

State Board of Education Rule Series 2200 Subcommittee

Draft Meeting Minutes

Meeting Place: Virtual Teams Meeting/Video/Teleconference

Call in #: 1-802-552-8456, Conference ID: 841 425 833#

1 National Life Drive, Davis N514

Montpelier, VT 05620-2501

Date: November 15, 2021

Present:

State Board of Education (SBE) Subcommittee Members: Jennifer Deck Samuelson, Chair;
Kim Gleason, Tom Lovett (joined at 10:11am), Oliver Olsen

Agency of Education (AOE): Emily Simmons, Maureen Gaidys

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

Call to Order/Amendments to the Agenda

Chair Samuelson called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. There were no amendments to the agenda.

Approval of the October 15, 2021, Minutes

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

Public to be Heard

No members of the public addressed the Subcommittee.

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

Chair Samuelson reviewed the timeline of the work involving changes to Rule Series 2200 and the extensive opportunities for input by stakeholders and other members of the public since Act 173 was passed in 2018. Olsen then summarized the work performed by the Act 173

Working Group, how it was created by the General Assembly, met almost monthly, was comprised of different stakeholders who each brought their expertise to the process, and achieved consensus on the bulk of the changes that were made to the Rule Series. Olsen proposed that, before addressing the oral and written comments that were submitted by members of the public during the public comment period, it would be helpful to hear from participants in today's meeting who were also involved in the Act 173 Working Group as to whether or not they felt that the process had been successful. There was general agreement that the process was very collaborative, members of the Act 173 Working Group each brought their expertise, and confidence in process thus far.

Chair Samuelson suggested beginning with public comments received by stakeholders who had also been involved in drafting the proposed amendments to the Rule Series before the formal rule-making process began. The first set of public comments discussed included those submitted by the Agency of Education in two separate documents on August 26, 2021. Chair Samuelson noted that these comments had been discussed in Rule Series 2200 Subcommittee meetings prior to their submission, and she thanked the Agency for submitting its comments early in the rule-making process in order to provide other members of the public with ample time to respond. Discussion ensued regarding assurances in proposed Rule 2226.6 that "the facilities meet all applicable State and federal requirements, including compliance with Vermont's Public Accommodations Act, 9 V.S.A. §4500-4506," whether to amend language to more clearly reference anti-discrimination in enrollment and whether this assurance should be included as part of a different rule or listed as a stand-alone rule. Chair Olsen then questioned Ceglowski as to the purpose of the Vermont School Board Association's Resolution that was submitted during the public comment period on November 5, 2021, and what action it sought from the State Board of Education, since the resolution appears to be asking for an approval process for public schools which is outside the scope of the Rule Series.

Adjourn

Gleason moved to adjourn, Lovett seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Chair Samuelson adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m.