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## State Board of Education Student Performance Standards Committee

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### Draft Meeting Minutes

**Date: November 18, 2024**

Present:

**State Board Members (SBE):** Kimberly Gleason, Co-Chair; Tammy Kolbe, Co-Chair (left at 4:30 p.m.); Grey Fearon.

**Agency of Education (AOE):** Eian Burfoot-Rochford, Roseanne Neddo, Maureen Gaidys

**Others:** Mike Ward

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

Gleason called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. and acknowledged members present: Gleason, Kolbe, Fearon. There were no amendments to the agenda. Kolbe will need to step away for 30 minutes for another meeting. Gleason said the meeting could continue without a quorum since no votes would be taken.

#### Item B: Public to be Heard

There were no members to be heard.

#### Item C: Discussion regarding process for review and approval of academic standards

Gleason gave background and explained that three of the standards are under consideration and need to be considered – Health and Physical Education (PE) and IRIS (social equity) standards. This meeting's task is to get create a process to bring to the full SBE on how to address each set of standards. Each standard will require a unique work plan. There will be an individualized process for different standards.

There was discussion on submitting a timeline to the SBE, updating the SBE on this process, the Health and PE standards presentation given to the SBE in August, needing more information, providing links, hearing from curriculum coordinators and others, and needing representation for content areas.

There was discussion on an outline of the parts to the process, hearing from AOE/Curriculum Coordinators/PE/Health Teachers/General Public, understanding substantive changes to existing national standards, any Vermont-specific modifications, areas of

alignment/misalignment with recently updated Education Quality Standards (EQS) and resource/cost implications for implementation, and considerations for implementation and impact on existing practice, having one or two meetings to hear additional information, being accessible by offering different dates and times, hearing from AOE at one meeting on both Health and PE and IRIS standards, different process for IRIS standards, and scheduling constituent engagement.

The committee moved to the topic of a process for Social Equity (IRIS) Standards and discussed making recommendations on updates by the December 18, 2024 SBE meeting, this committee meeting twice before December 18, time to process comments received, moving the timeline to January 2025, efficiency in coordinating testimony with AOE, timeline will be driven by the technical review, and impact on students and including student input.

The committee discussed constituent input, technical review by outside curriculum expert, need to ask for funding, need to start the process before funding is determined, putting forth a recommended approach, implications of a budget request, speaking with the SBE Chair, these standards are highly consequential to the field and were developed quickly, there are no national standards to reference, highly charged topic, budgetary request for curriculum consultant is out of the norm, detailing a work plan, recommend objective review, SBE has no curricular expertise, finding and funding the people are a logistical concern, and using a competitive bid process to review and make recommendations on standards. The committee would like to receive input from AOE, Act 1 Working Group, curriculum coordinators, equity directors, school boards, superintendents, principals, other education partners, educators, and the general public.

There was discussion on the process for procuring a contract, this process is expected to take longer, separating standards and addressing health and PE first and then taking up IRIS, starting to share information, offering a timeline knowing that it will need modification, suggesting a proposed timeline of the April SBE meeting, and starting the procurement process as soon as possible.

#### **Item D: Next steps and future meeting planning**

There was discussion on scheduling for December into January, meeting twice a month for about two hours and setting a regular meeting time. There will be documents drafted outlining the process for both the Health and PE standards and the IRIS standards for the November SBE meeting.

#### **Item E: Public to be Heard**

There were no members to be heard.

#### **Adjourn**

Gleason adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Maureen Gaidys.