



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on May 14, 2014, at Deer Isle-Stonington High School, Deer Isle, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Nancy Perkins; Vice Chair Peter Geiger; Steven Pound; Martha Harris; Jana Lapoint; William Beardsley; and Ande Smith

Excused: Heidi Sampson; Nichi Farnham; and Alyssa Wardwell

Also present were: Deborah Friedman, Policy and Programs Director, Department of Education; 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 Jana Lapoint, seconded by Martha Harris, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the April 9, 2014 minutes as written.

CONSENT AGENDA:

RECEIPT OF THE REVIEW TEAM REPORT OF FINDINGS CONCERNING THE APPLICATION FROM HUSSON UNIVERSITY FOR RENEWAL OF STATE PROGRAM APPROVAL OF ITS EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS

CONSIDERATION OF THE INTERIM REPORT REGARDING THE SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

MOVED by Steven Pound, seconded by Martha Harris, and voted six in favor with one member abstained (William Beardsley) to approve the Consent Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL GEORGE BRIGGS GRANT AWARD FOR FY15

The State Board of Education's Career and Technical Education Committee recommends to the State Board of Education any and all pertinent materials so that the State Board may perform its

duties, including its fiduciary responsibilities, as the agency responsible for the administration and oversight of the state career and technical education (CTE) program.

The committee oversees the George M. Briggs Award. It reviews proposals to make recommendations for the approval of programs to enhance career and technical education to the State Board of Education.

RECOMMENDATION: The State Board approve the Annual \$30,000 George Briggs grant for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 awarded to Maine Administrators of Career and Technical Education (MACTE) for support of secondary CTE in Maine.

MOVED by Steven Pound, seconded by Martha Harris, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the Annual \$30,000 George Briggs grant for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 awarded to Maine Administrators of Career and Technical Education (MACTE) for support of secondary CTE in Maine.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE SEEDS OF PEACE PARTNERSHIP GEORGE BRIGGS GRANT AWARD FOR FY15

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RECOMMENDATION: The State Board approve the \$10,000 George Briggs Seeds of Peace Partnership grant for the period of June 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 awarded to MACTE for support of secondary CTE in Maine.

MOVED by Steven Pound, seconded by Martha Harris, to approve the \$10,000 George Briggs Seeds of Peace Partnership grant for the period of June 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 awarded to MACTE for support of secondary CTE in Maine.

With much discussion, an amendment by Steven Pound was made to the motion.

MOVED by Steven Pound, seconded by Martha Harris, and voted six in favor with one member opposed (Ande Smith) to approve the \$10,000 George Briggs Seeds of Peace Partnership grant for the period of June 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 awarded to MACTE for support of secondary CTE in Maine with the following condition - a letter be sent to Don Cannan, Executive Director of Maine Administrators of Career and Technical Education (MACTE) listing the Board's concerns and for Don to return to a future Board meeting with clarification, before the funds are released.

APPROVAL OF SHELLEY REED FOR THE CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Peter Geiger, and unanimously voted by those present to approve Shelley Reed to continue for a three year term on the Charter Commission Board.

APPROVAL OF THE TEAM MEMBERS FOR THE REVIEW OF THE COLBY COLLEGE
TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

BACKGROUND: Colby College has an application in process for renewal of current approval to offer its teacher Certification program. During the last approval cycle the Board authorized the following programs:

Professional Certification Program – Secondary Level

Secondary Education (7-12)

- English/Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Life Sciences
- Physical Science
- Social Science

An on-site visit has been scheduled from noon Sunday, September 28th through noon Wednesday, October 1st, 2014. In accordance with Chapter 114-A §3.5, visitation team members have been selected for the State Board’s consideration.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the proposed list of visitation team members and that Dr. Susan Hillman, Professor of Education, Department of Education, University of New England, be designated team chairperson.

Colby College

Program Review Team

September 28th – October 1st, 2014

Dr. Susan Hillman, Chair
Professor of Education
Department of Education
University of New England
Biddeford, Maine

Dr. Anita Charles
Director of Teacher Education
Bates College
Lewiston, Maine

Dr. Shelly Tennett
Instructor of Education
Husson University
Bangor, Maine

Dr. Tomasz Herzog
Associate Professor of Education
University of Maine at Presque Isle
Presque Isle, Maine

Linda Fuller
Associate Director of Education Studies
College of the Atlantic
Bar Harbor, Maine

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State Board Observer:

Dr. Steven Pound*
Maine State Board of Education
Greenville, Maine

Harry Osgood*
MDOE Project Consultant
Yarmouth, Maine

*Non-Voting Participants

MOVED by Peter Geiger, seconded by Martha Harris, and voted six in favor with one member recused from the vote (Steven Pound) to approve the proposed list of visitation team members and that Dr. Susan Hillman, Professor of Education, Department of Education, University of New England, be designated team chairperson.

APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED TEAM FOR THE REVIEW OF THE THOMAS COLLEGE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

BACKGROUND: Thomas College will be submitting an application for renewal of its educator preparation program approval and has requested a campus visitation for the review of the following programs:

- Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education
- Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education

A site visit is scheduled from noon Sunday, October 5, 2014 through noon Wednesday, October 8, 2014. In accordance with Chapter 114-A §3.5, visitation team members have been selected for the State Board’s consideration.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education approve the proposed list of visitation team members and that Dr. Bruno Hicks, Professor of Education, University of Maine at Fort Kent, be designated as Chair of the review team.

Thomas College

Program Review Team

October 5 – 8, 2014

Dr. Bruno Hicks, Chair
Professor of Education
University of Maine
Fort Kent, Maine

Travis D. Allen, Director of Assessment,
and School of Education Faculty
Husson University
Bangor, Maine

Dr. Bonnie Tai
Director of Educational Studies
College of the Atlantic
Bar Harbor, Maine

Dr. Walter Kimball
Professor of Education
University of Southern Maine
Gorham, Maine

Dr. Sid Mitchell
Associate Professor
Department of Educational Leadership
University of Maine
Orono, Maine

Dr. Anthony Hanson
Curriculum Management Director
Department of Education
University of New England
Biddeford, Maine

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State Board Observer:

Martha Harris*
Maine State Board of Education

Harry W. Osgood*
MDOE Project Consultant

*Non-Voting Participants

MOVED by Ande Smith, seconded by Steven Pound, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the proposed list of visitation team members and that Dr. Bruno Hicks, Professor of Education, University of Maine at Fort Kent, be designated as Chair of the review team.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Construction Committee

The Construction Committee met on May 5, 2014. The following were present: Martha Harris, Chair and Peter Geiger (committee members); Scott Brown, Ann Pinnette, Stephanie Clark and Meg Harvey (DOE); Heidi Sampson and Nancy Perkins (other Board Members); Jim Stopa, Roland Legere, David Theoharides, Maura A. Herlihy, Anne-Marie Masticcio, Janice Goldsberry, Jed Petsinger, Kendra Williams and Scott Wyman.

The minutes of the March 31, 2014 meeting were approved.

The remainder of the meeting involved presentations regarding the Sanford Major school construction project which may come before the committee and then the full Board this summer. Because of concerns that were being voiced, the chair deemed it appropriate to have presentations from both sides at the subcommittee meeting level to determine if additional information may be needed prior to the site approval and the concept approval stages.

Presentations were made.

Mr. Stopa and Mr. Legere discussed concerns of the potential assimilation of the Sanford Regional Technical Center, rather than its integration. They stressed the need for curricular integration, rather than physical integration. Concerns were expressed, particularly regarding the 6 sending districts and the impact on their students (70% of the students at SRTC are from the sending districts).

Superintendent Theoharides presented support for the design of the building to integrate academic and CTE spaces and presented the educational specifications around which the building was designed. The others present also spoke in favor of the project as currently designed.

Handouts were provided by each presenter.

Questions were asked by Board members.

The Superintendent asked if the committee would be generating a report or recommendation. The Chair explained that our role was not to micromanage a project; rather it is to make certain that the State's resources are appropriately spent; that projects are built for the right number of students and geared to give all students the same quality education that the Board is committed to give to all students in Maine.

The next Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for June 2, 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, April 28, 2014, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nancy Perkins; Jana Lapoint; William Beardsley; and Nichi Farnham (Board Members); Mark Cyr, Department of Education; and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Associate

Also present were: Leeann Larsen, Department of Education Literacy and members of the State Literacy Team.

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

The Committee focused on four major topics:

Mark Cyr has arranged with ETS to set up one day sessions to set the cut scores for the secondary science Praxis II; that should happen in late June. The discontinuation of the physical science Praxis II leaves the secondary science candidate with three choices for Praxis II- physics, chemistry and general science. The general science test does contain many questions that relate to knowledge of both chemistry and physics.

Leeann Larsen presented the committee with a proposal to revise the professional requirements to support strong literacy outcomes. The proposal looks at current practices at the teacher preparation programs in regard to the teaching of literacy, the current certification requirements for the incoming teachers to the profession and the potential requirements for recertification for those teachers who will be seeking recertification. This was a great conversation between the members of Leanne's group and the committee. We will be addressing this proposal at our June meeting. If you would like to see the proposal, Mary can forward this to you.

The committee was also sent a link to the Title II report on Higher Education that is a federal report on the status of our higher education institutions. The committee has invited Amy Johnson to our May meeting to review the process and purpose of the Title II report. We will report out on this at our next meeting.

The Mentoring ad hoc group will begin meeting in June. A meeting wizard has been sent and dates will be finalized this week. The ad hoc group will address the updating of the mentoring materials. The first meeting will address the current mentoring materials, the need for updating and will develop a review standard for looking at materials that are available on line and would align with the needs of our system.

The next Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting is scheduled for May 27, 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.

Career and Technical Education

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee met on May 12, 2014. The following were present: Peter Geiger, Margaret Harvey, Donna Tiner, and Mary Becker. Steven Pound and Kristin Bishop by phone.

Kristin gave a brief update on her CTE Opinion Survey. She used survey monkey and had 902 responses. She is pretty excited about it and she will be presenting to the Board at the June 11, 2014 meeting.

The CTE Committee oversees the George M. Briggs Grant Award, and had discussion regarding the two exhibits that will be presented to the Board on May 14, 2014.

The Fire Science/Public Safety Program Certification was presented. A report has been compiled to present the growing number of CTE students enrolled in Fire Science/Public Safety type programs who are not currently members of local fire department. Some locations do not have a junior fire fighter program. The law was distributed along with reasons why students do not belong to fire departments. Some local fire departments do not have a junior firefighter program.

The Committee looked at the Chapter 115 Certification Law changes regarding CTE and the

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Maine Community College System.

The next CTE Committee meeting is scheduled for June 9, 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.

Leadership Committee

Nancy distributed a draft of the committee notes.

The Leadership Committee met on May 5, 2014. The following were present: Chair Nancy Perkins; Vice Chair Peter Geiger; Martha Harris, Construction Committee Chair; Steven Pound, CTE Committee Chair (by phone); and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate.

The committee is putting forth Jana's name for the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) 2014 Distinguished Service Award. Jana has done exceptional work leading the Charter School Commission and we feel that she should be recognized for her leadership.

The planning for the August retreat is underway. The morning session on Tuesday will be an opportunity for the Board to meet with the NASBE team, the Maine Principals' Association (MPA), and the mentors.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chair, Nancy Perkins

- Martha's name has been submitted to the Commission to Strengthen the Adequacy and Equity of Certain Cost Components of the School Funding Formula.
- The link to the Statewide Education and Workforce Development Strategic Plan will be sent to all Board members. This plan lays out specific actions to be taken by the partner institutions of the Education Coordinating Committee. This is an excellent overview.
- On April 16, Nancy met with the Maine Principal's Association regarding the NASBE grant.
- On April 18, she met with Amy Johnson regarding Title II.
- On April 23, she met with Rachelle Tome to discuss the Chapter 118 Mentoring materials.
- She met with Harry Osgood to look at the upcoming College review teams on April 24.
- On May 1, she attended the confirmation hearing for Gwendolyn Viles, who has been appointed to the Board as a student member.
- She attended the Leadership Committee meeting on May 5.
- On May 6, she attended the Maine Teacher of the Year event.
- She met with Mark Cyr and Anita Bernhardt on May 12.

Vice Chair, Peter Geiger

- On April 14, he was a panelist at the Governor's Cabinet for STEM Leadership along with Anita Bernhardt and Deb Friedman from the Department of Education. The audience was teacher leaders in elementary, middle and high school.
- On April 16, he attended a NASBE Grant planning meeting with Nancy Perkins, Steve Pound, and Bill Beardsley, along with Dick Durost and Jeanne Crocker from the Maine Principals' Association (MPA).
- He has been working to organize the August 11 and 12 Board retreat that will be held at Central Maine Community College in Auburn.
- On April 24 to May 3, he made his annual trip to Haiti where they are rebuilding an elementary school. There is no electricity or plumbing in the school and there are four hundred kids with fifty to a classroom that is twelve by twelve with a blackboard. Peter's website FarmersAlmanac.com has a five minute video with over one thousand photos.
- On May 5, he attended the Construction Committee meeting.
- He also met with Commissioner Rier for agenda review on May 5.

- On May 6, he emceed the Maine County Teachers of the Year event at the Hall of Flags. Nancy Perkins, Commissioner Rier, Senator Alford, the current Teacher of the Year, Karen MacDonald and Tanna Clews from Educate Maine were in attendance. In the past the Maine Teacher of the Year was selected from those nominated. The numbers varied from eight to twenty-five as the process was very complicated. This year each county is equipped to select their home county teacher of the year. The result is that they have 376 teachers that were nominated under the format of finding a county teacher of the year. Kudos to Dolly Sullivan at Educate Maine for all the behind the scenes work. She has done a great job.
- He received an honoree degree for humanities from St. Joseph's College in Standish.
- He will be speaking at Lewiston High School's Graduation Ceremony this year.
- He attended the CTE Committee meeting on May 12.
- It is the 20th Anniversary of his Geiger/Montello Partnership. On May 13, he pulled together his selection committee, as he had said that he would put \$100,000.00 into a scholarship fund for the sixth grade students that would be the class of 2014. It is now 2014, and he has \$200,000.00 that he has put into the fund. The committee was able to select the first time recipients.
- Congratulations to Steve Pound who was inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame on May 4.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Martha Harris:

- She attended a Construction Committee meeting on May 5.
- She attended a Leadership Committee meeting on May 5.
- She would like to have a presentation here in Maine regarding the Common Core.
- She will be on the Essential Programs and Services (EPS) Committee that will be starting soon.
- With all that has been publicized about the Common Core, she would like to see a presentation in the State of Maine. At her NASBE Committee meeting, a former Arkansas Teacher of the Year gave a presentation on Common Core that was fantastic. She had video clips, and talked about what it really is doing for the kids. This could be a large presentation, several throughout the State, or just to the State Board. There are people out there who would come do a presentation that would inspire the Board.

Steven Pound:

- On April 16, he participated in a National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Grant meeting.
- On April 30, he had conversations with the Nominations Committee.
- On May 5, he attended a Leadership Committee meeting.
- He participated in a NASBE Board of Directors staffing meeting on May 5.
- On May 8, he had a conference call meeting with the Nominations Committee.
- On May 12, he attended a CTE Committee meeting.
- Cianbro hosted the National Guard Military event looking at programming and job opportunities. Last year, in Northern New England, 50% of the people Cianbro hired had a military connection.
- He met with Adult Education Directors on April 17 and the Tri County Workforce Investment Board. They held a program called EPIC Summit which is gathering 16 to 24 year old people.
- He has been asked to be co-convenor of the Aging Workforce Development Committee Summit. The House Majority Leader Eaves had an aging workforce summit and they had a lot of people attend. He is co-convening with Don Harding, Catholic Charities.

- He belongs to the President's Advisory Board at Eastern Maine Community College. They had their scholarship meeting this past week and three of the students got up and spoke about how the scholarship has impacted their life.

Ande Smith:

- He has been very involved in the Charter School Commission activities. He was heavily involved in the contract negotiations for the Maine Connections Academy.

Jana Lapoint:

- She gave out the Lapoint scholarship awards this month to each of the Community Colleges. The students tell their stories about how the scholarship impacts their life.

William Beardsley:

- He attended the NASBE Grant meeting on April 16
- On April 28, he attended the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting and heard the Literacy presentation.
- He attended a Department of Education regional principal's meeting for instructional mentoring. They were talking about coaching and it was very good as Anita Bernhardt led in a coaching way.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Slate of Officers for Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair for the 2014 – 2015 Year

Steven Pound, Chair of the Nominations Committee presented the slate of names for chair and vice chair. Peter Geiger was nominated to serve as chair and Martha Harris was nominated to serve as vice chair for a term of one year beginning July 1, 2014.

BUDGET:

Steve Pound distributed the Board's expenditures and requested all Board members to submit their expense account vouchers to Mary for reimbursement as soon as possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED by Ande Smith, seconded by Steven Pound, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the May 14, 2014 State Board of Education meeting at 2:58 PM.