



Thursday, January 25, 2024
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State Board of Education Rule Series 2200 Committee

Draft Meeting Minutes

State Board of Education (SBE) Committee Members Present: Jennifer Samuelson, Chair, Tom Lovett, Kimberly Gleason
Others: Sarah Buxton, Attorney
Agency of Education (AOE): Maureen Gaidys

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Amendments to the Agenda

Chair Samuelson called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm. and took roll call. There were no amendments to the agenda. Gleason requested that meetings of this committee be recorded. Chair Samuelson said that was an issue to be taken up either in this committee or with the full State Board of Education (SBE), but that it would require an executive session and legal advice. Gleason deferred continuing that discussion with the full SBE.

Approval of January 10, 2024 Draft Meeting Minutes

Lovett moved to approve the [January 10, 2024 meeting minutes](#); Gleason seconded. There was no discussion. Chair Samuelson called the vote. The minutes were approved.

Public to be Heard

There were no members of the public who wished to be heard.

Working Session: Discussion of Feedback Received During Public Comment Period

Chair Samuelson reviewed that the Committee was going to continue working through the document titled, [Spreadsheet of Public Comment](#). Buxton offered to start with the remainder of the [Equity Alliance's comments](#) or move to other comments/suggestions.

The committee continued with public comment from the Equity Alliance and then considered oral and written public comment received from Laurie Boswell, Carson Thurber, Herbert Ogden and Jim Salsgiver (on behalf of Taconic and Green Regional School District and BRSU), Reps. Kelly Pajala, Seth Bongartz, Kathleen James, and Mike Rice, Chuck Scranton, Brian Bloomfield, Colin Igoe, Edward Zuccaro, Rod Ames, Sharon Howell, Phoebe Vaughan, Roy Starling, Margaret Schlachter, Dylan Spencer Kenny, Mathew Forest, Angela Middleton, Tim Newbold, and Sue Ceglowski. The

committee postponed consideration of comments received by the Vermont Independent Schools Association until its next meeting.

Chair Samuelson suggested pausing the Committee's work to give Buxton time to research and draft proposed language for the Committee's consideration. Buxton will send an updated spreadsheet to Committee members with issues to be addressed at the top.

There was discussion on when the next meeting should be held. Buxton explained that her goal is to get a draft of the EQS rules and her legal review to Kolbe and Gleason, then process EQS public comment, integrate proposed changes into the rules, and have that work done by the first week in February. She suggested this Committee next meet on February 13, 2024. The Committee meetings scheduled for January 31 and February 6, 2024 will be cancelled. Buxton will have the draft updates to Rules Series 2200 by February 9 or 10, 2024 so that Committee members will have time to consider them in advance of the February 13, 2024 meeting.

Adjourn

Gleason moved to adjourn; Lovett seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Maureen Gaidys