



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on September 14, 2011, at the Ashland District School, 180 Presque Isle Road, Ashland, Maine. The following members were present: Chair James Banks, Sr.; Vice Chair Steven Pound; Marilyn Temple Tardy; Nancy Perkins; Dottie Martin; Jana Lapoint; and Martha Harris.

Excused: Lynda Doyle; Angela Bechard; and Chelsey Whynot

Also present were:

Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education.

Attended by phone: Commissioner Stephen Bowen; and Scott Brown, Director of School Facilities.

CALLED TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

No Minutes for Approval

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chair, James Banks, Sr.:

- He met with Mark Kostin, New England Secondary School Consortium (NESSC) independently as he was unable to attend the upcoming NESSC meeting. They talked about any assistance Mark might have in the development of Charter Schools and any input that might help educators as we move forward in the process.
- He attended a Construction Committee meeting on September 7, 2011.
- He met with the Charter School subcommittee to begin gathering information on policies and procedures to use once the Commission is formulated. The group talked about contracting a consultant to aide in assistance with organization and the screening/interviewing process of the other four members of the Commission, once the October meeting takes place and the 3 SBE members are confirmed.
- He had the opportunity to tour the Northern Maine Center for Excellence in Alternative Energy last night. Jim thanked Dottie Martin for setting up the tour

- With Jim Carignan's passing, the Governor's Office had a candidate to fill Jim's seat on the Board. Due to a conflict of residency, the nominee withdrew and the vacancy on the Board may remain until January of 2012.

Vice Chair, Steven Pound:

- Steve presented a handout of the Board's expenditures along with an explanation of each category.
- On August 18, 2011, he attended a session with the Local Workforce Investment Board of the Tri-County area. The meeting was with Adult Education people in that area. The group learned how they allocate money and develop programs.
- He attended a two day conference of the Council of Chief State School Officers CCSSO. He participated in several group sessions; one group was regarding budget with the Department of Education (DOE); another was an advisory group regarding DOE programs, and the third was on Career and Technical Education.
- He continues to work with Mobilize Maine in the Bangor area. Husson University has offered to host an Education Sector Listening Committee meeting of Mobilize Maine.
- He attended the Eastern Maine Community College Advisory Board meeting and learned about their future plans. They are up in population this year and are looking at some new programs.
- He attended a Maine Coalition of Excellence in Education meeting. He thanked Dolly Sullivan and Tanna Clews for presenting to the Board on the Parents Initiative and he learned more about how they are moving forward with the program.
- He attended a CNA Graduation at the Greenville Adult Education program. Nine people graduated and that puts the program up to about 100 graduates over the last seven years with nearly all of them gaining employment.
- He attended a committee meeting on transitioning foster care students back into the work force and education. It is a statewide committee and they have people in foster care come in and talk about what they are doing.
- He is working to confirm the October Board meeting at W.G. Mallett School in Farmington. He also has a list of schools that have expressed an interest in hosting a State Board meeting. They are as follows: Hampden Academy; Mt. View Complex in Thorndike (RSU 3); Ridge View Community School in Dexter; and Lewiston Public Schools, Culinary Arts Center

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Marilyn Temple Tardy:

- The Construction Committee met on Thursday, September 7, 2011. Originally, we had planned to discuss one Qualified School Construction Bond Program (QSCB) for Millinocket and it was considered and will be presented for Board approval at this afternoon's business meeting. The Committee recommended the Board approve Millinocket's Federal Allocation be returned to the Department of Education (DOE) and reallocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to provide funds for their projects. In addition to Millinocket we were asked to consider

three more schools who found themselves pushed for time for approval to return their Federal Allocations QSCB's to the Department of Education for them to be reallocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank as well. Winthrop Public Schools, RSU #18 Schools, and Madawaska Middle/High School were also recommended for approval by the State Board to return their Federal Allocations to the DOE, and in turn have them reallocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank for projects previously approved by the State Board.

- The Construction Committee also discussed Chapter 61 with Scott Brown and Stan Sawyer and would like to have approval by the State Board to look at the Rule as a Committee to see if there are changes that could be recommended to the Board that would improve its effectiveness.
- She attended a Charter School Sub-Committee meeting.

Nancy Perkins:

- She attended a webinar titled "Making Summer Count". Extended Learning Time (ELT) – Students with academic problems.
- She attended a National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) webinar on September 9th, with Susan Zelman. The webinar was regarding what they have learned from all Common Core across the States.
- She attended an American Diploma Project (ADP) Conference in Washington, DC on September 6 to September 9, 2011. It was an excellent conference and she was able to attend different sessions. There was a presentation on Science Standards that have been released and a group will be looking at these today during a meeting in Orono.
- She will be attending the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) conference at Orono today and Thursday.
- She attended the Professional Standards Board meeting on August 23, 2011.
- She attended the Chapter 114 Stakeholders Group meeting on August 18, 2011.
- She attended a Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting on August 22, 2011.

Dorothy Martin:

- She attended a Career and Technical Education Committee meeting on September 12, 2011.
- She attended a Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting on August 22, 2011.
- She hosted the State Board dinner at the Northern Maine Community College on September 13, 2011

Martha Harris:

- She attended and represented the State Board at the Brewer School Open House and Dedication Ceremony. The people in Brewer are very excited.
- She attended the Construction Committee meeting on September 7, 2011.
- She is attending the Maine Development Foundation Event at Point Lookout on Friday, September 16, 2011.
- She attended the Penobscot River Education Partnership (PREP) Consortium for Board members.

Jana Lapoint:

- She attended the Chapter 114 Stakeholders Group meeting on August 18, 2011.
- She attended a Charter School Sub-Committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

FEDERAL QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND PROGRAM – WINTHROP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Department of Education coordinates the Federal Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) program. QSCBs are bonds issued by state or local governments which the Federal government subsidizes by providing tax credits to bondholders or direct payment interest subsidies to issuers. Bond proceeds can be used for construction, rehabilitation, or repair of public school facilities.

Winthrop Public Schools submitted a 2011 QSCB application for Winthrop Grade School, Winthrop Middle School, and Winthrop High School, and on March 9, 2011, received State Board of Education approval for a QSCB allocation in the amount of \$1,350,000. Winthrop Public Schools has requested that they be permitted to return their allocation to the Department of Education and that the Department reissue the Winthrop allocation directly to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank (MMBB) for the three Winthrop projects. Pursuant to this reallocation, the MMBB shall issue QSCBs to provide funds for the previously approved Winthrop projects.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On September 7, 2011, the Construction Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve Winthrop Public Schools request as outlined in the Statement of Fact above.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: The Department of Education recommends that the State Board approve that the Federal allocation to Winthrop Public Schools of QSCBs in the amount of \$1,350,000 for 2011 be returned to the Department of Education and reallocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank provided that the QSCBs issued by the Maine Municipal Bond Bank pursuant to this allocation shall be issued to provide funds for the three Winthrop projects that the State Board of Education previously approved on March 9, 2011.

MOVED by Marilyn Temple Tardy, seconded by Martha Harris, and unanimously voted by those present to approve that the Federal allocation to Winthrop Public Schools of QSCBs in the amount of \$1,350,000 for 2011 be returned to the Department of Education and reallocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank provided that the QSCBs issued by the Maine Municipal Bond Bank pursuant to this allocation shall be issued to provide funds for the three Winthrop projects that the State Board of Education previously approved on March 9, 2011.

FEDERAL QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND PROGRAM – RSU #18

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Department of Education coordinates the Federal Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) program. QSCBs are bonds issued by state or local governments which the Federal government subsidizes by providing tax credits to bondholders or direct payment interest subsidies to issuers. Bond proceeds can be used for construction, rehabilitation, or repair of public school facilities.

RSU #18 submitted a 2011 QSCB application for Messalonskee High School, Messalonskee Middle School, and Williams Elementary School, and on March 9, 2011, received State Board of Education approval for a QSCB allocation in the amount of \$3,000,000. RSU #18 has requested that they be permitted to return their allocation to the Department of Education and that the Department reissue the RSU #18 allocation directly to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank (MMBB) for the three RSU #18 projects. Pursuant to this reallocation, the MMBB shall issue QSCBs to provide funds for the previously approved RSU #18 projects.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On September 7, 2011, the Construction Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve RSU #18's request as outlined in the Statement of Fact above.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: The Department of Education recommends that the State Board approve that the Federal allocation to RSU #18 of QSCBs in the amount of \$3,000,000 for 2011 be returned to the Department of Education and reallocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank provided that the QSCBs issued by the Maine Municipal Bond Bank pursuant to this allocation shall be issued to provide funds for the three RSU #18 projects that the State Board of Education previously approved on March 9, 2011.

MOVED by Marilyn Temple Tardy, seconded by Martha Harris, and unanimously voted by those present to approve that the Federal allocation to RSU #18 of QSCBs in the amount of \$3,000,000 for 2011 be returned to the Department of Education and reallocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank provided that the QSCBs issued by the Maine Municipal Bond Bank pursuant to this allocation shall be issued to provide funds for the three RSU #18 projects that the State Board of Education previously approved on March 9, 2011.

FEDERAL QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND PROGRAM – MILLINOCKET SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Department of Education coordinates the Federal Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) program. QSCBs are bonds issued by state or local governments which the Federal government subsidizes by providing tax credits to bondholders or direct payment interest subsidies to issuers. Bond proceeds can be used for construction, rehabilitation, or repair of public school facilities.

The Millinocket School Department submitted a 2011 QSCB application for Millinocket Middle School and Stearns High School, and on March 9, 2011, received State Board of Education approval for a QSCB allocation in the amount of \$3,997,141. The Millinocket School Department has requested that they be permitted to return their allocation to the Department of Education and that the Department reissue the Millinocket allocation directly to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank (MMBB) for the two Millinocket projects.

Pursuant to this reallocation, the MMBB shall issue QSCBs to provide funds for the previously approved Millinocket projects.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On September 7, 2011, the Construction Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve Millinocket School Department's request as outlined in the Statement of Fact above.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: The Department of Education recommends that the State Board approve that the Federal allocation to Millinocket School Department of QSCBs in the amount of \$3,997,141 for 2011 be returned to the Department of Education and reallocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank provided that the QSCBs issued by the Maine Municipal Bond Bank pursuant to this allocation shall be issued to provide funds for the two Millinocket projects that the State Board of Education previously approved on March 9, 2011.

MOVED by Marilyn Temple Tardy, seconded by Steven Pound, and unanimously voted by those present to approve that the Federal allocation to Millinocket School Department of QSCBs in the amount of \$3,997,141 for 2011 be returned to the Department of Education and reallocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank provided that the QSCBs issued by the Maine Municipal Bond Bank pursuant to this allocation shall be issued to provide funds for the two Millinocket projects that the State Board of Education previously approved on March 9, 2011.

FEDERAL QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND PROGRAM – MADAWASKA SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Department of Education coordinates the Federal Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) program. QSCBs are bonds issued by state or local governments which the Federal government subsidizes by providing tax credits to bondholders or direct payment interest subsidies to issuers. Bond proceeds can be used for construction, rehabilitation, or repair of public school facilities.

The Madawaska School Department submitted a 2011 QSCB application for Madawaska Middle/High School, and on March 9, 2011, received State Board of Education approval for a QSCB allocation in the amount of \$2,700,000. The Madawaska School Department has requested that they be permitted to return their allocation to the Department of Education and that the Department reissue the Madawaska allocation directly to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank (MMBB) for the Madawaska Middle/High School Project. Pursuant to this reallocation, the MMBB shall issue QSCBs to provide funds for the Madawaska Middle/High School project.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On September 7, 2011, the Construction Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve Madawaska School Department's request as outlined in the Statement of Fact above.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: The Department of Education recommends that the State Board approve that the Federal allocation to Madawaska School Department of QSCBs in the amount of \$2,700,000 for 2011 be returned to the Department of

Education and reallocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank provided that the QSCBs issued by the Maine Municipal Bond Bank pursuant to this allocation shall be issued to provide funds for the Madawaska Middle/High School that the State Board of Education previously approved on March 9, 2011.

MOVED by Marilyn Temple Tardy, seconded by Martha Harris, and unanimously voted by those present to approve that the Federal allocation to Madawaska School Department of QSCBs in the amount of \$2,700,000 for 2011 be returned to the Department of Education and reallocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank provided that the QSCBs issued by the Maine Municipal Bond Bank pursuant to this allocation shall be issued to provide funds for the Madawaska Middle/High School that the State Board of Education previously approved on March 9, 2011.

CHAPTER 61 – STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RULES FOR MAJOR CAPITAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AUTHORIZATION FOR CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND PROPOSE AMENDMENTS

MOVED by Marilyn Temple Tardy, seconded by Steven Pound, and unanimously voted by those present to authorize for the Construction Committee to review Chapter 61 and propose amendments needed.

ELECT VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE NASBE ANNUAL MEETING:

MOVED by Dottie Martin, seconded by Marilyn Temple Tardy, and unanimously voted by those present to appoint Steven Pound as the voting delegate for the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) annual business meeting in October 2011.

ELECT ALTERNATE VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE NASBE ANNUAL MEETING:

MOTION by Dottie Martin, seconded by Martha Harris, and unanimously voted by those present for Nancy Perkins to serve as the alternate voting delegate at the National Association of State Boards of Education annual business meeting in Atlanta on October 2011.

CONGRATULATORY AD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WINNERS:

MOTION by Martha Harris, seconded by Marilyn Temple Tardy, and unanimously voted by those present to place a full page congratulatory ad for a cost of \$250.00 in the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Annual Conference program to honor Nancy Perkins as a 2011 Distinguished Service Award Winner.

GRANT PROPOSAL FOR WOMEN, WORK AND COMMUNITY:

Overview:

Under the application, Women, Work, and Community proposes to work collaboratively with the Maine Department of Education (MDOE) and the Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions (CTE's) to build upon and expand strategies designed to positively impact the number of students enrolled and completing non-traditional (NT)

CTE programming throughout the state. Activities would be provided from October 2011 – September 2012.

MOTION by Steven Pound, seconded by Dottie Martin, and unanimously voted by those present for the State Board of Education to support the Grant Proposal for Women, Work, and Community for Non-Traditional Skills and Workshops.

CHAPTER 313 PROPOSED LANGUAGE CHANGES, CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION - §8306-A, 20-A:

The commissioner may adopt rules to establish requirements for career and technical education programs and courses in alignment with the system of learning results established in section 6209, to establish procedures for approving career and technical education programs and courses and to otherwise carry out the purposes of this chapter.

A program or course of career and technical education may not be offered by a region, center or affiliated unit unless approved by the commissioner in compliance with rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.

Proposed Changes to Chapter 313 as indicated in section §8306-A of 20-A (blue font).

PROGRAMS OFFERED AT SECONDARY CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTERS AND REGIONS AND MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGES MUST BE ARTICULATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PERCENTAGES SET FORTH IN THE FEDERALLY REQUIRED STATE PLAN FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS MUST ADHERE TO THE MDOE APPROVED NATIONAL AND STATE INDUSTRY STANDARDS IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

- A. IN ORDER TO RECEIVE APPROVAL, A NEW PROGRAM MUST INCLUDE COURSES ALIGNED WITH THE STAKEHOLDER SELECTED AND MDOE APPROVED STATE OR NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR THAT PROGRAM. THESE STANDARDS WERE SELECTED PER PROGRAM AREA BY A GROUP OF STAKEHOLDERS AND APPROVED BY THE MDOE. IF NO STANDARD HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE NEW PROGRAM THE MDOE WILL DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE STANDARDS FOR THAT PROGRAM.*
- B. IN ORDER TO RECEIVE STATE SUBSIDY ALL PROGRAMS MUST USE THE SELECTED AND MDOE APPROVED STATE OR NATIONAL INDUSTRY STANDARDS.*
- C. ALL PROGRAMS MUST USE THE SELECTED AND MDOE APPROVED SELECTED AND MDOE APPROVED STATE OR NATIONAL INDUSTRY STANDARDS IN ORDER TO RECEIVE APPROVAL FOR FEDERAL FUNDS.*
- D. PROGRAMS THAT DO NOT CURRENTLY ADHERE TO A MDOE APPROVED SELECTED AND MDOE APPROVED STATE OR NATIONAL INDUSTRY MUST CONVENE A GROUP OF STAKEHOLDERS AND SELECT AND SUBMIT A STANDARD(S) FOR CONSIDERATION BY JULY12, 2012 OR ADOPT A MDOE APPROVED STATE OR NATIONAL INDUSTRY STANDARD.*

MOTION by Steven Pound, seconded by Dottie Martin, and unanimously voted by those present to support the proposed language changes to Chapter 313 as indicated in section §8306-A of 20-A (blue font).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The October 12, 2011 State Board of Education regular monthly meeting is being moved to Thursday, October 6, 2011.

The Construction Committee and the Career and Technical Committee will be holding meetings on Monday, October 3, 2011. Any exhibits from the committee meetings for the October 6, 2011 Board meeting will be emailed as soon as possible.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comment

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Marilyn Temple Tardy, seconded by Steven Pound, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the September 14, 2011, State Board of Education meeting at 1:55 PM.