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State Board of Education Rule Series 2000 - Education Quality Standards Committee Meeting Draft Minutes

Date: November 27, 2023

Present:

State Board Members (SBE): Kimberly Gleason, Tammy Kolbe, Grey Fearon, Mohamed Diop, Richard Werner

Agency of Education (AOE): Suzanne Sprague

Others: Sarah Buxton, SBE Legal Counsel; Justin Sherman; LL (Guest); Ted Molnar; Rabbi Tobie Weisman

Call to Order/Roll Call/Amendments to the Agenda

Kolbe called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. Committee attendance was taken. She asked to amend the agenda by adding a possible executive session. Gleason made the motion to accept the amendment to the agenda. Werner seconded. The motion carried. The approval of the minutes from the November 20th meeting was tabled until the next meeting.

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Kolbe mentioned that written comment can be submitted to sbe.publiccomment@vermont.gov.

Justin Sherman, attorney at Langrock Sperry & Wool, representing the Jewish Community of Vermont (JCVT), addressed the committee.

Working Session: Discussion of Feedback received during the Public Comment Period

Gleason said public comments are referenced via a [2000 Comment Spreadsheet](#) and have been ranked by category. The committee will be addressing the comments on the spreadsheet highlighted in yellow. Kolbe said that definitions for ethnic group, ethnic studies and social group are posted on the State Board's web site as decided by the committee at the last meeting. Gleason said that many of the comments may be answered by the amendments made or agreed to with respect to the technical adjustments to definitions to align with Act 1.

Kolbe said that the committee has read all the public comments in details prior of this meeting. Gleason added that public comment received can be viewed on the [SBE's web site](#). Buxton walked the committee through the summary of the comments. The committee had a discussion regarding their response to each comment. The comments and committee proposed responses are found in the working spreadsheet attached here.

Discussion occurred regarding bundling comments together by context or responding to each comment individually and revisiting earlier comments. There was consensus that Kolbe, Gleason and Buxton work to bundle the comments for consideration at future meetings.

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Adjourn

Kolbe moved to adjourn; Werner seconded. There was no discussion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Suzanne Sprague