

State Board of Education Education Quality Standards Rule Update Committee

Draft Meeting Minutes

Virtual Teams Meeting/Video/Teleconference
Call in #: 1-802-828-7667
Conference ID: 722 078 883#

Date: April 5, 2023

Present:

State Board of Education (SBE) Committee Members: Patrick Brown, Kim Gleason, Tammy Kolbe, and Tom Lovett

Agency of Education (AOE): Maureen Gaidys

Others: Jennifer Deck Samuelson, SBE Chair

Call to Order/Roll Call/Amendments to Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. Gleason, Kolbe, and Lovett were present. Patrick Brown (former State Board of Education member and EQS Committee member) and Jennifer Samuelson, State Board of Education Chair were also present.

Public to be Heard

There were no members of the public present and wishing to be heard. Kolbe made reference to and summarized a [public comment submitted from former State Board of Education chair, Oliver Olsen](#), received by the board early that morning.

Approve [March 28, 2023](#) and [March 30, 2023](#) Meeting Minutes

Lovett made a motion to approve the minutes of the meetings of March 28 & 30. Kolbe seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Discussion/Edits

The Committee worked through a [list of "loose ends"](#) in the EQS text, with feedback from the Act

1 Working Group and from State Board of Education Chair Samuelson. Committee adjourned from 12:36-1:04pm, and then resumed discussion.

- Nothing herein shall be construed to entitle any student to educational programs or services identical to those received by other students in the same or different Supervisory Union/Supervisory District (SU/SD) or school~~school districts~~. Further, nothing herein shall create a private right of action. These rules are in addition to and, unless otherwise specifically stated, do not supersede other rules contained in the Vermont State Board of Education Manual of Rules and Practices. **This manual adopts a definition of Discrimination that is broader than its legal definition. Further, nothing herein shall be construed to create a private right of action.**

- 2111 Adoption of Content Area Standards - use of “pre-K”; confirm or remove; yes, according to Act 1.

Remove pre-K in this reference per 16 VSA 164(9), which specifically refers to”... kindergarten to grade 12...”

- Definitions:

- Check definition of “Neurodiversity”; **accurate as represented in the 4/5/23 draft**
- Educational Technology and Educator Mentoring - file as is? Changes were only clarifying/improving old language (not related to Act 1); **confirm to maintain as is**
- Check numbering; **formatting corrected**
- “Educator” definition necessary; **committee has not defined “educator” for purposes of this document, and has been mindful in checking use of “educator” vs. “teacher”; if there are technical correction to this reference or request for definition in public comment, that could be addressed in the ICAR process**

- 2126 - **MODIFIED LANGUAGE TO REFERENCE DQS for Committee review**
- Edits in 2126:
 - 3. In accordance with 16 V.S.A. 165(g) and 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 127, Sec. 14, and as required by Vermont Agency of Education (AOE) District Quality Standard Rule Series 100, each Vermont school district shall evaluate and report performance as articulated in Section 131 District Quality Review Process.

Future Agenda Items

- Next meeting dates: April 6, 2023, 4-6pm
- Special Meeting of the State Board of Ed for consideration and approval of the revised EQS by the week of April 10, May ICAR filing

Adjourn

Gleason made a motion to adjourn at 3:09 p.m. Lovett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by
Kim Gleason
Co-Chair, EQS Committee