



## MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on July 15, 2015 at the Cross State Office Building, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Martha Harris; Vice Chair Alan Burton; William Beardsley; Nichi Farnham; Peter Geiger; Jana Lapoint; Heidi Sampson; Ande Smith; Gwendolyn Viles and Noa Sreden

Excused: Jane Sexton

Also present were: Acting Commissioner Thomas Desjardin; Scott Brown; Director of School Facilities; Angel Martinez Loreda, Higher Education Specialist; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education.

### **CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chair Martha Harris called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board went into executive session at 1:03 PM with voting members only in attendance. The Board returned to the regular business meeting at 1:40 PM.

### **STUDENT TRANSFER APPEALS:**

MOTION by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Ande Smith, and voted five in favor with three members opposed (William Beardsley, Alan Burton and Heidi Sampson) for the State Board of Education to overturn the Commissioner of Education's decision on the transfer of CT because there is inadequate evidence that the transfer would be in the best interest of the child. Motion carries and the transfer is denied.

MOTION by Alan Burton, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and unanimously voted by those present to uphold the Commissioner's decision in the matter of KG and KG. The transfer is denied.

MOTION by Martha Harris, seconded by Alan Burton, and voted seven in favor with one member opposed (Nichi Farnham) to uphold the Commissioner's approval of the transfer of IO. Motion carries and the transfer is approved.

MOTION by Peter Geiger, seconded by Ande Smith, and unanimously voted by those present to overturn the Commissioner's decision on the transfer of SLW due to inadequate evidence that the transfer would be in the best interest of the child. The transfer is denied.

MOTION by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and unanimously voted by those present to uphold the Commissioner's decision on the transfer of LP as it is not in the best interest of the student. The transfer is denied.

## **VISION STATEMENT:**

Read by Chair, Martha Harris: The Vision of the State Board is to prepare Maine public school graduates with the skills and knowledge needed to be college, career, citizenship and life ready.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

MOVED by Heidi Sampson, seconded by Peter Geiger, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the June 10, 2015 minutes as written.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### ***Construction Committee (Peter Geiger):***

The Construction Committee met on July 6, 2015.

Present: Peter Geiger, Chair; Martha Harris; Alan Burton; and Ande Smith (SBE Members). Scott Brown, Maine DOE School Facilities Director; Ann Pinnette, Maine DOE School Facilities; David Schoenherr, Bureau of General Services; Stephen Blatt, Stephen Blatt Architects; and Jay Robinson, Superintendent, RSU #72 - Fryeburg.

RSU #72 Design and Funding Approval Exhibit: The Committee received an update of the current status of the RSU #72 Design and Funding Project including Phase I site work completed to date and changes in the building plan since the State Board Concept Approval, as well as the project budget and schedule. After discussion, the Committee voted to send the exhibit to the full Board on July 15, 2015 recommending that it be approved.

The Committee was updated on the Revolving Renovation Fund, a great program that needs more funding and on the Federal Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) balances and procedures.

The Committee briefly discussed regionalizing districts/future planning.

The next Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for July 31, 2015. The meeting will be held in room 541 of the Cross State Office Building. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

### ***Certification and Higher Education (Nichi Farnham):***

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on June 17, 2015, at the Department of Education in Augusta.

Present: Nichi Farnham, Chair; Jana Lapoint; Jane Sexton; and William Beardsley (SBE Members). Arthur Keenan, Certification Legal Consultant; and Angel Martinez Loreda, Higher Education Specialist (DOE Staff); and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Associate.

Chapter 13 has been filed with the Secretary of State's Office.

Angel updated the Committee on the exhibit items that are coming before the Board today for approval. The Committee was updated on Legislation and the carry-over bills. The Certification Coordinator position has been filled. Gwen Viles, student member, will now be serving on the Certification Committee. Malik McKinley from Essential Testing Services (ETS) attended the meeting and presented to the Committee on tests/cut scores. The Committee will continue discussion on test/cut scores at future meetings.

The next Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting is scheduled for July 29, 2015. The meeting will be held in room 538 of the Cross State Office building. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

***Career and Technical Education (Alan Burton):***

The Career and Technical Education Committee (CTE) did not meet on Monday, July 6, 2015, as scheduled.

The next CTE Committee meeting is scheduled for July 31, 2015. The meeting will be held in room 538 of the Cross State Office building. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

MAJOR CAPITAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM; DESIGN AND FUNDING APPROVAL CONSIDERATION; RSU 72/MSAD 72, ADDITION AND RENOVATIONS PREK-8 SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN FRYEBURG

**STATEMENT OF FACT:** Superintendent of Schools, Jay Robinson, requests that the State Board of Education grant Design and Funding Approval for the addition and renovations to the Molly Ockett School in Fryeburg, Maine. The proposed project replaces the Snow School which is number 5 on the Department of Education's Approved Projects List.

The project received State Board of Education Site Approval on June 12, 2013 and Concept Approval on March 18, 2014. A district referendum was held on June 10, 2014 with a 57% vote in favor of the project. Phase I, Design and Funding Approval for site work for the proposed project, was approved by the State Board of Education on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The site construction documents were put out to bid and the low bid came in under budget and site construction work is now in process.

Superintendent Robinson now requests Design and Funding Approval for the project. The scope and basic design of the proposed project has not changed. The project budget has been adjusted to reflect the site bid. The bid documents are 100% complete and have gone through an extensive review process involving the owner, architect, Bureau of General Services, and Department personnel.

RSU 72/MSAD 72 is requesting Design and Funding Approval for the addition and renovations to the Molly Ockett School qualifying under State of Maine statutes and State Board of Education Rule, Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects.

**Project Information**

Project: Addition and Renovations to the Molly Ockett School in Fryeburg  
Superintendent: Jay Robinson  
Principal: Emily Kirkpatrick  
Architect: Stephen Blatt, Stephen Blatt Architects  
School(s) to be closed: C.A. Snow School

**Project Budget Information**

Concept Approval Date: March 18, 2014  
Total Project Cost: \$19,996,645.  
Local Only (no State participation): \$0.  
Approved for State/Local Debt Service Subsidy: \$19,996,645.

**COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:** The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education grant Design and Funding Approval to RSU 72/MSAD 72 for the Addition and Renovations to the Molly Ockett School in Fryeburg, Maine.

**CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** The Construction Committee voted unanimously on July 6, 2015, to recommend that the State Board of Education grant Design and Funding Approval to RSU 72/MSAD 72 for the Addition and Renovations to the Molly Ockett School in Fryeburg, Maine.

MOVED by Peter Geiger, seconded by Ande Smith, and unanimously voted by those present to grant Design and Funding Approval to RSU 72/MSAD 72 for the Addition and Renovations to the Molly Ockett School in Fryeburg, Maine.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE STATE REVIEW TEAM'S REPORT OF FINDINGS AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR ACCREDITATION OF TEACHER EDUCATION (NCATE) FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CEHD) NCATE ACCREDITATION ACTION REPORT**

**BACKGROUND:** A joint on-site state and NCATE program approval was conducted on November 16-18, 2014. The State review team report was submitted to the State Board of Education for review on January 14, 2015 meeting and held in abeyance until the NCATE organization made its national accreditation decision. The State Board of Education received the NCATE Accreditation Action Report at the June 10, 2015 meeting. The following degree programs leading to initial or advanced certification are offered by the Unit:

- Bachelor of Science in Education,
- Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) – [for liberal arts and sciences graduates of accredited 4- year colleges/universities],
- Bachelor of Science – (Music Education),
- Bachelor of Arts – (Arts Education),
- Master of Science in Teaching (MST) – [these degrees comprise the Unit's primary initial teacher preparation programs
  - Music Education and Art Education [are nationally accredited programs],

While the CEHD offers initial licensure programs in teacher education, it also offers the following graduate programs for advanced and other professionals:

- Literacy Education,
- Science Education,
- Special Education,
- Educational Leadership,
- Counselor Education,
- Computer Assisted Instruction, and
- Information Technology.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the State Board of Education grant renewal of state program approval for the following University of Maine educator preparation programs leading to initial teacher certification: Bachelor of Science in Education; Master of Arts in Teaching; Bachelor of Music; Bachelor of Arts; and Bachelor of Science in Teaching; as well as the following graduate programs for Advanced and Other School Professionals: Counselor Education; Educational Leadership; Instructional Technology; Literacy Education; Special Education; and Science Education from October 2014 to October 2021.

MOVED by Nichi Farnham, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and unanimously voted by those present for the Board to grant renewal of state program approval for the following University of Maine educator preparation programs leading to initial teacher certification: Bachelor of Science in Education; Master of Arts in Teaching; Bachelor of Music; Bachelor of Arts; and Bachelor of Science in Teaching; as well as the following graduate programs for Advanced and Other School Professionals: Counselor Education; Educational Leadership; Instructional Technology; Literacy Education; Special Education; and Science Education from October 2014 to October 2021.

CONSIDERATION OF THE REVIEW TEAM'S REPORT OF FINDINGS OF THE TEACHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION COUNCIL (TEAC) AUDIT OF THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT STATE PROGRAM OFFERED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE (USM).

BACKGROUND: A review team approved by the State Board conducted an onsite review October 26th to October 29th, 2014. A Report of Finds was written and submitted to the State Board of Education on January 14, 2015. The report was held in abeyance until TEAC had made its national accreditation decision. The TEAC Audit Report was made available for the State Board at the June 10, 2015 meeting.

USM is responsible for multiple initial certification pathways in their delivery systems. Currently, the post-baccalaureate Extended Teacher Education Program (ETEP) and the discontinued undergraduate-graduate Teachers for Elementary and Middle Schools (TEAMS) are nationally accredited by the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC), which has merged with the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). The ETEP, Special Education, and the new Undergraduate Pathways replacing the TEAMS program were included in the TEAC Inquiry Brief.

SEHD initial certification programs in Art Education and Music Education are accredited by discipline specific, national accrediting agencies. New pathways to initial certification are: the Lewiston-Auburn College (LAC) Pathways; the Early Childhood program at LAC; and the Montessori Early Childhood Teacher Education Program. Given that all of these are initial teacher certification, they too were considered for accreditation by TEAC (now CAEP).

Concurrent with the state team's visit, a national, TEAC team conducted its review of the ETEP and TEAMS programs for renewal of national accreditation. The TEAC team was on the USM campus October 28th to October 30th. The USM Teacher Education Department's Inquiry Brief and associated appendices submitted to TEAC, also served as documentation for state team review.

While the joint state and national teams collaborated with one another during their on-site visits, the state team conducted its review of the ETEP and TEAMS programs, as well as the other unit degree offerings, to affirm their continued compliance with Chapter 114.

The advanced educator preparation programs leading to certification in Maine, not being considered for national accreditation, were also assessed by the state team for their compliance with all applicable Chapter 114 standards. The programs reviewed for state approval were as follows: Art Education, Music Education, Counselor Education, Educational Leadership, School Psychology, Literacy, LAC Pathways, Early Childhood at LAC, Montessori Early Childhood, and Teacher Education.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education grant renewal of state program approval for the following University of Southern Maine (USM) educator preparation programs: Art Education, Early Childhood, Extended Teacher Education Program (ETEP), Educational Leadership, Literacy, Montessori Early Childhood Teacher Education, Music Education, Special

Education, Undergraduate Pathways, Counselor Education, Literacy Education, and School Psychology. The State Board approval period would be from October 2014 to October 2021.

MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by William Beardsley, and unanimously voted by those present to grant renewal of state program approval for the following University of Southern Maine (USM) educator preparation programs: Art Education, Early Childhood, Extended Teacher Education Program (ETEP), Educational Leadership, Literacy, Montessori Early Childhood Teacher Education, Music Education, Special Education, Undergraduate Pathways, Counselor Education, Literacy Education, and School Psychology. The State Board approval period would be from October 2014 to October 2021.

#### RECEIPT OF THE STATE REVIEW TEAM REPORT OF FINDINGS FOR THE COLLEGE OF THE ATLANTIC (COA) EDUCATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM

BACKGROUND: A review team approved by the State Board of Education conducted an on-site visit of the College of the Atlantic (COA), Educational Studies Department for the renewal of State approved program for their undergraduate education certification program.

The Educational Studies Program has four educator preparation programs that lead to certification. The four programs are as follows:

- Elementary Education
- Secondary Social Studies
- Secondary English Language Arts
- Second Life Science

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education receive the State Review Team report for the College of the Atlantic (COA) Educational Studies Program.

MOVED by Ande Smith, seconded by Peter Geiger, and unanimously voted by those present to receive the State Review Team report for the College of the Atlantic (COA) Educational Studies Program

#### APPROVAL OF THE REVIEW TEAM FOR THE CIRCUS CONSERVATORY OF AMERICA DEGREE-GRANTING APPLICATION REVIEW TO OFFER BACHELORS OF ARTS AND BACHELORS OF FINE ARTS DEGREE IN THE CIRCUS ARTS

BACKGROUND: The Circus Conservatory of American's Board of Trustees has directed the Conservatory administration to seek legislative authorization to award the Bachelors of Arts and Bachelors of Fine Arts degrees with in the State of Maine. The Circus Conservatory of America (CCA) has been established in order to meet the need of circus artists seeking a U.S. based accredited college. The primary aim is to support, educate, and showcase the unique talents of circus artist. The CCA curriculum will consist of the following academic opportunities for students to:

- Master a circus discipline (acrobatics, aerials, balance, manipulation, and/or physical theater);
- Perform in the professional-level circus productions;
- Serve as circus coaches in our community;
- Learn the business and production of circus; and
- Engage in community and international "social circus" programs, bringing together circus techniques with social intervention practices.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education approves the list of potential State review team members for the Circus Conservatory of America (CCA) degree-granting application and designate Dr. Wilson Hess, President of the University of Maine at Fort Kent as the team chair.

**Proposed State Review Team Membership**  
Thompson Point, Portland  
**September 20 – 22, 2015**

Chair Wilson Hess PhD  
President  
University of Maine at Fort Kent

Emily Haddad, PhD  
Dean, College of Liberal Arts &  
Sciences  
The University of Maine

Chris Sullivan, MFA  
Assistant Professor, Fine Arts  
Department  
St. Joseph's College

Richard J. Schuhmann, PhD  
President  
The Landing School

Dan Bilodeau  
Chair, Theatre-Dance Division, School of  
Performing Arts  
The University of Maine

**Non-Voting Participants**

*State Board Observer* Jane Sexton, Member  
Maine State Board of  
Education

*State Consultant* Ángel Martínez Loredo  
MDOE Higher Education  
Specialist

MOVED by Ande Smith, seconded by Nichi Farnham, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the list of potential State review team members for the Circus Conservatory of America (CCA) degree-granting application and designate Dr. Wilson Hess, President of the University of Maine at Fort Kent as the team chair. The Board Observer will be Jane Sexton with Jana Lapoint as an alternate.

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

**Chair, Martha Harris**

- In May, she participated in two webinars through the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) for her Leadership Study Group.
- On May 29, she went to the Awards Ceremony for the Presidential Award winners in Science and Mathematics.
- On June 3, she went to her local school board meeting which was held at United Technologies Center (UTC) and was able to coordinate with Greg Miller regarding the retreat.
- On June 14, she went to Hampden Academy Graduation and on June 15, she handed out recognition certificates to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders at Wagner Middle School.
- On June 18, she traveled to Virginia and participated in the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Nominations Committee. No one has come forward to be representative for the Northeast region. If anyone is interested, please let Martha know.

- On June 19 and 20, Martha participated in the Leadership Study Group for NASBE. There should be a terrific report from this group which will be presented at the annual NASBE conference in October 2015.
- While in Virginia, she and Alan met to discuss the retreat and the fall Board meetings.
- On June 28 through June 30, she participated in the Commissioner's Annual Conference for Superintendents.
- She attended the Construction Committee meeting and the Agenda Review meeting on July 6.

**Vice Chair, Alan Burton**

- On June 19 and 20, he participated in the NASBE Career Readiness Study Group in Alexandria, VA.
- On June 23, he attended the Regional Convening – Adult Degree Attainment Partnership meeting. The goal is to increase adult degree and certification completion among Maine adults by formulating a statewide plan to connect students to the resources they need from institutions, employers, and community groups. Alan shared the agenda topics with the Board.
- On June 25, he participated in the School Climate Study Group meeting.
- On July 6, he attended and participated in the Construction Committee meeting and the Agenda Review meeting.
- On July 7, he participated in the Downeast Construction Education Foundation meeting. The topics discussed were: Fundraising activities, Adult Electrical Classes update, and the Craft Championship planning.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Submit travel and expense account vouchers to Mary at the end of the meeting.

**Note:** *Heidi Sampson left the meeting at 3:02 PM.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Alan Burton, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the July 15, 2015 State Board of Education meeting at 3:11 PM.