



Certification and Higher Education Committee

Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the August 27, 2014 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, August 27, 2014, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nancy Perkins; Jana Lapoint; William Beardsley; and Nichi Farnham (Board Members); Mark Cyr, Certification Coordinator; (Department of Education); and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Associate

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

MOVED by Nichi Farnham, seconded by William Beardsley and unanimously voted by those present to approve the June 30, 2014 minutes as written.

UPDATES

Certification (Mark Cyr):

Mark Cyr, Certification Coordinator, updated the Committee on the following:

- There are still major issues with the certification software for the online application and renewal process. He and other department staff have a conference call with Iron Data today.
- The mailing for Ed Tech renewals will go out in September.
- Nancy Ibarguen's contract is up and she will be leaving this week.
- Mark reviewed the proposed changes to Chapter 13: Qualifying Examinations for Teachers, Educational Specialists and Administrators

MOTION by William Beardsley, seconded by Jana Lapoint and unanimously voted by those present to move forward with the opening of Chapter 13.

Mentoring Survey (Nancy Perkins):

Chapter 118 Mentoring Materials group met. The statewide survey on mentoring processes and materials letters will be going out this week. The survey will be available on the website. The next meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2014.

Chapter 115 (Nancy Perkins):

The Committee voted unanimously to move forward with the re-opening of Chapter 115. Nancy will bring the proposal to the Leadership Committee for approval to proceed.

Higher Education (Nancy Perkins):

The Higher Education Specialist position has not been filled.

Committee Goals for 2014-2015:

- Chapter 114: Purpose, Standards and Procedures for the Review and Approval of Preparation Programs for Education Personnel – Chapter 114 was amended in September of 2012 but the handbook is still embargoed. The intent of the handbook is to guide colleges with their reviews.
- Chapter 115: Certification, Authorization and Approval of Education Personnel - Nancy is suggesting that the Committee re-open Chapter 115 and form a stakeholder group to work on the revisions. The last major changes to Chapter 115 were in 2004.
- LD 1361: (Mary Nelson's Bill): An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Writing and Mathematics and Improve Maine High School Graduates' College and Career Readiness – Nancy distributed a copy of the legislative document to be put with LeeAnn Larsen's proposal for Literacy.
- Review of CAEP Agreement (Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation)
Mary will send a copy of the CAEP report to Jana and Bill.

Handouts:

- Statewide survey on Chapter 118 Mentoring Processes/Materials
- Proposed Changes to Chapter 13: Qualifying Examinations for Teachers, Educational Specialists and Administrators
- Legislative Document No. 1361: An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Writing and Mathematics and Improve Maine High School Graduates' College and Career Readiness

The next Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 22, 2014 at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held in room 538 of the Cross State Office Building.

Adjournment:

The Certification Committee meeting adjourned at 11:51 AM.