

TO: Program Approval Committee
SUBMITTED BY: Linda McSweeney – ROPA Consultant
ITEM FOR ACTION: TAP –Proposed Review Team

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March 29, 2017

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators votes to accept the proposed team members for the May 2017 Teacher Apprenticeship Program (TAP) ROPA Review.

MOTION:

I, _____, move that the VSBPE approve the following team members for the TAP ROPA visit in May 2017. The team members are: Dr. Page Tompkins (Team Chair), Jamie Koehnlein, Roberta Baker, Educator and VSBPE member, with Sigrid Olson, and Linda McSweeney representing the AOE.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Dr. Page Tompkins, Team Chair

Page Tompkins, EdD, is the Executive Director of the Upper Valley Educators Institute (UVEI) where he teaches in the Teacher and School Leadership programs. Page is currently a member of the New Hampshire Professional Standards Board, The New Hampshire Network for Transforming Educator Preparation steering committee, the New Hampshire Every Student Succeeds Act Educator Equity & Support advisory committee, and is active in the New Hampshire Institutions of Higher Education Network, including co-coordinating the Leadership Preparation Programs Committee and participating on the Teacher Candidate Assessment of Performance Research Committee.

Page’s research and practice interests include how teachers learn, instructional coaching, teacher leadership, teacher professional community, effective teaching, instructional program coherence, and school improvement.

Page is a former high school principal and social science teacher, with a background in project based learning and the Coalition of Essential Schools approach to school design. Prior to coming to UVEI, Page was the founding director of the Reach Institute for School Leadership in Oakland, California, and he was an instructor in the Principal Leadership Institute master degree program and the Leadership for Educational Equity doctorate program at the University of California Berkeley. He has served as a member of the California State Superintendent's Educator Excellence Task Force for the California

Department of Education, was Co-Chair of the Teacher Preparation Advisory Panel for the California Commission on Teacher Credentials, and was a member of the Carnegie Knowledge Network at the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Page earned his doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of California Berkeley; and a Master of Arts in Education, with a concentration in youth development and community based education, from San Francisco State University. Page holds New Hampshire Social Studies (5-12), Superintendent, Principal, and Curriculum Administrator educator licenses.

Jamie Koehnlein, Educator and Team Member

Jamie is an English Teacher at Randolph Union High School serving students grades 7 – 12. Her teaching assignments include: American Literature, Literature to Film, Creative Writing, Poetry Workshop, Food and Travel Writing, Youth Media Project Based Learning (PBL), Good Food Choices (PBL), AP Literature and Composition, (anticipated) AP Language and Composition. Jamie began her teaching career at Montpelier High School as a writing instructor. She holds a Certificate of Online Teaching from Marlboro College Graduate Center and is a former Vermont Virtual Learning Cooperative (VTVLC) and Florida Virtual School (FVS) teacher. Jamie earned a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) from the University of Vermont, and holds undergraduate degrees in English and Sociology from University of Vermont as well. In addition, Jamie has served three years for the OSSU Local Standards Board, directed Senior Project, a year-long independent graduation requirement, and has mentored a student teacher working with the Upper Valley Educator’s Institute (UVEI). Jamie is a recipient of the Inquiry Award for teachers at Randolph Union High School.

Roberta Baker, Educator and VSBPE Representative

Robert Baker lives in Montgomery Center and has been a math teacher at the Junior High in Derby, Vermont, for the past 14 years. She attended Champlain College and received a legal secretarial degree in the 80’s and worked as a legal secretary for several years before enrolling at Johnson State College where she received a Bachelor’s in Education in the 90’s where her first teaching position was grades in grades 4-8 math at Montgomery Elementary School. Roberat earned her Master’s Degree through the Vermont Mathematics Initiative from the University of Vermont. In addition to her teaching, Roberta is the treasurer of the Vermont Teachers’ of Mathematics professional association, the newsletter editor for ATMNE (Association of Teachers of Mathematics in New England), the co-chair the North Country Local Standard’s Board, and also Chair of the Licensing Subcommittee of the Vermont State Standards Board of Professional Educations (VSBPE) where she has been member for the past four years.

In her spare time, Roberta loves working in her flower gardens and is an amateur genealogist. She has three children and one grandchild who also keep her busy.

The following AOE staff will be supporting the team:

Linda McSweeney – ROPA Consultant

Sigrid Olson – Program Coordinator, Personalization and Flexible Pathways