



Certification and Higher Education Committee

Maine State Board of Education

Minutes of the October 24, 2011 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on Monday, October 24, 2011, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nancy Perkins; Dottie Martin (by phone) (Board Members); Harry Osgood and Mark Cyr (DOE Staff) and Mary Becker State Board of Education Secretary Associate.

Guest: Andrew McAuliff, Maine School Management Association

Nancy Perkins called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

Approval of Minutes:

MOVED by Dottie Martin, seconded by Nancy Perkins, and voted unanimously by those present to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2011 and September 26, 2011 meetings as written.

Updates

➤ Certification (Mark Cyr):

- He will be attending an Educational Testing Service (ETS) Regional Fall Conference this week in Washington, DC.
- He will be filing the changes to Chapter 115 with the Secretary of State's Office. Chapter 115, is based around LD 129, "An Act to Eliminate Dual Certification Requirements for Speech-Language Pathologists" that 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 and LD 1094, "An Act to Improve the Delivery of School Psychological Services to Children" that eliminates references to the title "School Psychological Service Providers" and changes the title to "School Psychologists." The Public Hearing for Chapter 115 will be held on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 in room 500 of the Cross State Office Building. The hearing will be from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The Board will need to have three members available to attend the hearing.
- He has been meeting with the State wide longitudinal data systems group twice a week and participating in conference calls. He is also working with Gil Whitmore on transferring of data.

Note: Harry Osgood joined the meeting at 9:30 AM.

➤ Higher Education (Harry Osgood):

- The Chapter 114 Stakeholders Group will be meeting on Friday, October 28, 2011. There will be a presentation by Reading Matters to Maine. There will also be presentations by the Alternate Route Team (First Draft and Discussion), and Second Reading of Draft Unit Standards 2-6. Harry is meeting with Dr. Kathy Yardley and Dr. Thomas Edwards (co-chairs of the stakeholder group) on Wednesday, October 26th.
- Harry distributed a list of the teacher preparation and degree-granting reviews coming up and he will be contacting Board members for Board Observer participation. Nancy Perkins will participate in the Saint Joseph's College Renewal Program and Dottie Martin will participate in the University of Maine-Presque Isle Renewal Program.

➤ Handouts:

- 2011 State Teacher Policy Yearbook: Maine Analysis – Harry Osgood
- Pending Program Approvals – Harry Osgood

Nancy Perkins will send an email to all Board members requesting participation of three members at the Chapter 115 public hearing to be held on November 22, 2011.

The next Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 28, 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 10:56 AM.