



Certification and Higher Education Committee

Maine State Board of Education

Minutes of the July 1, 2013 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on Monday, July 1, 2013, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nancy Perkins; Jana Lapoint; Heidi Sampson; and Nichi Farnham (Board Members); Mark Cyr, Department of Education; and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Associate

Also present were: Andrew McAuliff, (RSU#54/Maine School Management); and Wendy Gaal, Reading Matters to Me

Nancy Perkins called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Heidi Sampson and unanimously voted by those present to approve the May 28, 2013 minutes as written.

Updates

Certification (Mark Cyr):

- The new software system will go live on August 5.
- Fingerprinting will have a national vendor and six fixed locations across the state. There will be mobile sites as well.
- Approval to adopt proposed changes to Chapter 13, “Qualifying Examinations for Teachers, Educational Specialists, and Administrators” will go before the State Board on July 10.

Higher Education:

- The Higher Education Specialist position has not been filled.

The Committee reviewed the National Council of Teacher Quality (NCTQ) report. The criteria focus is on selection criteria, content preparation, professional skills, and outcomes. The three items that the committee highlighted are: selection criteria, content preparation and student teaching placement.

The next Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 26, 2013 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 10:55 AM.