



## MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The State Board of Education held a Special Board Meeting on October 11, 2011, at the Cross State Office Building, Room 538, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair James Banks, Sr.; Vice Chair Steven Pound; Nancy Perkins; Lynda Doyle; and Dottie Martin.

Excused: Marilyn Temple Tardy; Martha Harris; Jana Lapoint; Angela Bechard; and Chelsey Whynot

Also present were:

Greg Scott, Legislative Liaison; Mark Cyr, Certification Coordinator; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education.

### **CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chair James Banks, Sr., called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

APPROVAL TO GO TO RULEMAKING FOR CHAPTER 115, "CERTIFICATION, AUTHORIZATION AND APPROVAL OF EDUCATION PERSONNEL"

**BACKGROUND:** On September 28, 2011, changes made to Title 20-A during the 125<sup>th</sup> Legislature went into effect. Accordingly, Chapter 115 must be opened to revise the corresponding rules. LD 129, "An Act to Eliminate Dual Certification Requirements for Speech-Language Pathologists" now allows professionals who are licensed by the State of Maine to be employed in Maine schools without needing to hold the Department of Education educational specialist certificate. LD 1094, "An Act to Improve the Delivery of School Psychological Services to Children" eliminates references to the title "School Psychological Service Providers" and changes the title to "School Psychologists." The revised rule reinstates a requirement for supervision during the first year of independent practice in order to renew the initial certificate. It will also reinstates a transcript analysis pathway to certification that was removed during an earlier revision to Chapter 115.

Moved by Nancy Perkins, seconded by Dottie Martin, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the materials that have been presented by Mark Cyr on LD 129, "An Act to Eliminate Dual Certification Requirements for Speech-Language Pathologists" and LD 1094, "An Act to Improve the Delivery of School Psychological Services to Children" and give approval to Mark to move forward so that the Administrative

Procedures Act (APA) process and all of the interested parties can have the materials to respond to.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No Public Comment

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Steven Pound, seconded by Lynda Doyle, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the October 11, 2011, State Board of Education meeting at 9:05 AM.