



## MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on January 11, 2012, at the Cross State Office Building, 111 Sewall Street, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair James Banks, Sr.; Vice Chair Steven Pound; Marilyn Temple Tardy; Nancy Perkins; Lynda Doyle; Jana Lapoint; Martha Harris; Angela Bechard; and Chelsey Whynot.

Excused: Dottie Martin

Also present were:

Commissioner Stephen Bowen; Scott Brown, Director of School Facilities; Harry Osgood, Higher Education Specialist; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education.

### **CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chair James Banks, Sr., called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

MOVED by Marilyn Temple Tardy, seconded by Martha Harris, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the December 14, 2011 minutes as written.

### **OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

#### **Chair, James Banks, Sr.:**

- He attended a New England Secondary School Consortium meeting on January 9, 2012. The group will present recommendations to the State Board of Education in April of 2012.
- The Beal College Program Review is up-coming and Martha Harris will be the State Board Observer.
- The Board will begin the process of selecting a student member to replace Angela Bechard who will be graduating from High School in June of 2012. The selection process will begin in February of 2012.

### **Vice Chair, Steven Pound:**

- He participated in an Educate Maine meeting on December 16, 2011. The group elected Mike Dube as Chair of the committee.
- On January 4, 2012, he attended a Mobilize Eastern Maine Leadership Committee meeting. The committee plans on having future education and business summits.
- He has been working on revisions this past month to the Strategic Plan for Meaningful Change that will go before the Board for approval this afternoon.
- He distributed the Board's budget and presented an explanation of expenditures. The budget is on track for the 2011-2012 year.
- He is on the College of Education and Human Development Dean Search Committee at the University of Maine at Orono.

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

#### **Nancy Perkins:**

- The Certification and Higher Education Committee did not meet in December of 2011. The next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2011.
- She participated in a State Consortium on Educator Effectiveness (SCEE) meeting on December 15, 2011 and also part of a SCEE meeting held today at the Department of Education. The group is looking at Maine Teaching Standards.
- On December 16, 2011, she participated in a Chapter 114 Stakeholders Group meeting.
- On January 10, 2012, she attended a meeting with all the Teacher Preparation Programs in the state (except one) – It was an excellent meeting and a lot of information was shared about the Strategic Plan, Standards Based Education and the Proficiency model, and Smarter Balanced.
- She will be chairing a National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Study Group that Lynda Doyle will also be participating in – “The Convergence of Common Core State Standards and Technology”. The first meeting is January 19 – 21, 2012. The group will be looking at the role of technology in schools and communities. About sixteen states are represented. The focus is using technology to personalize teaching and learning for all students, preparing students for computer based assessments, increasing teacher capacity, media literacy and digital citizenship.

#### **Jana Lapoint:**

- She participated in a Charter School Commission meeting on January 10, 2012. The Commission members were sworn in and they elected a Chair and Vice Chair to the Commission. The Chair is James Banks, Sr., and the Vice Chair is William Shuttleworth.

#### **Martha Harris:**

- No Report.

**Lynda Doyle:**

- She participated in a Charter School Commission meeting on January 10, 2012.

**Chelsey Whynot:**

- She was skyping with her college counselor in North Carolina where she is planning to go to college. In the south, students have 30 college credits before they enter their first year of college. It is pretty tough competition for students in the north to compete with this. Instead of students taking AP classes and getting minimal credits or credits that don't really count they get to go to community colleges in surrounding areas. Chelsey asked her counselor why the north does not do this and in her counselor's opinion, she thinks teachers are afraid if students start going to community colleges then they will not need as many teachers in the high schools. It creates a hard competition with students in the north and students in the south.

**Angela Bechard:**

- Her school is becoming more comfortable with and accepting the 1 to 4 grading system. Students now understand the reason for the system.
- She has been very busy applying to colleges.

**Marilyn Temple Tardy:**

- The Construction Committee did not meet in January of 2012. The committee is looking forward to the report from the Commissioner on the Major Capital Construction Program.

**Note:** Jim Banks excused Angela Bechard and Chelsey Whynot from the Board meeting to attend a legislative session at the State House.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM APPROVED PROJECTS LIST –  
RATING CYCLE 2010-2011**

**STATEMENT OF FACT:** The State Board of Education approved the Final Priority List on August 11, 2011. The Commissioner is now recommending a needs-based Approved Projects List. In accordance with Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, Section 5 Approved Projects List, "Placement on the Approved Projects List is an acknowledgement that the pupils in the rated facility have a significant need to be housed under improved circumstances. It does not assure replacement of the facility(ies) that received the rating. If resources do not allow all the projects on the Approved Projects List to be funded, the unfunded projects will be placed at the top of the Approved Projects List of the next Rating Cycle."

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education designate the following projects for placement on the Approved Projects List. The proposed projects are in priority order.

1. RSU 64 – Corinth Morison Memorial Elementary School
2. Sanford School Dept. Sanford High School and Regional Technical Center
3. RSU 19 – Newport Newport Elementary School
4. Sanford School Dept. Emerson Elementary School
5. RSU 72 – Fryeburg Charles A. Snow Elementary School
6. RSU 19 – Newport Nokomis Regional High School

It is further recommended that Section 6.2.F., Time Limitations, ¶1, be waived by the State Board of Education until a workable plan for Concept Approval has been developed by the Department and the designated School Systems. The Department will provide updates to the State Board regarding the status of this waiver.

MOVED by Marilyn Temple Tardy, seconded by Martha Harris, and unanimously voted by those present to designate the following projects for placement on the Approved Projects List, and it is further recommended that Section 6.2.F., Time Limitations, ¶1, be waived by the State Board of Education until a workable plan for Concept Approval has been developed by the Department and the designated School Systems.

#### **STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION – APPROVAL OF LYNDA DOYLE, STATE BOARD MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE COMMISSION**

MOVED by Steven Pound, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present to approve Lynda Doyle to serve as a member of the Charter School Commission as the third State Board member.

#### **REVISIONS OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR MEANINGFUL CHANGE**

MOVED by Steven Pound, seconded by Lynda Doyle, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the revisions to the Strategic Plan for Meaningful Change as presented with changes.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF THE INTERIM REPORT FROM THE THOMAS COLLEGE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**BACKGROUND:** A program approval visit to Thomas College was conducted November 1 - 4, 2009 for the purpose of reviewing the Elementary Education preparation program: Following the on-site visit, a report was prepared which included findings, commendations, and program recommendations as well as a recommendation for State program approval status. In the Review Team's report it was stated that Chapter 114 Standards 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 were met and that Standard 4, Diversity was conditionally met.

During the Board's February 10, 2010 meeting State program approval was granted to the Thomas College teacher education program through December 31, 2011. The unit was required to develop and to submit an Interim Report to the Department of Education prior to December 31, 2011. The Interim Report was to be limited to the

unit's responses concerning the Review Team's recommendations associated with Standards 4 – *Diversity*. The required Interim Report was received from Thomas College program administration and was submitted to the State Board of Education during its December 13, 2011 meeting.

In this document it is clearly stated that since the 2009 visit Thomas College has implemented the following steps:

1. Conducted an extensive Inventory of Diversity in the Curriculum.
2. Designed a program standard related to Diversity, and created a new Education Course Matrix identifying where diversity and multicultural education are included in courses.
3. Adopted and implemented the Thomas College Diversity Statement in collaboration with an appointed College ad hoc committee on diversity.
4. Expanded field placements to include Montello Elementary School in Lewiston, ME.
5. Hired a new education faculty member from an underrepresented group.
6. Completed a comprehensive inventory and design of new assessment requirements.
7. Updated the 2009-11 Thomas College data related to student enrollment, retention, and graduation rates.

The interim report was shared with Dr. Douglas Lynch, Team Chair of the 2009 on-site review, and a recommendation was sought which is appended to this exhibit.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the State Board of Education accept the Interim Report of progress as submitted from Thomas College and that the period of State program approval for the College's teacher education programs be extended through the fall of 2014.

MOVED by Nancy Perkins, seconded by Martha Harris, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the Interim Report of progress as submitted from Thomas College and that the period of State program approval for the College's teacher education programs be extended through the fall of 2014.

**LD 1767 “AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION TO ALLOW ACCESS TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION TO ENTITIES PROVIDING DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT AND TO REMOVE APPLICANTS’ FINGERPRINTS FROM THE FINGERPRINT FILE**

MOTION by Nancy Perkins, seconded by Steven Pound, and unanimously voted by those present to support the Department of Education in the changes to LD 1767- “An Act to Authorize the Commissioner of Education to Allow Access to Criminal History Record Information to Entities Providing Document Management and to Remove Applicants’ Fingerprints from the Fingerprint File”.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- o Marilyn Temple Tardy will provide testimony at the legislative hearing on

**LD 1766** – “Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 61: Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education and the State Board of Education”.

- Jim shared a thank you card from Wanda Monthey.
- Submit Expense Account Vouchers to Mary at the end of the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No Public Comment

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOVED by Steven Pound, seconded by Lynda Doyle, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the January 11, 2012, State Board of Education meeting at 1:50 PM.