



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on August 11, 2015 at United Technologies Center (UTC), Bangor, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Martha Harris; Vice Chair Alan Burton; William Beardsley; Nichi Farnham; Peter Geiger; Jana Lapoint; Jane Sexton; Gwendolyn Viles and Noa Sreden

Excused: Heidi Sampson and Ande Smith

Also present were: Acting Commissioner Thomas Desjardin; 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.

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 Jana Lapoint, seconded by Alan Burton, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the July 15, 2015 minutes as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Construction Committee (Peter Geiger):

The Construction Committee did not meet on July 31, 2015, as scheduled.

The next Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 28, 2015. The meeting will be held in room 500 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 did not meet on July 29, 2015, as scheduled.

The next Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, 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) met on Friday, July 31, 2015.

The following were present: Alan Burton, Committee Chair; Board Member Heidi Sampson (by phone); Meg Harvey and Donna Tiner (Department of Education); and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education.

- The Committee received a copy of the Statewide Articulation Agreement – Solid 75% of programs articulated with Community Colleges
- The Committee was updated on the Intersection Work progress
- Cosmetology Programming is moving forward for the fall of 2016
- EPS for CTE has moved to FY 17-18 because of the lack of capacity to institute change
- There are Grant opportunities for the Plumbing Programs (Bath Fitters – Case Settlement)
- Bridge Year Funding (early college program) - \$1 M expected
- CTE Score card – Posted on the web-site in August (performance measures attained at State and Individual level)

The next CTE Committee meeting is scheduled for August 28, 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:

REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE MAINE CARL D. PERKINS GRANT AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT OF 2006 (P.L. 109-270)

As a condition for the receipt of Federal funds to support vocational and technical education, §122 of the recently reauthorized Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270) requires a designated “eligible agency” in each State, in Maine’s case, the State Board of Education to submit a State Plan for Career and Technical Education. This plan was approved by the State Board on March 12, 2008. Further requirements are as follows:

“SEC. 121. STATE ADMINISTRATION.

“(a) ELIGIBLE AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES.—The responsibilities of an eligible agency under this title shall include:

“(3) convening and meeting as an eligible agency (consistent with State law and procedure for the conduct of such meetings) at such time as the eligible agency determines necessary to carry out the eligible agency’s responsibilities under this title, but not less than 4 times annually;

The State Board Chair requested, in accordance with Title 20-A, Section 405, 7, that the Board receives a quarterly financial report from the Career and Technical Education (CTE) team and the Department of Financial and Administrative Services (DAFS). We would like to submit this report as the fourth quarter final report for FY2015.

RECOMMENDATION: The State Board approve the FY15 fourth Quarterly report for the period of April 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015, with totals from July 1, 2014, of the State of Maine Five-Year Plan for Career and Technical Education under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L.109-270)

MOVED by Jane Sexton, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the FY15 fourth Quarterly report for the period of April 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015, with totals from July 1, 2014, of the State of Maine Five-Year Plan for Career and Technical Education under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L.109-270)

CONSIDERATION OF THE STATE REVIEW TEAM REPORT 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
- Secondary Life Science

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education vote to approve the College of the Atlantic (COA) Educational Studies Program for five years to May 2020.

MOVED by William Beardsley, seconded by Peter Geiger, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the College of the Atlantic (COA) Educational Studies Program for five years to May 2020.

APPROVAL OF THE REVIEW TEAM FOR BATES COLLEGE STATE PROGRAM APPROVAL VISIT

BACKGROUND: Bates College has requested a campus visit by a State approved team for renewal of their undergraduate education program leading to initial teacher certification in Secondary Education. The programs included to be reviewed are:

7-12 Certifications in following areas:

- English/Language Arts
- Social Studies
- Life Science
- Physical Science

K-12 Certification in Modern Languages

An on-site State program approval visit to Bates College is September 27th through the 30th, 2015. In accordance with Chapter 114, potential State visitation team members have been selected for the State Board's consideration.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education approve the list for potential State team members for Bates College state program approval visit schedule for September 27-30, 2015 and designate Mark Tappan Director of Educator Preparation from Colby College to be the state team chair.

Proposed Bates College Review Team

September 27-30, 2015

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State Board Observer
Gwen Viles and Noa Sreden, Student Board Member Observers

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MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Alan Burton, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the list for potential State team members for Bates College state program approval visit schedule for September 27-30, 2015 and designate Mark Tappan Director of Educator Preparation from Colby College to be the state team chair. In addition to Peter Geiger as State Board Observer, the Board's two student members, Gwen Viles and Noa Sreden will observe the program approval visit.

EVERY CHILD ACHIEVES ACT OF 2015

On July 16, 2015, the U.S. Senate approved the Every Child Achieves Act of 2015, which replaces the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). The bill was introduced by Senator Alexander Lamar (Tennessee) and Senator Patty Murray (Washington). Chair, Martha Harris asked Board Members if they want to take a position at this time or have further discussion on the bill. After much discussion, the Board agreed to continue their conversation at the September 9, 2015 Board meeting in Brunswick, provided they have a conference bill at that time.

STRATEGIC PLAN FOR MEANINGFUL CHANGE

The current State Board of Education five year Strategic Plan expires in December 2015. With much discussion by the Board, a review of the Strategic Plan will be placed on the September 9, 2015 Workshop Agenda.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chair, Martha Harris

- On July 31, she attended the Agenda Review Meeting.
- This past month, she has been working on the Board Retreat agenda.

Vice Chair, Alan Burton

- On July 24 and 25, he attended the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) New Member Orientation in Arlington, Virginia. Alan shared the agenda topics with the Board. Overall, it is an effective program and worth the time to attend.
- On July 27, he met with Suzan Beaudoin and Jim Rier in Augusta to prepare for the August 10, 2015 School Funding discussion.
- He participated in the Agenda Review meeting on July 31.
- On July 31, he also attended the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee meeting.
- On August 4, he attended the Downeast Construction Education Foundation Meeting.
- On August 7,8,and 9, he reviewed materials and prepared for the SBE Retreat.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Gwen Viles

- She is finishing up her summer homework.
- Her Psychology and Sociology online classes at Thomas College are wrapping up.
- School starts for her on August 28 and her schedule for this school year is coming soon.
- She has had her senior pictures taken.
- She has completed Early Action Applications to Tulane University and University of Chicago.

Noa Sreden

- She was in Chicago for student leadership conference. She personally led a team of 12 students.

Jana Lapoint

- The past month was strictly Charter Commission work for Jana. She has been on the review team which is a lot of work. She reviewed Maine Academy of Natural Sciences (MeANS), Baxter Academy for Technology and Science, Cornville Regional Charter School and Fiddlehead School of Arts and Science. Jana briefed the Board on the reviews.

- She attended Maine Academy of Natural Sciences (MeANS) graduation ceremony, where 23 students graduated this year.

William Beardsley

- He has been meeting with people regarding Career and Technical Education. He met with Senator Brian Langley, Beth Fisher and Amy Boles.

Nichi Farnham

- Most of her work over the past month has been with the Charter School Commission. She was also at the Maine Academy of Natural Sciences (MeANS) and Fiddlehead School of Arts and Science reviews.

Peter Geiger

- On July 22, he participated in the Human Capital Management Systems Group meeting. The group has two subcommittees working on how to hire and maintain good teachers and populate them in rural areas of the State.

Jane Sexton

- She recently visited her niece in Seattle, Washington and she shared with Jane the University of Washington – College of Education - Center of Leadership's Teacher Evaluation Rubric. Jane briefed the Board on the rubric.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Alan Burton, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the August 11, 2015 State Board of Education meeting at 1:58 PM.