 3 (0-36) Early Childhood Education endorsement. These educators must take and pass the Praxis II 5001 series (Elementary Education: Multiple subjects). This test requirement was not formally adopted by the Board. They also discussed VSBPE Policy H2 – *Activities that Qualify for Professional Learning Credit* and VSBPE Policy E1- *Financial Grants to Local & Regional Standards Boards*.

R.Baker moved that the VSBPE adopts the ETS Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5001 Series) for Early Childhood educators to hold the full Early Childhood Education endorsement (0-36). This test is not required for Early Childhood educators that hold an Early Childhood Education endorsement limited to the Birth to age 6 (5-36) level. Implementation Date: July 1, 2016. H. Lanthier seconded. Motion passed.

### **Professional Standards Committee – P. Coultas reporting**

The committee reviewed public comment received for the following endorsements: Middle Grades, Middle Grades Math and Physical Education.

P. Coultas moved that the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators vote to adopt the following revision educator endorsements:

- 5440-11 Mathematics
- 5440-19 Middle Grades General
- 5440-19 Middle Grades Math
- 5440-08 Physical Education

E. Remmers seconded. Motion passed.

### **Program Approval Committee - L. Millington reporting**

L. Millington moved that the VSBPE approve the following five team members for the Goddard visit June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Team members are Heather McCollum (chair), Jonathan Miller-lane, Don Tinney, and Patti Tomashot, Lindsay Meyer. Nancy Reid and an additional AOE member will represent the AOE on this visit. C. Bedell seconded. Motion passed. D. Tinney abstained.

L. Millington moved that the VSBPE accept Lyndon State College's revised teach-out plan for the ELA/Reading Specialist licensure program. D. Tinney seconded. Motion passed.

This acceptance will enable the Vermont Agency of Education to honor Lyndon's recommendations for registered students in these programs for licensure through May 2018.

L. Millington move that the VSBPE approve the full ROPA report for CTTEP at VTC. This alternate teacher preparation provides a route to licensure for teachers employed in Technical Centers in Vermont. C. Phillips seconded.

J. Fribush amended the motion, and moved that the VSBPE approve the full ROPA report for CTTEP at VTC. This alternate teacher preparation provides a route to licensure for teachers employed in Technical Centers in Vermont. 17 Career Technical Education

- A. Agriculture & Natural Resources
- B. Architecture & Construction
- C. Arts & Communication
- D. Business
- E. Education and Training
- F. Health
- G. Hospitality

- H. Human Services
    - 1. Personal Care
    - 2. Family & Community Services
  - I. Information Technology
  - J. Law & Public Safety
  - K. Manufacturing
  - L. Transportation
  - M. Engineering
- C. Phillips seconded. **Motion passed.** P. Coultas abstained.

L. Millington moved that the VSBPE vote to close out the Reading English Language Arts Specialist program and the Reading English Language Arts Coordinator Program at the University of Vermont, due to lack of resources and no students enrolled in either of these programs. C. Bedell seconded. **Motion passed.**

L. Millington moved that the VSBPE approve the agreement between the EPIC executive board and the PAC for the maintenance of the Vermont Licensure Portfolio website. This agreement will be reviewed as needed. J. Fribush seconded. **Motion passed.**

### **Agenda Items - June 16, 2016**

The Board discussed potential agenda items for their next meeting.

At 2:09 p.m., Chair John declared the May 4, 2016 meeting of the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators adjourned.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Rebecca Gile