

June 20, 2017

*Strategic Goals: (1) Ensure that Vermont's public education system operates within the framework of high expectations for every learner and ensure that there is equity in opportunity for all.
(2) Ensure that the public education system is stable, efficient, and responsive to changes and ever-changing population needs, economic and 21st century issues.*

State Board of Education Retreat Day 2 Draft Minutes

Present:

State Board of Education Members: Krista Huling, Bill Mathis, John Carroll, Mark Perrin, Stacy Weinberger, John O'Keefe, Peter Peltz, and Rainbow Chen

Agency of Education (AOE): Rebecca Holcombe, Molly Bachman, Amy Fowler, Patrick Halladay, Lori Dolezal, Haley Dover

Molly Bachman gave an overview of state board rules and responsibilities. She explained the board's rulemaking authority, the role of the Secretary of Education in the legislature. She also told the board where they can find copies of all of the rules and how to read the Vermont Education Lawbook.

She went over the decision from the Attorney General's Office regarding the Rule 2200 Series from December 2016.

Molly also gave an overview of Act 49 (H.513), and provided a legislative summary.

Board members asked for details about Child Nutrition funding programs. They asked to put that topic on a future agenda, as well as Act 166.

Deputy Secretary Fowler gave an update on EQS. The AOE is hosting Vermont State Plan information sessions. She talked about the move from focusing on Accountability to Continuous Improvement, and went through the steps of Integrated Field Reviews, the Education Quality Standards and Education Quality Reviews.

The board participated in an activity where they were asked to write down what can be learned from the integrated field reviews.

Amy gave an overview of the ESSA Vermont State Plan and the federal accountability framework.

The board paused for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

The board resumed the retreat at 1:00 p.m.

Board members individually reviewed the current strategic plan. They shared what they think the board has accomplished and what things should be changed. The board participated in a speed-dating activity where they spoke to each other individually about what should be changed, updated, and added that to the strategic plan.

Members added post-it notes to an enlarged version of the strategic plan to track their changes.

John Carroll volunteered to go through the plan and type up the changes.

The board discussed meeting schedules.

Krista read the revised statement about board communication.

The board ended with a “Rose and Thorn” exercise.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Haley Dover
