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VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS

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

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donald Tinney, Jennifer Fribush, Claudine Bedell, Richard Reardon, Helen Lanthier, Roberta Baker, Erik Remmers, Jeremy Hill, Luisa Millington, Amy McMullen, Steven Owens.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Thomas Young

STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT: Debora Price, Deborah Giles, Terry Reilly, Linda McSweeney, Kara Mayo, Zach McLaughlin, John Cohn, Matt Bloom; by phone Ellen Baker, Michael Cannizzaro and David McGough, UVM.

CALL TO ORDER: D. Tinney called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Approval of minutes

D. Tinney asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the May 2, 2017 meeting.

R. Baker moved that the VSBPE accept the minutes of the May 2, 2017 meeting, with corrections. R. Reardon seconded. **Motion passed.**

Board Member Updates

Steve Owens announced that this is his last meeting, he has accepting a new position in Albany, VT as the Principal.

Staff Report

New faces joining the Division includes Ron Ryan, Program Manager for the In-service Team. Ron has been in education for 37 years, for the last 20 years as Superintendent of Schools for the Addison Rutland Supervisory Union. Ron is retiring at the end of June and is excited about a "second" career here at the Agency of Education. As a consumer of the VSBPE and Educator Quality Division "products" for many years, we look forward to Ron's perspective and thoughts for improvement in the licensing processes for Vermont educators. Ron begins with the Agency on July 17. Additionally, we are excited to welcome Joshua McCormick, Licensing

Specialist who will begin on June 26. Josh is no stranger to processing applications and providing technical support. Josh's previous experiences include the Department of Children & Families and the Vermont Treasurers Office.

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J. Fribush **moved that the VSBPE add: 5231.11, 6 years of work experience is 12,000 hours and 4 years is 8,000 hours.** L. Millington **seconded. Motion passed.**

J. Fribush **moved that the VSBPE include language from Public comment to 5443.4.** R. Baker **seconded. Motion passed.**

J. Fribush **moved that the VSBPE remove the sun-setting of 65A Associate School Nurse Rule and maintain current endorsement.** H. Lanthier **seconded. Motion passed.**

Waiver Requests

Educator Request – Curriculum Director Springfield SU

Waiver request from, Zach McLaughlin Superintendent, from Springfield SU, of Rule 5440.90 2 year administration requirement.

J. Fribush, **moved to waive the 2-year administration requirement.** R. Reardon **seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Educator Request – Requirements for Principal Endorsement

Waiver request from Matt Bloom to waive Rule 5440.91, 3 years PK-12 teaching experience.

J.Fribush **moved to waive the 3 year PK-12 teaching experience under a VT teaching license request based on requirement that he obtain his Level I Special Educator license either through the Peer Review process or Transcript Review process.** C.Bedell **seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

H.Lanthier **moved that Transcript review rules for initial license with Special Education endorsement be waived.** R.Baker **seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

UVM – SLP Program

Ellen Baker and Michael Cannizzaro spoke on the accreditation of their SLP program and the authority to recommend licensure. The board will continue to discuss options for UVM. The Board requested to see 3 portfolios for the past 2 years to review. Ellen will submit the portfolio links and SLP program curriculum map to Debi Price by July 31, 2017 for the August 11, 2017 meeting.

Waiver Request – in executive session

Rutland City Public School – Praxis Core Requirements. Board entered into executive session at 1:42 PM

Board exited executive session at 2:03 PM

S. Owens moved to grant the waiver of the Praxis Core Requirement. R. Reardon **seconded the motion. 7 in favor 2 opposed. Motion passed**

Claudine Bedell addressed the board about the recent EPIC meeting. ([attached](#)) The board heard recommendations for changes to the VLP and requested the PAC to discuss and bring to full board for motion and vote.

Licensure Committee – R. Baker Chair, Reporting

Roberta - Summer L/RSB conferences are filling up and there is going to be a good turn out this year.

Roberta – question regarding GPA for Provisionals, should it be 3.0 across the board or should it stay as is in current rule? Board requested this to be an agenda item for full board in the fall 2017.

Professional Standards Committee – T. Reilly Reporting

S. Owens **moved that the VSBPE accept and approve the recommendation that the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators votes to accept the revised (39) Bilingual/Dual Language Education endorsement.** J. Fribush **seconded. Motion passed**

Program Approval Committee – L. Millington Chair Reporting

PAC reviewed contract deliverables accepted language change provided by David McGough. The agency will finalize the contract and send to EPIC. David McGough offered to include additions in their annual report based on VSBPE need eg. EPP participation rate.

L. Millington **moved that the VSBPE accept the attached revisions to the Vermont Level I Licensure Portfolio** J. Fribush **seconded. Motion passed.**

That the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators votes to accept the request from Castleton University to make a change to their Castleton Institute for School Leaders principal endorsement program in order to develop school leaders in rural school districts in Vermont.

L. Millington **moved that the VSBPE accept and approve the request for a change in the Castleton University principal endorsement as outlined by Ric Reardon in the attached letter.** J. Fribush **seconded. Motion passed.**

That the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators votes to accept the St Michael's College 2-year report for Director of Curriculum.

L. Millington moved that the VSBPE accept and approve the 2-year report from St. Michael's college. J. Fribush seconded. Motion passed

Accepted revisions to Section 7 and Section 8 of the ROPA Handbook including Appendix I which includes the complete Vermont Licensure Portfolio changes reflected in EPIC report. Final approval for submission for Rule changes to be complete in the fall 2017.

Certificates presented and acknowledgement of the last meeting for Steve, Claudine, and Luisa.

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 3:36 p.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Kara Mayo