



## MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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### STATE OF MAINE

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The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on March 18, 2014, at the Cross State Office Building, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Nancy Perkins; Vice Chair Peter Geiger; Steven Pound; Martha Harris; Heidi Sampson; William Beardsley; Nichi Farnham and Kristin Bishop.

Excused: Jana Lapoint; Ande Smith; and Alyssa Wardwell

Also present were: Scott Brown, Director of School Facilities; Ann Pinnette, School Facilities Education Specialist; Margaret Harvey, Career and Technical Education Director; Donna Tiner, Perkins Grant Manager; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education

### **CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chair Nancy Perkins called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

### **VISION STATEMENT:**

Read by Chair, Nancy Perkins: 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 Peter Geiger, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the February 12, 2014 minutes as written.

*Note: Martha Harris joined the meeting at 1:15 PM*

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

MAJOR CAPITAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM; CONCEPT APPROVAL CONSIDERATION; RSU72/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 Concept Approval for an 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 addition will house preK through grade 5 students from Fryeburg and grade 5 students from the New Suncook School and the Denmark School and will eliminate 11 portable classrooms from around the district.

The district originally studied moving all elementary students into the new addition. When it was determined that some communities were not meeting the mill expectation limit under the funding formula, the local communities insisted that the project be downsized to avoid a major increase in local project costs. Even with the smaller addition, the district will see a significant local dollar impact.

The project will, however, consolidate grade 5 which will better prepare students for the middle school experience. The project will also include the district's superintendent's office. At present the office is in a wood frame building which is in very poor condition and could not be renovated at a reasonable cost.

The project is being designed to high performance standards. All local and State agencies have been contacted and, where necessary, documented approvals are on file. The project received Site Approval on June 12, 2013.

This Concept Approval is being requested pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 20-A, Section 15905(1) and State Board of Education Rule, Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects.

*Superintendent, Jay Robinson has provided the following project description:*

RSU72/MSAD 72 is a rural district, which serves the towns of Brownfield, Denmark, Fryeburg, Lovell, Stoneham, Stow, and Sweden. There are currently elementary schools located in three of our towns, Lovell, Denmark, and Fryeburg. When it became clear that the issues with the C. A. Snow School, such as traffic safety, inadequate instructional space, etc. could not effectively be addressed through upgrades or renovation, we made the decision to submit an application for Major Capital Construction funds.

The new facility, which will be located on the existing middle-school site, will allow us to meet all the needs outlined on our initial application, which include:

- Replacement of the Snow Elementary School
- Replacement the Central Office
- Elimination of 11 Portable Classrooms throughout District

The new facility, which will be affixed to the existing middle school, will enable us to create a Pre-K to 8 facility, with shared core areas such as a library, kitchen and cafeteria. We will also be able to centralize some special education and alternative programming, providing greater access to these programs for all students. The layout of the elementary school will also include "pods" complete with space for support staff such as Title I, Guidance, Special-Education, and Behavior Support that will help us better support students' academic, social, and emotional needs. This school will help us provide high quality educational programming and will also serve as a resource for the larger community for many years to come.

#### 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

Total Project Cost: \$19,996,645.

Local Only (no State participation): \$0.

Approved for State/Local Debt Service: \$19,996,645.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION: The Construction Committee considered this exhibit at its March 3, 2014 meeting and voted to recommend that the State Board of Education grant Concept Approval to RSU72/MSAD 72 for the addition and renovations to the Molly Ockett School in Fryeburg, Maine, as a Major Capital School Construction Project and approve the concept budget as presented.

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION: The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education grant Concept Approval to RSU72/MSAD 72 for the addition and renovations to the Molly Ockett School in Fryeburg, Maine, as a Major Capital School Construction Project and approve the concept budget as presented.

MOVED by Martha Harris, seconded by Peter Geiger, and voted six in favor with one member abstained (William Beardsley) to grant Concept Approval to RSU72/MSAD 72 for the addition and renovations to the Molly Ockett School in Fryeburg, Maine, as a Major Capital School Construction Project and approve the concept budget as presented

FEDERAL QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BOND PROGRAM

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Department of Education coordinates the Federal Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) program. QZABs are bonds issued by state or local governments which the Federal government subsidizes by providing tax credits to bondholders. Maine has a QZAB allocation balance of \$2,924,000 available for allocation to school units.

Four school administrative units submitted QZAB applications to the Department requesting bonding authority. The Department has completed its review of the applications and verified that all the applicants and their proposed projects meet the eligibility criteria which includes having a 35% free and reduced lunch rate, receiving a private contribution worth 10% of the bond proceeds, and using bond proceeds for rehabilitation or repair of school buildings, purchasing equipment, developing course materials, and/or training teachers and other school personnel.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION: The Construction Committee considered this exhibit at its March 3, 2014 meeting and voted to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the QZAB applications for projects in Lisbon and RSU 74/SAD 74 and authorize issuance of QZABs for up to the amounts shown on the accompanying list "2014 QZAB Recommended Approvals."

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION: The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education approve the QZAB applications for projects in Lisbon and RSU 74/SAD 74 and authorize issuance of QZABs for up to the amounts shown on the accompanying list "2014 QZAB Recommended Approvals." The total QZAB authorization amount for 2014 is \$2,924,000.

MOVED by Martha Harris, seconded by Peter Geiger, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the QZAB applications for projects in Lisbon and RSU 74/SAD 74 and authorize issuance of QZABs for up to the amounts shown on the accompanying list "2014 QZAB Recommended Approvals." The total QZAB authorization amount for 2014 is \$2,924,000.

**REQUEST APPROVAL OF 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.

The year eight (8) revisions include:

- A revised budget for the grant period covering July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015
- State proposed performance levels for the Consolidate Annual Report (CAR) indicators

**RECOMMENDATION:** The State Board approve the *State of Maine Year VIII revised 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 Steven Pound, seconded by William Beardsley, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the State of Maine Year VIII revised 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 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION (NASBE) GRANT**

MOVED by Steven Pound, seconded by Martha Harris, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the submission of the National Association of State Boards of Education Grants and acceptance of the grants if awarded.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

***Construction Committee***

The Construction Committee met on March 3, 2014. Present were Martha Harris, Peter Geiger, Scott Brown, Ann Pinnette, Jay Robinson, Superintendent of RSU 72, Stephen Blatt and Doug Breer from Stephen Blatt Architects

The minutes from the December 2, 2013 were unanimously approved.

Ann Pinnette presented the recommendation that the Federal Qualified Zone Academy Bond allocation of \$2,924,000 be awarded to Lisbon and RSU 74.

There were 4 SAUs who applied for these funds. RSU 40 and Auburn had recently received awards and it was felt that the two other applicants needed the majority of their request. The recommended awards are 71 ½ % of their requests. Had the award be shared among the 4 applicants, each would have only received 53 ½% which would have resulted in the much needed projects not getting done. These bonds required 35% free and reduced lunch, the receipt of a private contribution worth 10% of the bond proceeds and the use for rehabilitation or repair of school building, purchase of equipment, development of course materials and/or training of school personnel. All applicants use a placement agency in Kansas City for the 10% match. The projects are building renovations and repairs. After much discussion, the Committee unanimously recommended that the State Board approve the QZAB application for projects in Lisbon and RSU 74 in the total amount of \$2,924,000.

RSU 72 presented its Fryeburg project for concept approval. The project is to replace the Snow elementary school (number 5 on the Approved Projects list), by an addition and renovations to the Molly Ockett School in Fryeburg. The addition will house PreK through Grade 5 from Fryeburg and grade 5 students from the New Suncook School and the Denmark School. Although the district originally considered moving all elementary students to the new addition, this became impossible when it was discovered that the district would be funding 34% of the cost of the project. This is due to the fact that some of the communities do not meet the mill expectation limit under the funding formula. The project will consolidate grade 5 students to better prepare them for middle school. Eleven portable classrooms will be eliminated, resolving security issues and large expenses for heat. Site approval was granted by the Board in June 2013. There was a straw poll scheduled for March 4, 2014. RSU 72 Board had already approved the proposed project 14 to 1. The project will have a new wood chip boiler with backup oil boiler, will allow for their MESA program (hands on STEM –based learning at the middle level), will have one story wing for K -4 students (250); and 2 story wing for 5-8 (350). DOT is redoing Main Street so that cost will not be part of the project. Project is designed to high performance standards and any needed approvals from local and state agencies have been obtained. There is a planned vote in June for the 7 towns in the district. The project cost is \$19,996,645.

After discussion and questions, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the State Board grant concept Approval to RSU 72 for the addition and renovations to the Molly Ockett School in Fryeburg, Maine with the concept budget presented.

The committee discussed potential changes in the standards and rules, including space and building (particularly energy and security) standards, the role of GBS, possible simplification of steps in the process of major capital projects. There was further discussion about moving more projects from the approved list forward. DOE has meeting with Governor scheduled for March 10, 2014. A meeting with legislative leadership, construction Committee and commissioner is currently scheduled for March 20. Scott Brown gave an update on the projects in Sanford and RSU 19/Newport. Sanford has put forth a concept with various pathways separate from one another (similar to a concept in San Diego). The project is for a comprehensive high school/ CTE center and will be the most expensive project to date. RSU 19 is still working with all of the Towns in the District regarding the two projects, one elementary and one high school.

The next Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for March 31, 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***

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on Monday, February 24, 2014, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nancy Perkins; Jana Lapoint; William Beardsley; and Nichi Farnham by phone (Board Members); Mark Cyr, Department of Education; and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Associate

Also present were: Andrew McAuliff, RSU#54/Maine School Management; Shari Templeton, DOE Science Specialist; Mary Paine, DOE Educator Effectiveness Specialist; and Lois Kilby-Chesley, MEA president.

Nancy Perkins called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Highlights of the meeting:

Mark Cyr provided the following data: 21,000 credentials were issued in 2013. This number was down 1500 but this is typical as the numbers appear to be cyclical in nature.

Mark Cyr will be meeting with Sarah Forster to review a proposal to be able to list the Praxis scores on the website. They will look at language to accomplish this which will not affect the Board's role.

ETS is in the process of updating the Praxis II Middle School Science and the Praxis II for high school science. The changes will be brought to our committee first and then forward to the full Board.

The committee had a lengthy discussion on Chapter 118. This discussion focused on the immediate need for updating both the materials and other recommendations to update the Chapter. We will be calling a meeting of interested parties to review and update the materials. The meeting adjourned at 12.

On February 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM, the Certification and Higher Education Committee met with eight representatives of the teacher preparation institutions. The following programs were represented: Colby College, Husson University, University of Southern Maine, Bates College, University of Maine at Farmington, University of Maine at Orono, and University of Maine at Machias.

The group's initial focus was on the implementation of the revised teacher preparation program review. Many of the participants will be reviewed this year. Areas of concern ranged from NETS having a new title which needs to be updated in the Handbook to concern about the differences in the choice of the two accreditation formats. The efficiency of the virtual feedback option may not reduce the time as much as anticipated. It was agreed that the filling of the DOE Higher Education position would allow for the review of the Handbook which has not occurred up to this point.

The status of the CAEP accreditation caused some concern. In order to comply with CAEP, there needs to be a stronger data system in place to comply with the requirements. A possible topic for our next meeting is the status of the programs in the state that prepare teachers. Another topic may be the proficiency based movement as it relates to course work taken by teaching candidates.

These meetings are very productive as they allow the Board and the teacher preparation programs to review current issues as well as looking at possible changes occurring in the field.

The next Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting is scheduled for March 24, 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***

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee met on March 10, 2014. In attendance were Steve Pound; Peter Geiger; Kristin Bishop (by phone); Meg Harvey; Donna Tiner; Dwight Littlefield; and Mary Becker.

The February 11, 2014 minutes were approved unanimously.

Dwight Littlefield presented on the CTE Comprehensive School Review Documents.

The Seeds of Peace Project is a federal organization that brings students together. Meg will bring a proposal forward to the April committee meeting.

Donna presented the revisions to the State of Maine Year VIII revised budget for the year eight extension of the Six Year Plan for Career and Technical Education under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270) for the grant year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015. The year eight revisions include:

- *A revised budget for the grant period covering July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015*
- *State proposed performance levels for the Consolidate Annual Report (CAR) indicators*

The Committee voted unanimously to approve the plan which will come before the full Board on March 18, 2014.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 4, 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.

### **BUDGET:**

Steve distributed the Board's budget. The "all other" allotment has approximately \$16,000.00 remaining. The "personal services" allotment with per diems is on schedule. Steve reminded Board members to submit their expense account vouchers to Mary.

### **OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

#### **Chair, Nancy Perkins**

- She met with Dan Conley and Mark Cyr regarding the mentoring program.
- She met with Harry Osgood to go over the list of schools that are coming up for review.
- On February 27, she and Peter met with Commissioner Rier to review the March 18 meeting agenda.
- She attended several Education and Cultural Affairs Committee meetings for LD 1774: "Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 115: Certification, Authorization and Approval of Education Personnel, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education".
- She attended the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee review of the State Board's Government Evaluation Act on March 10. Senator Millett suggested to Dr. Phil McCarthy that next year all members of the Education Committee be given a copy of the SBE Government Evaluation Act Report and she commented on how well done the report is.
- She attended the Kennebec Valley Superintendent's Legislative Breakfast on March 11.
- On March 11, she participated in the review process of applications for a student member to the State Board.
- She participated in the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Grant writing process.

- She attended the Rural Study Group at the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) on March 14 and 15.
- On March 18, she participated in the interviews of six semi-finalists for a student member to the State Board. Three names have been sent to the Governor's office for a nomination of one student.

**Vice Chair, Peter Geiger**

- On February 27, he and Nancy met with Commissioner Rier to review the agenda.
- On March 3, he attended the Construction Committee meeting.
- On March 5, he presented testimony to the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee on LD 1774: "Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 115: Certification, Authorization and Approval of Education Personnel, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education".
- On March 6, he participated in the interview process of candidates for the Higher Education position.
- On March 10, he attended a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee meeting.
- He participated in the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee's review of the State Board's Government Evaluation Act on March 10.
- On March 11, he attended the Kennebec Valley Superintendent's Legislative Breakfast.
- He participated in the review process of applications for a student member to the State Board.
- On March 18, he participated in the interviews of six semi-finalists for a student member to the State Board.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

**Steven Pound:**

- On March 10, he attended the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee meeting.
- He attended the Kennebec Valley Superintendent's Legislative Breakfast on March 11.
- He participated in the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Grant writing process on March 3, 10, and 11.
- He attended the NASBE Legislative Conference in Washington. He will leave documents from the conference with Mary if anyone is interested in reviewing them. It was a very good conference. They looked at special education, high capacity for broadband, effective use of data, high quality early learning, transitioning to digital learning, and chronic absenteeism and how it effects what is happening at our schools at a very early age. There will be a synopsis coming out that he will share with the Board.
- Following the legislative conference, he attended the NASBE Board of Directors meeting. The NASBE study groups reported out to the Board.
- Cianbro is working with Husson University to sign an agreement for their in-house training programs. This training is for leadership of managers and other employees for on-going career development. This is another way of partnering with higher education.

**William Beardsley:**

- He participated in the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Grant writing process.
- He attended the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting on February 24.
- On February 24, he attended the teacher preparation meeting with the Deans and Directors.

**Kristin Bishop: (written report)**

- She partook in the student interviews that took place on March 18 to replace her position as the second congressional district student representative when her term is complete.

- Kristin attended the monthly Career and Technical Education Committee meeting via phone on March 10.
- Kristin presented a final draft to the Board of the survey project that she has been working on around student perspectives/opinions of Career and Technical Education in Maine. She met with Mr. David Dorr on March 10 and gained excellent revisions and support for the project. She will be meeting with the five superintendents of the five sending schools for Somerset Career and Technical Center on Thursday, March 20 and the principals and guidance counselors of the five sending schools on Tuesday March 25 to gain support of the project for proper implementation at the five high schools.
- Representative Ann Dorney contacted Kristin and asked if there was a possibility of having a youth legislative forum in Madison this spring for the students at her school. Kristin hopes to work with Representative Dorney and her local government teachers to pursue this possibility for her community. The students would lead an open forum/debate to discuss the students' concerns or perspectives around issues in Maine with local representatives.
- Kristin's anti-bullying mentorship program is making great strides. She is working with a group of 5th graders.
- Kristin would like to thank the State Board, the Career and Technical Education Committee, Mrs. Margaret Harvey, and Mr. David Dorr for their instrumental support and revision of her survey project. The projected launch date for her survey is early April. After the data is collected, Kristin will compile a report to share.

**Heidi Sampson:**

- On March 11, she participated in the review process of applications for a student member to the State Board. Today, she participated in the interviews of the six semi-finalists.
- On March 27, she led a team from the Charter Commission for a follow-up meeting with the Harpswell Coastal Academy.
- The Charter School Commission met and voted to approve one virtual charter school.

**Martha Harris:**

- She attended the Student Engagement Study Group at the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). They had a student participate from DC and in January a student from New York. Kathy Powers, former Teacher of the Year and language arts middle school teacher from Arkansas gave an amazing presentation on standards. On Saturday they had Dr. Jennifer Fredericks from Connecticut College present on measures and outcomes related to engagements. Andrea Levinsky, former Maine Student Board Member that attends Connecticut College helped Dr. Fredericks put her book together.
- She will be attending the New England Secondary School Consortium Conference in Norwood, Ma on March 20 and 21.
- At her local board, they had a presentation about robotics. They hosted the robotics statewide competition. The team from UTC won and they get to go to Worlds in Oregon next month. Two of the students were from Hampden and one from Hermon.

**AFFIRMATION OF THE FINALISTS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE GOVERNOR IN NOMINATING A NEW STUDENT FOR BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

MOVED by Nancy Perkins, seconded by William Beardsley, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the three finalists for consideration of the Governor in nominating a new student for Board membership.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOVED by Steven Pound, seconded by Martha Harris, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the March 18, 2014 State Board of Education meeting at 3:01 PM.