



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on September 9, 2015 at Harriet Beecher Stowe Elementary, Brunswick, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Martha Harris; Vice Chair Alan Burton; William Beardsley; Nichi Farnham; Peter Geiger; Jana Lapoint; Heidi Sampson; Jane Sexton; Ande Smith; Gwendolyn Viles and Noa Sreden

Also present were: Acting Commissioner Thomas Desjardin; Scott Brown, Director of School Facilities; Randy Kassa, School Enrollment; 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 Jane Sexton, and voted seven in favor with two members abstained (Heidi Sampson and Ande Smith) to approve the August 11, 2015 minutes as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Construction Committee (Peter Geiger):

The Construction Committee met on August 28, 2015, as scheduled.

The Committee met and discussed the waiver of Chapter 61 Time Limitations that will come before the Board for approval at the September 9th Board meeting.

The next Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 2, 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 met on August 26, 2015, as scheduled.

Angel Loredó updated the Committee on the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA). Angel has completed the application and Anita Bernhardt is reviewing it. The application will go to the Certification and Higher Education Committee next for recommendation of approval to the full State Board.

Kathy updated the Committee on the new credentialing computer system. Hupp Technologies of Springfield, Illinois has been selected for development of a new automated online teacher initial

and renewal certification program. Hupp Technologies has implemented online credentialing systems in eight other states. The Department plans to have the new system online by July 2016.

The Bates Team Review is at the end of September. Peter Geiger is the Board Observer. Student Board members Gwen Viles and Noa Sreden will attend on Monday, September 28th.

The University of New England Team Review will be held October 25 to October 28. Jane Sexton will be the Board Observer.

The Review Team for the Circus of the Conservatory of America Degree-granting application review to offer a Bachelors of Arts and Bachelors of Fine Arts degree in the Circus Arts was approved by the State Board. The review will be held at Thompson Point in Portland on September 20 to 22, 2015. Jane Sexton will be the Board Observer and Dr. Wilson Hess has agreed to chair the review team.

The next Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 30, 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, August 28, 2015.

Don Cannan, Executive Director of MACTE updated the Committee on activities, concerns, and best practices of his group. He also inquired about funding to update MACTE's web-site.

The Department of Education (DOE) CTE office is filling a couple of positions from turnover/retirement. The CTE Committee will be involved with the Strategic Plan after staff meets to prepare a framework.

School Review Schedule:

- Region #9 Mexico: Week of September 14
- AOS #94 Dexter: Week of October 26
- Region #8 Rockland: Week of January 25

Review of proposed action items from State Board of Education Retreat:

- CTE Funding with a particular focus on State Funding (possible EPS funding and/or school construction funding)
- Interface between CTE with Maine Learning Results and Proficiency Diplomas (particular focus on CTE credits towards high school graduation)
- Use of the SBE power to "convene" to advance the interests of CTE where appropriate for Board involvement

The next CTE Committee meeting is scheduled for October 2, 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:

APPROVAL OF THE REVIEW TEAM FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND STATE PROGRAM APPROVAL VISIT

BACKGROUND: The University of New England has requested a campus visit by a State approved team for renewal of their undergraduate and post baccalaureate Teacher Certification Program housed in the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) and graduate programs of Masters in

Education in Reading Specialist/Literacy Coach and Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Advanced Educational Leadership (CAGS) in the College of Graduate and Professional Studies (CGPS). The programs are included in the following chart:

Undergraduate Teacher Certification: (CAS)	Post baccalaureate Teacher Certification Program: (TCP) (CAS)	Graduate Programs prepare candidates for Certification (CGPS)
Elementary/Middle (grades K-8)	Elementary/Middle (grades K-8)	Master of Science in Education in Reading Specialist/Literacy Coach grades K-12
Art Education (grades K-12)	Secondary (grades 7-12)	Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study (CAGS) in Advanced Educational Leadership (AEL)
Secondary Education (grades 7-12) in English/Language Arts, Life Science, Mathematics, or Physical Science, Social Studies	Art Education (grades K-12)	

An on-site State program approval visit to the University of New England is October 25-28, 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 the University of New England state program approval visit scheduled for October 25-28, 2015 and designate Dr. Sid Mitchell, Associate Professor of Education from The University of Maine to be the state team chair.

Proposed University of New England Review Team

October 25-28th, 2015

Chair	Sid Mitchell	Team	John Bear Mitchell
	The University of Maine	Members	The University of Maine

Mara Tieken
Bates College

Meredith Bickford
University of Southern Maine

Paul Buck
University of Maine at Fort Kent

Rachel Greonhout
University of Maine at
Farmington

**Non-
voting
Members** **Jane S. Sexton**
State Board Observer

Ángel Martínez Loredo
Consultant
Higher Education Specialist, Maine Department of Education

MOVED by Alan Burton, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the list for potential State team members for the University of New England state program approval visit scheduled for October 25-28, 2015 and designate Dr. Sid Mitchell, Associate Professor of Education from The University of Maine to be the state team chair.

ELECT VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION (NASBE) ANNUAL MEETING

MOVED by Jane Sexton, seconded by Ande Smith, and unanimously voted by those present to appoint Martha Harris as the voting delegate and Alan Burton as the alternate voting delegate for the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) annual business meeting in October 2015.

WAIVER OF CHAPTER 61 TIME LIMITATIONS

STATEMENT OF FACT: The State Board of Education's Chapter 61 Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects was last revised in 2013. That revision included a significant change where contract documents for projects must now be 100% complete to be eligible for board consideration of Design and Funding Approval.

To meet this 100% requirement, projects will now be presented to the Board much later in their process and just prior to competitive bidding, which was the intention of the change. This adjustment in schedule has created a potential conflict with Section 6.2.F (3), Time Limitations, which requires projects to be presented to the State Board within 9 months after a favorable referendum.

Chapter 61 provides the State Board with waiver provision authority in Section 2 (5).

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommend that the State Board of Education waive the nine month time limitation imposed in Section 6.2.F(3) of Chapter 61, the State Board of Education Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects on the submission of a project's Design and Funding Approval and

pursuant to the Board's waiver authority under Section 2.5.D of such Rule, establish a 16-month time requirement for such submission for all of the following projects of the 2010-2011 Rating Cycle's Approved Projects List: Corinth Elementary, Sanford High School/CTE, Newport Elementary, Sanford Elementary, Fryeburg Elementary, Nokomis High School, Mt. Ararat High School, Lewiston Elementary, Monmouth Middle School, Caribou Elementary, Morse High School/CTE, and Portland Elementary.

MOVED by Peter Geiger, seconded by Ande Smith, and voted eight in favor with one member abstained (William Beardsley) to waive the nine month time limitation imposed in Section 6.2.F(3) of Chapter 61, the State Board of Education Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects on the submission of a project's Design and Funding Approval and pursuant to the Board's waiver authority under Section 2.5.D of such Rule, establish a 16-month time requirement for such submission for all of the following projects of the 2010-2011 Rating Cycle's Approved Projects List: Corinth Elementary, Sanford High School/CTE, Newport Elementary, Sanford Elementary, Fryeburg Elementary, Nokomis High School, Mt. Ararat High School, Lewiston Elementary, Monmouth Middle School, Caribou Elementary, Morse High School/CTE, and Portland Elementary.

TRANSFER APPEALS DISCUSSION

The Board and the Commissioner had a discussion on transfer appeals and what is in the child's best interest.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chair, Martha Harris

- As chair, she has received several invitations for various conferences that she will have Mary forward to Board members to see who may be interested in attending.
- She will be attending the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Annual Conference in October.
- She will be attending the New England Secondary School Consortium (NESSC) Conference on March 17 and 18, 2016 in Massachusetts.
- Her local district does not have a contract with the teachers, which is concerning.

Vice Chair, Alan Burton

- On August 12, he participated in the Maine Teacher of the Year Oral Presentations of eight semi-finalists in Orono.
- On August 14, he participated in the Maine Teacher of the Year Portfolio Scoring of eight semi-finalists in Augusta.
- On August 27, he participated in the Maine Teacher of the Year interviews of the three finalists in Augusta.
- On August 28, he attended the CTE Committee meeting and the Construction Committee meeting.
- On August 31, he attended the Adult Degree Attainment Steering Committee meeting in Augusta. The Committee reviewed the take-a-ways from the June regional convening. And established a rough plan forward to keep the work progressing.
- On September 1, he attended the Downeast Construction Education Foundation meeting. Topics were centered on fundraising activities; adult electrical class updates, and the Craft Championship planning.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Heidi Sampson

- She attended the CTE Committee meeting via conference call on August 28.

Noa Sreden

- She attended the CTE and Construction Committee meetings on August 28.
- School started for her on September 2.
- She had her first regular season soccer game of the season and her team won.
- She is going through the application process to be the junior student on the RSU #1 School Board.
- Elections for the Student Committee Liaison Council are being held this Friday and if elected it will be her third year on the Committee. Last year she served as vice president.

Gwen Viles

- She participated in the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting via conference call on August 26.
- She is back to school and is taking two AP4ALL classes.
- Her National Honor Society group is planning a Halloween Dance and she is helping to coordinate it.
- She is working at Holland's Variety Drug in Skowhegan and training to become a pharmaceutical technician. She will be taking the test when she turns 18.

William Beardsley

- He attended the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting on August 26.
- He is working as a consultant for a classical school.

Jana Lapoint

- She is very busy with Charter Commission work. She is reviewing Charter School applications.

Jane Sexton

- She attended the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting on August 26.
- The Gorham School System has a new Superintendent and Jane has met with her.

Ande Smith

- He attended the Construction Committee meeting on August 28.
- He has been busy with the Charter School Commission and reviewing Charter School applications. The deadline to submit an application to open and operate a charter school in Maine was September 1, 2015.
- He has been invited to attend a PTAC meeting in Augusta. It is a meeting with the US DOE and people from the Privacy Technical Assistance Center that consults with States on privacy issues.

Nichi Farnham

- Most of her work has been with the Charter School Commission. She has two application binders to review.
- She attended the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting on August 26.

Peter Geiger

- On August 12, he participated in the judging of oral presentations of eight 2015 County Teachers of the Year who are in consideration for the 2016 Maine Teacher of the Year. It was held at UMO and included a spontaneous answer to one of five questions and Q and A with other candidates.
- On August 19, he participated in the Maine Teacher of the Year Portfolio Scoring of eight semi-finalists in Augusta. This is ranked and part of the final selection process to narrow the field to three finalists. Soon after, it was announced that the finalist are:
 - Tayla Edlund: Cumberland; Cove Pond Elementary School, Grade 3

- Brenda LaVerdiere: Franklin; Academy Hill School, Grade 4
- Mia Morrison: Piscataquis; Dover Foxcroft, 9-12 Technology
- On August 28, he attended the CTE Committee meeting and the Construction Committee meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Submit travel and expense account vouchers to Mary at the end of this meeting.
- Alan Burton announced that he is in the process of arranging the December 9 State Board meeting to be held at Educare Central Maine in Waterville.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Dick Durost, Executive Director, Maine Principal's Association commented on the Board's discussion regarding Superintendent Agreements/Transfer Appeals.
- Beth Schultz of Woolwich commented on her concerns regarding LD 1422: "An Act to Prepare Maine People for the Future Economy" (transition to standards-based educational system, proficiency-based diploma standards, etc.).

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Peter Geiger, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the September 9, 2015 State Board of Education meeting at 2:51PM.