

State Board of Education

Rules Series 2200 Subcommittee Meeting

Draft Meeting Minutes

Meeting Place: Virtual Teams Meeting/Video/Teleconference

Call in #: 1-802-552-8456, Conference ID: 192 602 397#

One National Life Drive, Room #514

Montpelier, VT 05602

Date: November 30, 2021

Present:

State Board of Education (SBE) Subcommittee Members: Jennifer Deck Samuelson, Chair; Kim Gleason, Tom Lovett

Agency of Education (AOE): Emily Simmons, Suzanne Sprague

Others: Mill Moore, Vermont Independent Schools Association; Sue Ceglowski, Vermont School Boards Association; Jeff Francis, Vermont Superintendents Association; Jay Nichols, Vermont Principals' Association

Call to Order/Amendments to the Agenda

Chair Samuelson called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. There were no amendments to the agenda.

Approval of the November 15, 2021, Minutes

Chair Samuelson moved to approve the draft minutes. Lovett seconded. A vote was called and the motion passed.

Public to be Heard

Nichols, Executive Director of the Vermont Principals' Association, spoke in concurrence with the Vermont School Board Association's public comment, wanting to ensure that all schools that receive public funds be free from discrimination in enrollment and admissions practices and speaking in favor of strong internal and external accounting measures in order to promote transparency.

Discussion Regarding Public Comment Received to Proposed Changes to Rule Series 2200

Chair Samuelson reviewed the November 29, 2021, memo from SBE Chair Olsen reviewing the history of the Rule 2200 Series, summarizing the public comments received, and providing a timeline of next steps. At Olsen's invitation, the Act 173 Advisory Group will review all public comments concerning issues that are within its purview and will provide to the SBE, in advance of its January 2022 meeting, consensus recommendations on any changes to the rules that it thinks are warranted. Chair Samuelson added that she had spoken with Megan Roy, Chair of the Act 173 Advisory Group, and that Roy had expressed her appreciation in being asked to perform this work since many of the public comments received went directly to the very issues with which the Advisory Group had wrestled. With that in mind, Chair Samuelson suggested that the subcommittee proceed through each of the comments, flag for the Advisory Group any public comments that fell within its purview, and discuss and, where possible, resolve the public comments that fell outside of Act 173. The subcommittee discussed public comments received by William Mathis, Lisa Purcell, the Agency of Education, Megan Calla, Vermont Independent Schools Association, and Alicia Hanrahan.

Adjourn

Lovett moved to adjourn, Gleason seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Chair Samuelson adjourned the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Samuelson