



Certification and Higher Education Committee

Maine State Board of Education

Minutes of the June 27, 2011 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on Monday, June 27, 2011, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nancy Perkins; Jana Lapoint; Dottie Martin (by phone) (Board Members), Mark Cyr and Harry Osgood (DOE Staff).

Guest: Cathy Owens-Oliver, Educational Testing Services (ETS)

Nancy Perkins called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Approval of Minutes:

MOVED by Dottie Martin, seconded by Nancy Perkins, and voted unanimously by those present to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2011 meeting as written.

Updates

➤ Certification (Mark Cyr):

- That the Chapter 13 Administrative Procedures Act (APA) process has been completed. There were no concerns expressed through the public hearing.
- That the adoption of the speech and language bill requires fingerprinting and American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) certification to be qualified as a speech and language therapist.
- That the school psychologist bill was also adopted. We will need to arrange for the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) process with Jaci Holmes's assistance once the legislature has adjourned.
- That the credentialing software contract has been awarded to Iron Data from Raleigh.
- That the interviewing process for a position in the certification office is continuing.

➤ Higher Education (Harry Osgood):

- That he is meeting with the University of Southern Maine (USM) concerning the requirements in Chapter 114 that require one unit responsibility for teacher education at an institution. USM currently has portions of their teacher education programs in

two units. This affects approximately twenty to thirty students. Another area of concern revolves around the six credits for internship use in a special education certification.

- That the Chapter 114 Stakeholders' group will have a presentation by Jim Cibulka who is the incoming president for the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). This meeting will also include the first group report out on pages 1 through 39 of workbook two. The requests for input from interested parties like Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) will be discussed at the July meeting.

➤ Cathy Owens-Oliver, Educational Testing Services (ETS) Presentation:

Cathy gave an extensive overview of the testing programs that Educational Testing Services (ETS) offers. She explained the services that ETS provides those who are taking the test which range from sample tests to the analysis of the individual's test score. The process of arriving at cut scores was reviewed and the transportability of these cut scores among the states was discussed. An area that we may be interested in is the technology test. This test has two focus: teacher's ability to integrate technology in the classroom and the online teacher's ability to use technology in the online courses that he/she is teaching.

The next Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 25, 2011 at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held in room 541 of the Cross State Office Building.

Adjournment

The Certification Committee meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.