



## MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The State Board of Education held a special meeting on January 24, 2011, at the Cross State Office Building, Room 541, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair James Banks, Sr.; Vice Chair Steven Pound; James Carignan; Marilyn Temple Tardy; Nancy Perkins; Lynda Doyle; Jana Lapoint; and Martha Harris.

Excused: Dottie Martin; Andrea Levinsky; and Angela Bechard

Also present were: Commissioner Angela Faherty; James Rier, Director of Finance and Operations; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate.

### **CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chair James Banks, Sr., called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

MOVED by James Carignan, seconded by Martha Harris, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the December 15, 2010 minutes as written.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDED FUNDING LEVEL FY 2012

Pursuant to the provisions of 20-A M.R.S.A., Section 15689-C, the Commissioner, with the approval of the State Board of Education, shall certify to the Governor and the Bureau of the Budget recommended funding levels for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade twelve. The funding levels recommended herein were developed in accordance with the current statute as amended by Legislative Document 1.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education approve the certified funding level for FY 2012, based on current statute, for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade twelve (including total operating allocation, total debt service allocation, and total adjustments and miscellaneous costs) at \$1,936,404,969, a local contribution amount of \$1,063,549,792 and State contribution amount of \$872,855,177 to be distributed as General Purpose Aid for Local Schools. These amounts shall be distributed according to the parameters of the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, 20-A M.R.S.A. Chapter 606-B, as amend.

MOVED by Marilyn Tardy to approve the certified funding level for FY 2012, based on current statute, for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade twelve (including total operating allocation, total debt service allocation, and total adjustments and miscellaneous costs) at \$1,936,404,969, a local contribution amount of \$1,063,549,792 and State contribution amount of \$872,855,177 to be distributed as General Purpose Aid for Local Schools. These amounts shall be distributed according to the parameters of the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, 20-A M.R.S.A. Chapter 606-B, as amend.

Jim Carignan seconded the motion and offered the following amendment: The State should make increased efforts to reach the 55% funding level established in L.D. 1. The amendment was seconded by Nancy Perkins. Vote on the amendment: Unanimous Vote on the motion as amended: Unanimous.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### Strategic Plan – Goals and Objectives

Steve Pound presented the draft Strategic Plan and provided overview of the work that has been done on it over the last several months. There are Indicators that will need to be discussed with the Department of Education to see what they can track and not track. This is an evolving document that should be revisited by the Board on a regular basis. The Board should also be bringing other people in as stakeholders so the Board is up to date with what is happening in the field and adapting the document as needed to be advocates for students.

Jim Banks indicated he is asking for passage of the Strategic Plan because he has upcoming meetings with the Education Committee and the senior policy official for education in the Governor's office and he would like to be able to present the final document to them. His intention is to provide the Plan to the Education Committee and the Governor's office with an invitation to meet with the Board to discuss them.

Brief discussion followed about prioritizing the Goals and Objectives and possibly putting timelines on them. Jim Carignan stated that he objects to the State Board of Education allowing the Education Committee or anyone else to set the agenda for the State Board of Education. The State Board sets its own agenda on the basis of what it thinks is critically important. Other Board members agreed that sharing the document with other groups or people would only be to gather additional issues that the Board could or should be working on that are not included in the current document.

Motion by Nancy Perkins, seconded by Steve Pound, that the State Board of Education adopts the Strategic Plan as presented.

Motion by Jim Carignan, seconded by Martha Harris, to amend the motion charging the Committee that worked on the Strategic Plan to identify a limited number of priorities that would be undertaken this year and to present those priorities to the Board at the February 9, 2011, meeting. Vote on the amendment: Unanimous Vote on the motion as amended: Unanimous.

### **LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE:**

The Legislative Liaison Committee (Jim Banks, Steve Pound, Marilyn Tardy and Nancy Perkins) will meet with Greg Scott on a weekly basis for updates on various bills. If time allows, the Committee will present opinion to the full Board and will look for appropriate feedback from each

Board member. Mary will forward all bills and accompanying documents to the Legislative Liaison Committee. This will include hearing and workshop session dates. All Fiscal Impact Statements will be completed by Jim Rier.

Motion by Jim Carignan, seconded by Lynda Doyle, and unanimously voted by those present to delegate the Authority to determine the Board's position on various pieces of Legislation when time does not allow full concertation with the Board.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Submit Expense Account Vouchers to Mary at the end of the meeting.

Jim Carignan announced that today's Board meeting might be his last. Jim is not resigning from the Board. He has been filling an appointment from eight years ago, has not been reappointed, and the Governor has not appointed anyone to take his place. Jim believes the new Governor may want to fill his seat. Jim will be in Florida for the next three months and will be participating in meetings by phone.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No Public Comment

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Jim Carignan, seconded by Marilyn Tardy, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the January 24, 2011 State Board of Education meeting at 12:28 PM.