



AGENCY OF EDUCATION  
EDUCATOR QUALITY DIVISION

Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators

## VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS

December 11, 2015 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, Patti Coultas, Donald Tinney, Thomas Young, Luisa Millington, Steve Owens, Jennifer Fribush.

**STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT:** Debora Price, Patrick Halladay, 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 October 27, 2015 meeting.

R. Baker moved that the VSBE accept the minutes of the October 27, 2015 meeting. D. Tinney seconded. **Motion passed.**

#### State Board of Education Report

R. Plude updated the Board on the most recent meeting of the SBE on November 17, 2015 at Union Elementary School.

#### Staff Report

D. Price distributed a chart to members which details the history of Speech Language Pathology (SLP) licensing and requirements therein.

#### Waiver Requests

The Board spoke with Armando Vilaseca, Interim Superintendent at Addison Rutland Supervisory Union regarding the request for a waiver of VSBE Rule 5246.3 *Praxis Core Requirement*, for Chris Hamel to continue serving as a Music Teacher at Bristol Elementary School.

The Board spoke with Beth Cobb, Superintendent Orange East Supervisory Union, regarding her request for a waiver of VSBE Rule 5351 *Provisional License and Endorsements specifically "C.*

*have a major in the content area of the provisional endorsement sought", to apply as a School Social Worker.*

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

S. Owens **moved to enter into executive session at 10:15 a.m. to discuss the waiver requests. The Board invited D. Price to join them and provide input. D. Tinney seconded. Motion passed.**

P. Coultas **moved to exit executive session at 10:45 a.m. S. Owens seconded. Motion passed.**

S. Owens **moved that the VSBPE grant a waiver of Rule 5351, to Sarah Brownell and approve a two-year Provisional License restricted to the Bradford Elementary School. C. Philips seconded. Motion passed.**

S. Owens **moved that the VSBPE grant a waiver of Rule 5246.3, to Christopher Hamel, and transfer his Level I restricted license to Bristol Elementary School. D. Tinney seconded. Motion passed.**

The Board broke into committees at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

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

The committee discussed: a recent plan the Licensing Office will implement regarding monitoring of the Educator Provisional - Initial License Plans; they also discussed the 2016 Renewal roll-out plan.

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

The committee discussed: Director of Curriculum; Additional Requirements—Secondary Core Subjects and Online Teaching Specialist – grandfather plan.

P. Coultas **moved that the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators vote to adopt the revised Director of Curriculum Endorsement, 5440-93. S. Owens seconded. Motion passed.**

P. Coultas **moved that the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators vote to revise the Additional Requirements section of the secondary core subjects (math 11, English 05, science 13, and social studies 15) to read "A minimum of a practicum, or the equivalent, at the middle/secondary level (7-12) in a placement that requires competency with the Vermont Core Teaching Standards." S. Owens seconded. Motion passed.**

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

The committee discussed: One-Year ROPA Report: VCFA, ROPA Report: UVEI, Two-Year Report: Johnson State College, One-Year Update: Lyndon State College (LSC), New Program Review Request: LSC Early Childhood.

**L. Millington moved that the VSBPE accept the One-Year Report from the VCFA MAT in Teaching in Art and Design Education program which successfully addresses concerns from the New Program visit conducted in November of 2014. D. Tinney seconded. Motion passed. S. Owens abstained.**

**L. Millington moved that the VSBPE accept the ROPA report and grant full approval to Upper Valley Educators Institute's (UVEI) Principal program; and Two-Year Conditional approval for the new UVEI Director of Curriculum program. D. Tinney seconded. Motion passed.**

**L. Millington moved that the VSBPE accept the Two-Year Report from Johnson State College, and grant full approval for the following programs:**

**Undergraduate:**

**Elementary (K-6)**  
**English (7-12)**  
**Social Studies (7-12)**  
**Science (7-12)**  
**Mathematics (7-12)**  
**Physical Education**  
**Art Education**  
**Music Education**  
**Theater Education**  
**Special Education (Grade K-8)**

**Post- baccalaureate only:**

**Elementary (K-6)**  
**Special Education**  
**Middle Level English**  
**Middle Level Science**  
**Middle Level Social Studies**  
**Middle Level Math**  
**English (7-12)**  
**Social studies (7-12)**  
**Science (7-12)**  
**Mathematics (7-12)**  
**Art Education**  
**Music Education**



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D. Tinney seconded. **Motion passed.**

L. Millington moved that the VSBPE accept the One- Year Update from Lyndon State College and grant continued full approval for the following programs: Undergraduate and Post-baccalaureate: Early Childhood (PK-grade 3), Elementary (K-6), English (7-12), Social Studies (7-12), Science (7-12), Mathematics (7-12), Special Education (Grade K-8). In addition, full approval is granted to the following undergraduate and post-baccalaureate program: Special Education (K-8). J. Fribush seconded. **Motion passed.**

The Board broke for lunch at 12:25 p.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

### **VSBPE Rules Revisions**

D. Price distributed a revised chart to Board members which details recent rules revisions, and the explanation for these changes. The Board discussed the changes to the rules.

P. Coultas moved that the VSBPE approve the Licensing Rules changes, and move them forward into the rule-making process. R. Baker seconded. **Motion passed.**

At 3:18 p.m., Chair John declared the December 11, 2015 meeting of the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators adjourned.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Rebecca Plude