
State Board of Education

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State Board of Education Rule Series 2000 - Education Quality Standards Public Hearing

Date: October 3, 2023

Present:

State Board Members (SBE): Kimberly Gleason, Jennifer Samuelson

Agency of Education (AOE): Maureen Gaidys

Others: Sarah Buxton, Seth Riemer, Flor Diaz-Smith, Ethan Felson, Paula Cope, Jennifer Prue, Eli Francis, Dan Gottsegen, Jamie Spector, Phoebe, Jeremy Sternberg, Jessica Meller, Pam Goldman, Vera Windish, Rep. Elizabeth Burrows, James Pasch, Jamie Carroll, Adrienne Raymond, Susan Leff, Avram Patt, Kathy Shapiro, Liz Curry, Alyssa Chen, Aaron Kindsvatter, Amanda Garces, Mark Koenig, Lori Mulloy, Stuart Elsberg, Rabbi Murray, Dana Decker, Neil Odell, Phil Dunwoody, Lisa Talmadge, Charles Hacker, Mary Trammell, Jen, Micaela Tucker, Justin Sherman, Chrystal Loyer, Jean Shockley/Richard Backer, Sue Ceglowski, Sam Sanders, TGS, Keith and Nina Sand-Loud, Louis Prue, The Zajdmans, Beth Kanell, Rabbi David Edleson, Wilmer Chavarria, Brett, Td Molnar, Jeff Francis, Alex Rimberg, Andy Robinson, Martha Molnar, Jill Post, Mary-Katherine Stone, Aaron Sacks, Debra Ann Pinosof-DePillis, Jay Nichols, Susan, Alison Novak, Rebekah, Susan Schoenfeld, Edye Graning, Tom Beck, M., Diane Berman, Peter Orner, Rabbi Ilene Haigh, Rachel Kahn, De-Dee Loftin-Davis, Angela Arsenault, SB, Nicholas Haigh, Cathy Williams, Andy.

Item A: Call to Order

Gleason called the public hearing to order at 6:31 p.m. and welcomed members of the public and said this is the third and final public hearing. She explained that the State Board of Education - Education Quality Standards (EQS) Committee's process began in April 2022. They received recommendations for changes to the EQS from the Act 1 Working Group. In May, 2022, the EQS Rule Update Committee began work on aligning the rules with the values of Act 1. In May 2023, the State Board of Education approved a draft of these rules to be filed with the Interagency Committee on Administrative Rules (ICAR) and established as schedule for three public hearings. This is the last of the three hearings. The deadline for formal public comment is the end of the day, October 15, 2023. In August of 2023, the State Board of Education also approved proposed changes to the Rules Series 2200 for Independent School approval to reflect the values of Act 1 of 2019; the EQS Committee and

the Rules Series 2200 committee will separately be considering comments for both rule series to ensure alignment with language.

Gleason explained the technical and logistical details of the public hearing process and advised that comments should be respectful, will be limited to three minutes per person and should be related to the proposed changes to the 2000 Rule Series. She invited and encouraged written public comment be provided to the State Board of Education at SBE.PublicComment@vermont.gov. Comments will be considered as potential revisions to the final rule.

Item C: Public to be Heard

The following members of the public addressed the State Board of Education - Education Quality Standards (EQS) Rule Update Committee:

Seth Riemer, Rabbi, Congregation Beth Allen, Bennington, VT
Flor Diaz-Smith, Incoming President of Vermont School Boards Association (VSBA)
Ethan Felson, Hartford, VT
Paula Cope, Consultant, Parent, Past President of Temple Sinai
Jennifer Prue, Temple Sinai, UVM Hillel
Eli Francis, Senior, U-32 High School
Jamie Spector, Community Member, Parent of Children at Twinfield, Social Worker
Phoebe, High School Senior
Jeremey Sternberg, Woodstock, VT, Shir Shalom
Dan Gottsegen, Hartland, VT, Shir Shalom
Jessica Meller, Jewish Communities of VT
Pam Goldman, Woodstock, Shir Shalom, Parent of two children
Vera Windish, Woodstock, student
Rep. Elizabeth Burrows, Windsor-1 District, Parent, School Board member
James Pasch, Senior Director for the National Litigation for the Anti-Defamation League
Jamie Carroll, Vermont, Beth Jacob Synagogue
Adrienne Raymond, Shrewsbury, Retired School Board Member
Susan Leff, Burlington, Past President of Temple Sinai
Avram Patt, House of Representatives, Lamoille-Washington District
Kathy Shapiro, Vermont
Liz Curry, Burlington, VT
Alyssa Chen, Education Justice Coalition, former educator
Aaron Kindsvatter, Foundation against Intolerance and Racism
Amanda Garces, Human Rights Commission, Former Co-Chair of Act 1 Working Group
Mark Koenig, Community Member, Parent
Lori Malloy, Parent of recent graduate, Woodstock High School
Stuart Elsberg, Norwich, VT
Rabbi Murray, Vermont
Dana Decker, Equity Coordinator, White Revier Valley Supervisory Union, Special Educator
Neil Odell, Norwich School Board, President of VSBA Board of Directors
Phil Dunwoody, Quechee, VT
Lisa Talmadge, Vermont Public Education Defense

Gleason thanked members for offering their comments and reminded the group that the deadline for formal public comment period is October 15, 2023. She added that written public comment could be submitted to SBE.PublicComment@vermont.gov.

Adjourn

The public hearing adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Maureen Gaidys.