



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on October 14, 2014, at Seabasticook Valley Middle School, Newport, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Peter Geiger; Vice Chair Martha Harris; William Beardsley; Alan Burton; Nichi Farnham; Jana Lapoint; Heidi Sampson; Jane Sexton; Ande Smith; Gwendolyn Viles; and Alyssa Wardwell.

Also present were: Commissioner Jim Rier; Scott Brown, Director of School Facilities; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Peter Geiger called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

VISION STATEMENT:

Read by Chair, Peter Geiger: 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 Martha Harris, seconded by Ande Smith, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the September 10, 2014 minutes as written.

NEW BUSINESS:

MAJOR CAPITAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM *CONCEPT APPROVAL CONSIDERATION*; SANFORD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FOR A NEW SANFORD HIGH SCHOOL AND SANFORD REGIONAL TECHNICAL CENTER.

STATEMENT OF FACT: Sanford Superintendent, David Theoharides, representing the Sanford School Board formally requests that the State Board of Education grant Concept Approval for a new 9-12 Sanford High School and Sanford Regional Technical Center. If approved, the new facility will replace the existing school which is extremely overcrowded. It will be built on 120+ acres in Sanford that the State Board of Education gave Site Approval to on August 12, 2014.

Sanford High School and Sanford Regional Vocational Center was rated number two in need during the States' most recent rating cycle. If the new facility is approved the existing school will be renovated and used either as a middle school or as a consolidated elementary school housing students from several old elementary schools in Sanford. Three of the elementary schools scored high in need on the last rating cycle.

The proposed new school complex went through a vigorous visioning process with strong community involvement. The Superintendents' Advisory Board of the Sanford High School and

Sanford Regional Technical Center and the six communities that they represent support the new Regional Career and Technical Center curriculum and facility.

If approved, the new facility will have the capacity to house 1015 Sanford High School students daily and 404 career and technical education students per half day. The two programs will be integrated as one, The Sanford High School and Sanford Regional Technical Center.

The proposed new facility is being designed to meet all current codes, high performance standards, and all the appropriate local and state agencies have been contacted, and where necessary, documented approvals are on file. It also meets all existing State statutes and the State Board of Education Rule, Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects.

Superintendent, David Theoharides has provided the following information on the proposed project.

The Sanford High School and Regional Technical Center building project will provide students in Sanford and our six sending school districts with expanded opportunities in both traditional high school and Career Technical Education, CTE, (previously known as vocational education), through a state of the art, integrated learning campus.

The new campus will be organized in four “Career Pathways:” *Science & Technology, Business & Management, Arts & Communication, and Human Services*. These pathways, identified by our Technical School staff, will cluster similar disciplines into smaller learning communities. Traditional secondary academic programs would also be clustered in related pathways. Similar to the Mt. Blue/Foster Tech building project, our students and faculty in both traditional academic and technical school programs would have increased opportunities to collaborate and support each other in these pathways. In addition, traditional programs such as math and English will be customized to focus on the interests and aspirations of the students in each pathway.

The pathways will allow students greater opportunities for electives in both traditional academic and technical school programs. Technical school students from both Sanford and our six sending schools would be able to participate in courses related to their area of focus and interests. For example a student in Welding could also take an elective in Computer Assisted Design and Draft (CADD), and fulfill his English graduation requirements by taking an English class in his pathway focused more on technical writing. We also anticipate increasing graduation rates by placing freshmen students in pathways that they choose and thereby increasing engagement with school by helping them see the value of all the related academic and technical programs.

The new school facility will also provide drastically needed improvements to our Technical School labs, allowing us to better meet work place standards and requirements for our graduates. The proposed education areas were designed with significant input from our Technical Center faculty and will allow us to meet current and future needs for these robust and complex programs. In addition to adding new or expanded Technical School programs in *Law Enforcement, Cosmetology, Business & Marketing, Culinary Arts, and Automotive Technology*, we will also be bringing our three satellite programs, *Culinary Arts, Early Childhood, and CNA*, into our new facility. This will allow better administration of these programs, but more importantly allow us to provide students in these programs with greater opportunities to participate in electives and integrated academic courses.

Sanford High School currently has 12 portable classrooms, (trailers), used to house students that cannot fit in the existing facility. This poses huge challenges with building security and supervision. Our new facility, with limited secure access points, will allow us to provide a safer environment for our students, while providing a campus that better meets the needs of our students. The smaller learning communities of each pathway will allow students from all our

sending schools to collaborate, work together, and socialize with students having similar interests and career aspirations. Our faculty and staff will have greater opportunities to collaborate, manage and monitor students within these small learning communities to ensure improved student success.

Over the past several years the Sanford School Department has sought input from our Technical School sending schools staff and students regarding programming that would interest all students in Southern York County. More importantly, addressing the logistical needs regarding transportation times, coordinated calendars and schedules, credit recovery, and meeting the needs of the new Maine Proficiency Based Diploma have also been a focus of these discussions.

The Sanford High School and Regional Technical Center campus will remodel traditional high school and technical school education allowing it to better meet the career and post-secondary needs of our students. On behalf of the citizens of Sanford/Springvale and the many students from all our sending schools, I thank the State Board of Education for their continued support of this project.

Project Information

Project: Sanford High School and Regional Technical Center

Superintendent: David Theoharides

Principal: Marianne Sylvain

Architect: Lance Whitehead of Lavallee/Brensinger Architects

Schools to be closed: Present Sanford High School and Sanford Regional Technical Center

Project Budget Information

Total Project Cost: \$103,016,632.

Local Only (no State participation): \$10,628,450.

Approved for State/Local Debt Service Subsidy: \$92,088,182.

Other Funding (Grants, Gifts, Etc.): \$300,000. (gas line extension)

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION: The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education grant Concept Approval to Sanford School Department for the construction of a new Sanford High School and Sanford Regional Technical Center.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On October 3, 2014, the Construction Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education grant Concept Approval to Sanford School Department for a new Sanford High School and Sanford Regional Technical Center.

MOVED by Martha Harris, seconded by Alan Burton, and voted eight in favor with one member opposed (Heidi Sampson) to grant Concept Approval to Sanford School Department for a new Sanford High School and Sanford Regional Technical Center. Motion Carries

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION OF THE CERTIFICATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE TO PROCEED WITH RULEMAKING OF CHAPTER 13, QUALIFYING EXAMINATIONS OF TEACHERS, EDUCATIONAL SPECIALISTS AND ADMINISTRATORS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT (APA).

BACKGROUND: The proposed changes to Chapter 13 stem from the ongoing revision (regeneration) process employed by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). Each Praxis exam undergoes regeneration approximately every five years. The end result is a recommended cut off score that is deemed appropriate for the just qualified candidate (JQC) as established by a multi-state standard setting study conducted by ETS. Maine's required tests and scores must then be updated in Chapter 13.

The proposed changes to Chapter 13 include new test codes, recommended cut off scores, and language allowing old tests no longer being administered to be used for up to five years, after which time only the new tests will be accepted.

PROPOSED TIMELINE:

File with the Secretary of State's Office – October 15, 2014

Posting – October 29, 2014

Public Hearing – (N/A)

Deadline for Comments – December 1, 2014

Deadline for Response to Comments – December 5, 2014

Final Adoption – December 10, 2014

RECOMMENDATION: The State Board of Education's Certification and Higher Education Committee recommends that the State Board of Education initiate rulemaking to allow the proposed amendments listed above to be made to Chapter 13 in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act (APA).

MOVED by Martha Harris, seconded by Nichi Farnham, and voted eight in favor with one member opposed (William Beardsley) to initiate rulemaking to allow the proposed amendments listed above to be made to Chapter 13 in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act (APA). Motion Carries.

Note: Martha Harris left the meeting at 2:08 PM.

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 and final report for FY2014.

RECOMMENDATION: The State Board approve the Quarterly report for the period of April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014, with totals from July 1, 2013, 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 Alan Burton, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the Quarterly report for the period of April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014, with totals from July 1, 2013, 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)

REQUEST APPROVAL OF A REVISED STATE OF MAINE YEAR EIGHT (8) REVISIONS AND REQUEST TO EXTEND THE SIX-YEAR PLAN FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION UNDER THE CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT OF 2006 (P.L. 109-270) AND “REQUEST FOR CONFORMING REVISIONS TO STATE PLAN SUBMISSIONS, INCLUDING BUDGETS” (OMB APPROVAL NUMBER 1830-0029)

As a condition for the receipt of Federal funds to support career and technical education, §122 of the 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. The Eligible Agency must send in a revised budget, any revisions to the plan, any request to extend and the agreed upon performance indicators for that grant period each Grant year covered by the plan.

Following the Guidance for the Submission of State Plan Revisions, Budgets, and Performance Levels for Program Year Eight Perkins IV Grant Awards - issued by the U.S. Office of Vocational and Adult Education on December 9, 2013 (OMB #1830-0029) and the Request for Conforming Revisions to State Plan Submissions, Including Budgets” (OMB Approval Number 1830-0029) sent on May 1, 2013 the Maine Department of Education Career and Technical Education Team has prepared the year eight (8) State plan revisions covering the grant period beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015.

As you know, Congress passed, and the President signed, a short-term continuing resolution (CR), *Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2015*, Pub. L. No. 113-164, that provides funding for a number of Federal programs through December 11, 2014. The CR includes an across-the-board reduction of 0.0554 percent that applies to the advance portion of fiscal year (FY) 2014 funds that were scheduled to become available October 1, 2014. Consequently, the total October 1 allocations for the Perkins IV Career and Technical Education State Grants will be slightly lower than we have previously estimated.

The year eight (8) revisions include:

- A revised budget for the grant period covering July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

RECOMMENDATION: The State Board approve the second revision of the *State of Maine Year VIII budget for the Year eight extension of the Six Year Plan for Career and Technical Education Under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270) for the grant year July 1, 2014- June 30, 2015.*

MOVED by Heidi Sampson, seconded by Alan Burton, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the second revision of the *State of Maine Year VIII budget for the Year eight extension of the Six Year Plan for Career and Technical Education Under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270) for the grant year July 1, 2014- June 30, 2015.*

APPROVAL OF JANA LAPOINT FOR THE CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

MOVED by Jane Sexton, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and unanimously voted by those present to approve Jana Lapoint to continue for a three year term on the Charter Commission Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Construction Committee (written report by Martha Harris, read by Peter Geiger):

The Construction Committee met on October 3, 2014. Present were Martha Harris, Chair of the Committee; Peter Geiger; and Alan Burton (Board) Scott Brown, Ann Pinnette, and Stephanie Clark from the Department of Education. Others present were: David Theoharides, Sanford Superintendent of Schools; Lance Whitehead, LaVallee/Brensinger Architects, members of the core building committee; Sanford Town Manager; and Kathy Sargent, Director of Career and Technical Education (CTE).

The minutes of the September 2, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

Scott Brown introduced the Sanford project for concept approval. Superintendent, architect and others presented the proposed facility, outlining the steps that had been taken including the recent successful straw poll.

Board members had a lot of questions regarding the design and proposed budget. Letters from four of the sending districts were presented. Examples of the technical spaces were reviewed.

The committee unanimously recommended that the State Board grant concept approval to the Sanford School Department for the construction of a new Sanford High School and Sanford Regional Technical Center.

Mr. Brown presented some cost comparisons across the New England region and recent high school projects as well as some of the reasons for increased costs over the past 10 years.

Progress on the revisions of Chapter 60 and 61 was discussed and it was determined that the public hearing date needed to be changes due to lack of three Board members being able to do on October 27. The new date is November 3, directly after the Construction Committee meeting.

There being no further business, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 11:00 a.m.

The next Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 3, 2014. The meeting will be 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 did not meet in September.

At the August 27, 2014 meeting, the Committee voted unanimously by those present to move forward with the opening of Chapter 13. The full Board voted today to initiate rulemaking to allow the proposed amendments to be made to Chapter 13 in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act (APA).

The next Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2014. The meeting will be in room 538 of the Cross State Office building. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

Career and Technical Education (Peter Geiger):

The Career and Technical Education Committee (CTE) held a meeting on Wednesday, October 1, 2014, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Committee Chair Steven Pound and Peter Geiger (Board Members); Margaret Harvey and Donna Tiner (Department of Education) and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education.

The Committee reviewed the final quarterly report for Carl D. Perkins. There was a balance of \$1,112,750 in the account which is being used for state leadership funds and targeted reserve grant funds.

Drafted rules for Cosmetology are being reviewed by Commissioner Anne Head at the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation.

A State-wide Instructors Conference put on by MACTE was held in Lewiston on October 10.

The teacher effectiveness and evaluation system has Center Directors and Regional Directors that clarifies how directors are being evaluated. In some cases it is by the superintendent and others by the regional board but all do get evaluated.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM.

The next CTE Committee meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2014. The meeting will be in room 538 of the Cross State Office building. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chair, Peter Geiger

- He would be remiss if he did not start by thanking Steve Pound and Nancy Perkins for their term on the Board. Both have spent time as chair and both put in countless hours on behalf of a better school experience for all Maine students. At the same time, Congratulations to Jana Lapoint on her reappointment and welcome to Jane Sexton and Alan Burton. It will be a pleasure to work with them in the months and years to come. Martha and he did meet with Jane and Alan and hope to have a full orientation day prior to the November Board meeting.
- On September 16 and 23, he participated on the Maine Standards Review Panel – part of the group that is reviewing math and English standards. He participated along with Heidi Sampson. Meetings were well facilitated and they made good progress reviewing and making recommendations. Take away is that the standards are well organized, rigorous, clear and at a level to prepare students for college and career. He chatted with the Vice Principal of Montello School and she shared a document the Lewiston school system put together to prepare teachers for standards and proficiency based diplomas.
- Maine School Security Workshop meeting was held on September 18 at Hampden Academy and on September 19 at Westbrook Middle School. Michael Dorn of Safe Havens Intentional and Lyndon Keck of PDT Architects spoke about school security issues and offered practical advice on ways to improve security in some cases without spending money. Michael gave Peter a copy of his book “Staying Alive” that he will provide to Mary should anyone be interested.
- The Maine Teacher of the Year (MTOY) Banquet will be held in Bangor on November 15, at the Cross Center. Peter will be there representing the Board and if there are area Board members who'd like to attend, complete the Ed Maine form or advise Mary who can make arrangements.

- Martha and he will join Steve Pound at the National State Boards of Education (NASBE) annual conference in Colorado the balance of this week. Steve is completing his term on the NASBE Board. Peter will be the voting delegate and will be on a panel entitled "Improving the Principal Pipeline.
- He reminded Board members about the Maine School Management Association Fall Conference being held at the Augusta Civic Center on October 23 and 24. All members are welcome to attend one or both days of the conference. Mary will send the information to any member that did not receive it in the mail.
- The Construction Committee has scheduled two Public Hearings to be held on November 3. From 10:00 to 11:00 AM will be for Chapter 60 and 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM will be Chapter 61. The Public Hearings will follow the monthly Construction Committee meeting.

Vice Chair, Martha Harris (written report read by Peter Geiger)

- She attended the Penquis Regional Candidate Forum on September 18.
- On October 3, she attended the Construction Committee meeting, met with Peter, Alan Burton and Jane Sexton for a brief introduction and orientation; agenda review meeting with Commissioner Rier; and met with Angel Loreda, the new Higher Education Specialist at the DOE.
- On October 5 through October 8, she participated as the Board Observer for the Thomas College review.
- She will be attending the National Association of State Boards of Education Annual Conference in Denver on October 15 to October 18.
- On October 20, she will be attending the Commission to Strengthen the Adequacy and Equity of Certain Cost components of the School Funding Formula.
- On October 23 and 24, she will be attending the Maine School Management Association's Fall Conference.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Heidi Sampson:

- On September 16 and 23, she participated on the Maine Standards Review Panel and reviewed K to 5 Math.
- She attended the Legislative Information Gathering with Maine School Management Association (MSMA) and The Maine Principal's Association (MPA). They were bringing together all the different legislators running for office.
- She attended the community schools information meeting in Wells. It was an all-day event.
- She will be attending the Maine School Management Association's (MSMA) Fall Conference on October 23 and 24.

Alyssa Wardwell:

- She attended her own high school student advisory committee. It is a group of students that the principal picks that he feels is most connected to the community. They go over small issues in the school that they believe should be fixed.
- She has started applying to colleges. She got early action to Maine Maritime and she has been offered a starting position as goal keeper of the soccer team. Her second choice is UMO for engineering.
- She is taking an online calculus class. She finds it easier because she can do it on her own time.

Gwendolyn Viles:

- She will be taking her PSATs on Wednesday, October 15.
- She has applied to the Maine Senate Youth Program and will hear back sometime in December.
- She has started an application for the Notre Dame Summer Program, the deadline of which is in January 2015.
- She was elected the 2nd Vice President for the Nokomis Latin Club.
- She attended a college fair hosted by the Catherine McAuley High School.

Alan Burton:

- His confirmation hearing with the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee was on September 26 and he was confirmed by the Senate on September 30.
- He attended a State Workforce Investment Board meeting in Augusta. Most of the focus is on how to work together with business and industry and creating partnerships.
- He attended the Construction Committee meeting as an observer on October 3.
- He met with Peter and Martha and got all the information about the Board and is two thirds of the way through the materials.
- He sits on the Industry Board of the Downeast Construction Education Foundation (DCEF). They invited the Department of Education to come and talk about proficiency standards and how it connects with Career and Technical Education and what business and industry can do to help with those connections.

Jane Sexton:

- She is on the Trustees of the Community College System and she just attended a finance committee meeting. This kind of dovetails with what she is doing on the State Board.
- Her confirmation hearing with the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee was on September 26 and she was confirmed by the Senate on September 30.

Nichi Farnham:

- She has been doing her Charter School Commission duties. She read an application and helped put together the reports that will be presented on Wednesday, October 15.

Ande Smith:

- He has been doing his Charter School Commission duties. Sarah Forster has deemed that the Charter School Commission should strongly consider having maine.gov email addresses for purposes of doing business. He spent a couple hours talking with OIT staff trying to figure out how this would work. He is bringing this up as this might be of interest to the State Board. This has been extended to the Charter Commission due to the very practical work/writing that they do.

Jana Lapoint:

- Her confirmation hearing with the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee was on September 26 and she was confirmed by the Senate on September 30.
- She reviewed one of the Charter School applications and she is very proud of the report they put together.
- She attended a meeting that Senator Rebecca Millett had invited the Board to in regards to Community Schools.

William Beardsley:

- On September 24, he served as the Board Observer for the visiting team for Unity College.
- He is teaching a course on American Enlightenment.

BUDGET:

Peter Geiger presented the budget as of October 9, 2014.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED by Nichi Farnham, seconded by Ande Smith, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the October 14, 2014 State Board of Education meeting at 2:44 PM.