

State Board of Education

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Special January Meeting Draft Meeting Minutes

Date: January 23, 2024

Present:

State Board Members (SBE): Jennifer Samuelson, Chair; Tammy Kolbe; Tom Lovett (left at 5:15 p.m.); Jenna O'Farrell (left at 5:20 p.m.); Grey Fearon; Richard Werner; Kim Gleason
Agency of Education (AOE): Suzanne Sprague

Others: Sarah Buxton, SBE Legal Counsel; Justin Sherman, Jewish Communities of Vermont (JCVT); LL

Call to Order, Roll Call, Amendments to the Agenda

Chair Samuelson called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Chair Samuelson explained that this was warned as a special meeting of the SBE because of quorum issues, but as a practical matter, it is a combined meeting of the Education Quality Standards (EQS) and Rule Series 2200 Committees to discuss common themes raised in public comment in both series. A roll call was taken. There were no amendments to the agenda. Discussion occurred regarding recording the meeting, meeting is a working session, not recording the meeting since no formal decisions will be made, the process on how the two sets of rules will be finalized and the process if the two committees are not in agreement.

Public to be Heard

None

Working Session to continue discussing common public comments received during the Education Quality Standards (Rule Series 2000) and Rule Series 2200 public comment periods that are applicable to both sets of rules

Chair Samuelson referenced the document titled, [Common Sections of Rule Series 2000 and Rule Series 2200](#), that was distributed by Buxton.

Buxton also referenced her document that contained possible draft language for the parallel section in each set of rules. She explained her process. Buxton further explained how the

document was compiled and the document contents. The document contains possible draft language for the following: 1) implementation deadline; 2) where parallel sections are complete; 3) records management; 4) instructional strategies; and 5) curriculum content. There was discussion on the effective date of July 1, 2025, the preamble, the findings, the statement of purpose, records management, and instructional strategies. Buxton said EQS will have a section on curriculum content areas, and this does not apply to Rule Series 2200.

Buxton will update the rules based on this discussion. There will be a Doodle Poll sent to determine the date and time of the next meeting depending on Buxton's timeline. An updated document will be shared with members a few days prior to the next meeting. Discussion followed regarding scope of work, what can be expected in the next draft, including a crosswalk to public comment or legal review and process going forward.

Adjourn

Kolbe moved to adjourn; Gleason seconded. There was no discussion. The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Suzanne Sprague.