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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: Don Tinney, Erik Remmers, Roberta Baker, Richard Reardon, Tom Young, Helen Lanthier, David Younce, Cynthia Cole, Jeremy Hill

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Fribush, Amy McMullen, David St. Germain

STAFF PRESENT: Deborah Giles, Terry Reilly, Amy Scalabrini, Ron Ryan

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Juliet Longchamp (NEA), Barri Tinkler (UVM), Michael Cannizzaro (UVM)

CALL TO ORDER: D. Tinney called to order at 9:10am

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

D. Tinney asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the September 21, 2017 meeting.

Motion made by H. Lanthier to **approve minutes with corrections made to clarify Melissa Cole's waiver**. Seconded by R. Reardon.

Superintendent Request – Rule #5364 for School Counselor

Waiver request from Tom Debalsi to waive the rule regarding an Emergency License for a School Counselor.

Correction made at Executive Committee Meeting on 10/18/17:

The Emergency license is restricted to Hartford Schools and will be processed once you complete the online application.

The Board approved this request with the following expectations:

1. Melissa Cole will not be eligible for an extension on an emergency license if she does not meet the qualifications for a Provisional license.
2. Melissa Cole will not be eligible for an extension on a provisional license if she does not meet the qualifications for a Level I license with a School Counselor endorsement during the time period of the provisional.
3. Melissa Cole will receive weekly supervision by a licensed clinical school counselor throughout the Emergency license period.

CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Letter from Board Chair, D. Tinney.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

J. Longchamp spoke about upcoming Spring Micro Credentialing Pilot Sessions for English Learners and Classroom Management; and about the three-year \$75,000 grant that has been awarded for Para Educator Training. The grant will focus on two districts per year with Maple Run being the first recipient.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES:

D. Tinney represented the Vermont NEA, traveled to a meeting in Washington D.C.

STAFF REPORT:

R. Ryan spoke about debrief and license mapping process. The Agency will be submitting a proposal for Professional Learning to the Nellie Mae Foundation. This is the same proposal that was supported by the VSBPE in the Fall of 2016. However, at the time of submission, Nellie Mae was not considering State agencies.

Motion made by R. Baker for **VSBPE to support AOE's intent to submit proposal for Nellie Mae grant.** Seconded by T. Young.

Motion by D. Younce to **postpone vote on Nellie Mae grant proposal to an email vote once they have received a copy of the proposal.** Seconded by R. Reardon.
Motion approved.

UVM SLP PROGRAM APPROVAL:

AOE Recommendation:

The Agency recommends that

1. A ROPA review for UVM Educational SLP program be completed during the spring of 2018 to coincide with other UVM program reviews/approvals.
 - a. If additional time is needed to include the SLP program the Agency will work with UVM to schedule a review of all programs for the fall of 2018.

2. The Review Team is directed to make a recommendation regarding how ASHA reviews will be incorporated moving forward.
3. The ROPA Review Team will include a currently practicing Educational SLP.

H. Lanthier moved to **adapt the agenda to include vote on UVM SLP Program Approval**. D. Younce seconded. **Motion approved.**

H. Lanthier **moved to refer UVM SLP Review to PAC to review ASHA approval documentation and determine if it sufficiently aligns with Vermont's initiatives and standards and does VSBPE require more info at each ASHA review.**
Seconded by R Reardon. Motion approved.

PEER REVIEW:

Presentation by Wendy Scott

Peer Review is a ROPA Approved, Alternative Route to Licensure.

C. Cole spoke of Wendy's achievements and improvements and asked what the Board could do in support of her efforts.

A future Agenda item for PAC will include drafting recommended language for clarification in areas of policy additions.

STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW & REVISIONS:

Motion made by R. Reardon **to table Strategic Plan Review & Revisions to November Meeting.** Seconded by C. Cole. **Motion approved.**

Break for lunch at 11:54

Reconvene at 12:30

PROGRAM APPROVAL COMMITTEE - R. REARDON CHAIR REPORTING:

Motion by R. Reardon for **PAC to accept ROPA's recommendation for all TAP licensure programs based on May 10/11 report.** Seconded by H Lanthier.
Motion approved.

Motion by R. Reardon for **PAC to accept ROPA's full approval of all Champlain College based on 4/6 review.** Seconded by H Lanthier.
Motion approved.

R. Reardon moved that **PAC pushes ROPA Review Schedule for each institution ahead for 1 year.** Seconded by H. Lanthier. **Motion denied.**

Recommendation by R. Ryan to add this to November Agenda. D. Tinney agreed.

Recommendation made by T. Reilly to discuss the School Nurse endorsement with Revision Team to decide if the Associate School Nurse endorsement needs to be reviewed and/or revised.

LICENSING COMMITTEE - R. BAKER, CHAIR REPORTING:

Licensing committee spoke about waivers in general and the actions that may need to be taken to inform superintendents of educator waiver requests. Discussion regarding Self Assessments and began discussion for a Substitute license. C1 and F1 policies were also discussed and will be voted on at the November meeting.

GPA:

The Board discussed the discrepancies relating to the GPA requirements for different License applications. IE: Provisional and Emergency Licenses do not have a minimum GPA requirement; Peer Review and Initial Licenses require a 3.0 and Transcript Review requires a C or better. This topic will be discussed further at the November meeting.

MICRO CREDENTIALING:

R. Reardon shared the current pilot in Rutland Central SU in conjunction with Castleton University. Three states are currently using this model for licensure.

NOVEMBER AGENDA ITEMS:

- Policies (C1 and F1) approval – Discussion and vote
- Strategic Plan – Discussion
- ROPA Review Schedule – Discussion and vote
- 3.0 GPA follow up - Discussion
- PAC: Review previous ASHA approval documentation for UVM SLP program
- Licensing Committee: Substitute Provisional License for one year
- Rule Revision: SLP's who have a recommendation for Licensure can apply through the Traditional Route. (Currently required to apply via Transcript Review)

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 2:53 p.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Amy Scalabrini