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VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS

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

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: T. Young, C. Latulippe, E. Remmers, D. Younce, J. Fribush, B. Repchick, C. Cole, R. Baker

MEMBERS ABSENT: J. Hill, A. McMullen, R. Reardon

STAFF PRESENT: Debora Price, Deborah Giles, Terry Reilly, Amy Scalabrini, Ron Ryan, Ellen Cairns, Emily Simmons, Donna Russo-Savage, Amy Fowler, Deputy Secretary; Dan French, Secretary of Education

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: D. Tinney, NEA; M. Tucker, Washington Northeast Supervisory Union

VSBPE ORIENTATION:

- Statutory Responsibilities
- Roberts Rules of Order
- Conflict of interest
- Professional communication – email accounts

CALL TO ORDER: D. Price called the meeting to order at 9:50am

BOARD REORGANIZATION:

C. Cole motioned to nominate E. Remmers as Board Chair. Seconded by J. Fribush. Motion approved.

T. Young motioned to nominate J. Fribush for Vice Chair. Seconded by C. Cole. Motion approved.

J. Fribush motioned to nominate R. Baker for Secretary. T. Young seconded. Motion approved.

J. Fribush motioned to nominate R. Reardon for Program Approval Committee (PAC) Chair. Seconded by R. Baker. Motion approved.

J. Fribush motioned to nominate T. Young for Licensing Committee (LC) Chair. Seconded by C. Cole.

Motion approved.

T. Young motioned to nominate D. Younce for Legislative Report Work Group Chair.

Seconded by T. Young.

Motion approved.

Sub-Committee Members:

PAC: R. Reardon (Chair), C. Latulippe, J. Fribush, D. Younce, W. Hillmuth

LC: T. Young (Chair), R. Baker, J. Hill, A. McMullen, C. Cole, B. Repchick

Legislative Report Work Group: D. Younce (Chair), J. Fribush, C. Cole, R. Reardon, R. Baker

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Chairs of Subcommittees make up the Executive Committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

J. Fribush moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by C. Cole.

Motion approved.

Break for recess at 10:05am.

Reconvene at 10:20am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

D. Younce moved to approve the minutes from June 5, 2018. Seconded by T. Young.

Motion approved.

CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Welcome new Secretary of Education, Dan French

PUBLIC COMMENT:

D. Tinney, President of the Vermont NEA thanked the VSBPE members for their commitment to the work and asked how the NEA can support their efforts.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES:

Welcome new members, Beth Ann Repchick and Christine Latulippe.

STAFF REPORT:

The 2018 renewal season saw fewer renewal applications than anticipated for the second year. Roughly, 800 educators did not renew their license and are currently not in the process of reinstating their lapsed license. Additional analysis is needed to identify if this is a trend that may continue in the future.

WAIVER REQUESTS:

Superintendent Waiver Request: K. Iacono

Motion made by J. Fribush to approve the waiver request to Rule 5350 for K. Iacono. A provisional license will be issued (following completion of the online application) with a special education endorsement ending June 30, 2020 with the following restrictions/conditions:

- **License restricted to Addison Rutland Supervisory Union**
- **K. Iacono will be provided weekly supervision from the Director of Special Services.**
 - **Weekly supervision includes meeting time with K. Iacono and the Director of Special Services and direct observation of K. in her role. Weekly meetings will include at least: review of student progress, feedback/intervention on observations made in providing instruction, and “lesson plan” implementation.**
- **K. Iacono cannot make decisions regarding legal, curricular and assessment, and cannot develop IEPs. These activities must be done by a licensed special educator. However, as a member of the IEP team can provide collaborative problem-solving.**

Additionally, K. will need to complete a plan for obtaining the initial license including a transcript review audit to determine course requirements for competencies. The District will send to the Agency the plan for mentoring.

Seconded by Cindy Cole.

Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request – J. Prue

J. Fribush moved to grant a one year extension on J. Prue’s provisional license restricted to Washington Northeast Supervisory Union. Seconded by Tom Young.

Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: T. Aiken

J. Fribush moved that a provisional license be issued upon application, for an endorsement to in-classroom instruction only restricted to Springfield School District. Upon proof of completion of Drivers Education I & II, the restriction will be removed from the provisional. 2 opposed, 7 in favor.

Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: G. Jensen

J. Fribush moved to go into executive session to discuss personal information that is exempt from public disclosure.

Seconded by R. Baker.

Motion approved.

Entered executive session at 11:11am.

Out of executive session at 11:22.

No action taken, Superintendent not available on phone.

Superintendent Waiver Request – S. D’Abbraccio

Motion made by D. Younce to accept the 2015 Elementary Education Praxis II (Social Studies code 5034) in lieu of code 5004. Seconded by T. Young.

Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request – G. Jensen

J. Fribush moved to go into executive session to discuss personal information that is exempt from public disclosure.

Seconded by R. Baker.

Motion approved.

Entered executive session at 12:44pm.

Out of executive session at 1:03pm.

J. Fribush moved to waive the requirement that G. Jensen not hold a recently expired license in order to be qualified for a Provisional. Seconded by T. Young.

Motion denied.

Recess for lunch at 1:10pm.

Reconvene at 1:40pm.

Legislative Work Group

The Board reviewed and approved the Work Group's draft survey with AOE recommended changes. They requested that the AOE distribute the survey as early as possible to provide ample time for analysis prior to the submission of the report.

Survey questions will provide data for the Legislative Report that is to be submitted to the House and Senate Education Committees on December 1, 2018. The report on Vermont educator licensure requirements is included in [H.16](#)

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND MOTIONS:

**J. Fribush moved that the VSBPE accept the ROPA review team members for the UVM ROPA Review. Seconded by D Younce.
Motion approved.**

**J. Fribush moved that the VSBPE accept the ROPA review team members for the Middlebury College ROPA review scheduled for November 2018. Seconded by B. Repchick.
Motion approved.**

**J. Fribush moved the VSBPE grant an extension on the two year report that was due by July 31, 2018 and grant Goddard College conditional approval until their report has been submitted and accepted by the VSBPE. Seconded by D. Younce.
Motion approved.**

**J. Fribush moved that the VSBPE accept the report from the ROPA review team and grant continued full approval to Green Mountain College for seven years. Seconded by D. Younce.
Motion approved.**

SEPTEMBER AGENDA ITEMS:

House and Senate Education Legislative Report

- Review survey results
- Presentation from ETS on Praxis assessments
- Other basic skill exam alternatives

Provisional application data

Review policy around ROPA deadlines and requirements

VSBPE member attendance at future EPIC meetings

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 3:12pm.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Amy Scalabrini.