



VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS

September 27, 2016 AOE Offices, Barre

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

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donald Tinney, Thomas Young, Luisa Millington, Steve Owens, Jennifer Fribush, Eric Remmers, Claudine Bedell, Richard Reardon, Helen Lanthier, Roberta Baker.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Amy McMullen.

STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT: Debora Price, Rebecca Gile, Terry Reilly, Susan Yesalonia, Linda McSweeney.

CALL TO ORDER: D. Tinney called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Approval of minutes

D. Tinney asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the August 12, 2016 meeting.

L. Millington made corrections to page two, J.Fribush was elected as Board Secretary and language was changed to include three (not two) years of educational experience.

S. Owens **moved that the VSBPE accept the minutes of the August 12, 2016 meeting.** J. Fribush seconded. **Motion passed.**

Board Member Updates

Staff Report

D. Price gave a brief update on the staff report. R. Gile updated the Board on the Vermont Teacher of the Year Process. The Board discussed the recent staff turnover and the Educator Quality Division's distribution of responsibilities, as well as anticipated openings.

Waiver Requests

The Board spoke with Chris Masson, Superintendent of Essex North Supervisory Union, regarding his request for a waiver of *Rule 5340.5 Apprenticeship License* for Chris Brady. The Board discussed the request.

J. Fribush moved the Board grant Chris Brady an extension for one-year to his apprenticeship license in Career Technical Education-Agriculture & Natural Resources. The license is effective ending June 30, 2017 retro-active to July 1, 2016. E. Remmers seconded. Motion passed.

The Board spoke with Ellie McGarry, Rutland City Public Schools, Director of Support Services, regarding the Superintendent's request for a waiver of *Rule 5351 qualifications for a Provisional License* for Melissa (Rowland) Hoyer.

S. Owens moved the Board move into Executive session at 10:15 a.m. to speak with William Anton, Superintendent of Windham Central Supervisory Union, regarding his request for a waiver of *Rule 5246.3...Waiver of Praxis Core Series Requirements* for Nika Oakes's License application. The discussion will include clinical diagnosis information for the educator. Debora Price, Director of Educator Quality, was invited to stay. J. Fribush seconded. Motion passed.

S. Owens moved to exit Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. J. Fribush seconded. Motion passed.

The Board broke into committees at 11:00 a.m., for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

S. Owens moved the Board move into Executive session at 12:45 p.m. to discuss waiver requests for Nika Oakes and Melissa (Rowland) Hoyer. Debora Price, Director of Educator Quality, was invited to stay. J. Fribush seconded. Motion passed.

S. Owens moved to exit Executive Session at 1:12 p.m. J. Fribush seconded. Motion passed.

S. Morse moved the Board grant Nika Oakes a waiver of the Praxis core series requirements with the stipulation that the license is restricted to the Windham Central Supervisory Union. E. Remmers seconded. Motion passed.

S. Morse moved the Board grant Melissa (Rowland) Hoyer a waiver a waiver of *Rule 5351 qualifications for a Provisional License*. H. Lanthier seconded. Motion denied. (2 in favor, 8 opposed)

Licensure Committee – R. Baker Chair Reporting

The committee discussed the VSBPE's Relicensure Handbook, and changes that will need to be made regarding recent policy changes at the Agency.

Professional Standards Committee – E. Remmers Chair Reporting

The committee discussed: Endorsement Revisions & Timeline Update; Middle & Secondary Science - public comment; and the School Nurse Standards Revisions – public comment.

Program Approval Committee – L. Millington Chair Reporting

The committee discussed: College of St. Joseph's – Change practicum from 6 to 3 credits. The committee needs more information to consider the request.

L. Millington moved that the VSBPE approve the following team members for the Norwich University ROPA visit in February 2017. The team members are: Judy Kaplan will join Terry Reilly, Pat Fitzsimmons and Linda McSweeney to represent the AOE. J. Fribush seconded. Motion passed. D.

Apprenticeship License, CTE Recommendations

Present for the discussion were: Patti Coultas, Sherri Boucher, and Mike Redington. The discussion centered around changing the term of the Apprenticeship License from its current term of three-years, to an increased term of five-years. A history of the Apprenticeship License was distributed.

Additional ideas discussed were:

- 5 year license
- Yearly Apprenticeship license report to bring accountability to process
- What are extenuating circumstances – AOE defines these and consider program sequence, lack of credits and Praxis Core prep as circumstances.(See slide 9)

Board comments:

AOE comments: Ask Jay Ramsey of AOE to sit in on future discussions.

Check about 24 -48 hours change adopted by VSBPE in 2008

November 2016 meeting:

CTE discussion continued (J. Ramsey)

DATA – Apprenticeship license from other states and number of AOE extension requests

ETS – Malik McKinley – NOTE – demonstration/discussion

Rules work – building adjustments and newly revised endorsements will begin in January, 2017

Signatures - ICAR

Micro credentialing – badges used around Professional Learning per relicensure

ALiS – efficiency, effectiveness, user-friendliness of ALiS. Talking about survey at AOE.

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 3:04 p.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Rebecca Gile