



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on May 15, 2013, at the Cross State Office Building, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Steven Pound; Vice Chair Nancy Perkins; Martha Harris; Jana Lapoint; Heidi Sampson; Peter Geiger; William Beardsley; Ande Smith; Nichi Farnham; Chelsey Whynot; and Kristin Bishop.

Also present were: Mark Cyr, Certification Coordinator; Margaret Harvey, Career and Technical Education State Director; Dan Hupp, State Assessments and Standards Director and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Steven Pound called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

VISION STATEMENT:

Read by Chair, Steven Pound: 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 Nichi Farnham, seconded by Martha Harris, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the April 9, 2013 minutes as written.

NEW BUSINESS:

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 to allow old tests no longer being administered to be used for up to five years after which time only the new tests will be accepted. One test will be transferred from an older scoring system to a new score to align with the current scoring system; no changes were made to the tests. Another change will involve changing the Praxis I "Pre Professional Skills Test" to a

revised version called the “Core Academic Skills for Educators.” This new version is aligned with the new Common Core State Standards. The new tests will move Maine closer to being in line with tests and scores used in the other New England states.

PROPOSED TIMELINE:

File with the Secretary of State’s Office – May 20, 2013

Posting – May 29, 2013

Public Hearing – June 20, 2013

Deadline for Comments – July 1, 2013

Deadline for Response to Comments – July 5, 2013

Final Adoption – July 10, 2013

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 Nancy Perkins, seconded by Martha Harris and unanimously voted by those present 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).

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH RULEMAKING CHAPTER 60 –
NEW SCHOOL SITING APPROVAL

STATEMENT OF FACT: Chapter 60, New School Siting Approval, governs State Board of Education action in the siting of new school construction projects that receive State funding. The final adoption of the current rule was in 2001 and it is in need of a thorough review and revision. It is a major substantive rule and revisions would be in accordance with the State of Maine Administrative Procedure Act. The rule does not apply to construction projects of additions to existing schools.

The review would include examining all sections of the rule and the clarity and consistency of the language.

RECOMMENDATION: The Department of Education recommends that the State Board of Education authorize proceeding with rulemaking for Chapter 60 – New School Siting Approval in accordance with the State of Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

MOVED by Martha Harris, seconded by Nancy Perkins and unanimously voted by those present to authorize proceeding with rulemaking for Chapter 60 – New School Siting Approval in accordance with the State of Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

PROPOSED MAINE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REGULATION CHAPTER 132

STATEMENT OF FACT: This chapter outlines Maine’s *Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction* pursuant to Title 20-A Section 6208 and Section 6209. These standards describe the state’s performance expectations for students across all eight content areas and guide instructional in public education in Maine.

The revisions for English Language Arts and Mathematics reflect the performance expectations developed through the national Common Core State standards initiative. Effective immediately these standards for shall inform instruction K-12 for English Language Arts and mathematics. In April of 2011 the state adopted comparable accountability standards for English Language Arts and mathematics into Maine Department of Education Regulation 131 (Maine’ Federal, State,

and Local Accountability Standards). These state assessments, used for federal accountability in reading and mathematics, are aligned to Maine Department of Education Regulation 131.

In addition to the new standards for English Language Art and mathematics that the state is adopting into Maine Department of Education Regulation 132, the state is also adopting new standards for science. The revisions for science reflect the performance expectations developed through the national Next Generation Science Standards initiative. These standards shall inform instruction K-12 for science. The 2013-2014 school year will provide time for schools to become acquainted with the new standards. During the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 academic years schools will implement the new science standards. In 2016-2017 the state will have full implementation of the new science standards. The state projects the adoption of a science assessment that is fully aligned to the new standards by, but not before, the 2016-2017 school year. Until the adoption of a new assessment, the state will continue to align the MeCAS Science Assessment for science to the science standards of the 2007 *Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction*.

RECOMMENDATIONS: It is recommended by the Department of Education that the State Board of Education approve the proposed amendments to Chapter 132– Learning Results, Parameters for Essential Instruction, as a routine technical rule. It is further recommended by the Department of Education that the State Board of Education authorize proceeding with rulemaking in accordance with the State of Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

MOVED by Nancy Perkins, seconded by Martha Harris - It is recommended by the Department of Education that the SBE approve the proposed amendments to Chapter 132 – Learning Results Parameters for Essential Instruction, as a routine technical rule. It is further recommended by the DOE that the State Board of Education authorize proceeding with rulemaking in accordance with the State of Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

MOTION by Peter Geiger to call for a vote - 4 in favor (Steve Pound, Nancy Perkins, Jana Lapoint and Peter Geiger), 5 opposed (William Beardsley, Nichi Farnham, Ande Smith, Heidi Sampson and Martha Harris) Motion Defeated

MOVED by Martha Harris, seconded by Jana Lapoint and unanimously voted by those present that the State Board of Education authorize proceeding with rulemaking for Chapter 132 in accordance with the State of Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

MOTION by Steven Pound, seconded by Ande Smith and unanimously voted by those present that it is recommended by the Department of Education that the State Board of Education approve the proposed amendments regarding English Language Arts and Math to Chapter 132.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF STATE OF MAINE YEAR SEVEN (7) 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 Seven Perkins IV Grant Awards - issued by the U.S. Office of Vocational and Adult Education on December 7, 2012 (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 seven (7) State plan revisions covering the grant period beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014.

The year seven (7) revisions include:

- A Revised budget for the grant period covering July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

RECOMMENDATION: The State Board approve the *State of Maine Year VII revised budget for the Year seven 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, 2013- June 30, 2014.*

MOVED by William Beardsley, seconded by Martha Harris and unanimously voted by those present to approve the State of Maine Year VII revised budget for the Year seven 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, 2013- June 30, 2014.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Slate of Officers for Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair for the 2013 – 2014 Year

Steven Pound, Chair of the Nominations Committee presented the slate of names for chair and vice chair. Nancy Perkins was nominated to serve as chair and Peter Geiger was nominated to serve as vice chair for a term of one year beginning July 1, 2013.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chair, Steven Pound:

- On April 9 and 10, he attended the Military Families Event that the First Lady was holding in Rockport. People attended from all over the state. They held listening sessions that made people aware of how it affects students when family members are deployed. He learned a lot at this event where people from businesses and health care were involved.
- On April 22, he attended a Penobscot County Job Corps meeting (representing Cianbro). The amount of cuts that are happening with Job Corps throughout the nation is going to affect our school systems dramatically. The students will not have access to the other programs and if they are not in programs in the regular school system or the Career and Technical (CTE) programs it is going to create a bit of havoc.
- On April 24, he and Nancy worked on Mary's annual performance evaluation. It is now with Jim Rier, Deputy Commissioner for review.
- He participated in a National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Board of Director's meeting. They are going through a lot of restructuring at NASBE and they are working with the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). They are in the process of planning their annual conference to be held at the end of July.
- On May 10, he participated in a Maine Community Foundation meeting.
- On May 2, Adult Education Directors from Penobscot, Hancock and Piscataquis counties met with Eastern Maine Community College to connect and work to effectively use Perkins funding. On a personal note, Greenville's Adult Education Program just

graduated its 13th or 14th CNA program in the past nine years. Every person has found a job.

- The Nominating Committee of the Board met on May 6.
- The Legislative Leadership Committee also met on May 6th.
- On May 8, he attended “Night of the Stars” at Montello School in Lewiston. Peter Geiger, on behalf of Geiger, puts this on and if you ever get a chance to attend, you should. The students are from kindergarten through sixth grade and they arrive at the event by limo. It was fantastic.
- On May 14, he participated with America’s Edge event. He attended as a business person to talk about the skills gap and what is needed. This is one more group as well as Educate Maine that is trying to support what is happening through the Department of Education (DOE) with respect to Common Core Standards.
- He presented a handout of the Board’s budget. We are on track and he requested that members be sure to get their expenses in to Mary as soon as possible. Please also let Mary know if you will be attending the retreat in August and if you will need an overnight room. We also need to know who will be attending the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) New Member Institute in July and if you are interested in staying on for the Annual Conference immediately following the New Member Institute. The annual conference is on July 27 to July 30.
- He has Mary working with Nichi to set up her new member orientation with Department of Education staff.
- He shared a newspaper article “Skowhegan student makes sparks in and out of school”. The article is about a student that is valedictorian of her graduating class of 2013 at Skowhegan Area High School and is a welder. She is certified in stick welding and flux-core welding through high school courses at the Somerset Career and Technical Center offered at the Cianbro construction company in Pittsfield.
- The Government Evaluation Act needs to be completed by November 1, 2013. The Board is now on the same review date as the Department of Education.
- The State Board of Education will continue to approve the Commissioner’s Recommended Funding Level each fiscal year.
- He has sent two letters to Senate President Alford, Senator Goodall and Representative Berry regarding LD 90 “An Act to Strengthen Maine’s Workforce and Economic Future”. The letters were requesting the Committee to consider including a representative of the State Board of Education on two committees; Part D – Task Force for Adult Learners and Part K – Maine Skills Academy Board.

Vice Chair, Nancy Perkins:

Report of Meetings:

➤ **Certification and Higher Education Committee Report:**

The Certification and Higher Education Committee met on April 22nd. In attendance: State Board members-Jana Lapoint, Heidi Sampson, and Nancy Perkins. DOE Specialists- Mark Cyr representing Certification and Alisa Johnson representing Institutes of Higher Education. Guest -Professor Walter Kimball from USM and Malik McKinley from ETS

Key points of the meeting:

The Certification Department has issued 23,000 certificates this year that is on par with last year. The on-line process for certification should be activated by August. The Praxis I has been updated and is now called CASE (Core Academic Skills for Educators).

The SARA compact is in discussion for the IHEs in New England. SARA would provide the infrastructure for degree granting for on-line programs. Currently each state has its own rules and regulations. The compact would provide the oversight of the process. This will come before

the Board if this concept comes to fruition as this will require statute changes if we are to move in this direction.

Professor Walter Kimball from the University of Southern Maine discussed possible changes with the 282 endorsement which is an endorsement for teachers of children with mild to moderate disabilities. The focus of the discussion was on possible changes in coursework that would better align with the responsibilities of these classroom teachers. Professor Kimball will be coming back to the committee with more specific details. It is very likely that this will be coming before the Board.

ETS is making innovative changes in their tests. Praxis I has been totally revamped. Common Core is being incorporated in the tests in areas like writing and numeracy. A Praxis pre-service portfolio will be piloted this fall. The portfolio will focus on four tasks on formative and summative assessments. The meeting adjourned at 11:17 A.M.

➤ **Maine Effective Educator Council (MEEC):**

The Maine Effective Educator Council met on April 19th.

Purpose of Meeting: Fulfilling legislative charge of PL 635 which will recommend standards for implementing a system of evaluation and support of teachers and principals.

The agenda for the meeting focused on an addendum to the November recommendation that was sent to the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee. The complete addendum can be sent to Board members when it has been finalized. Basically The Council is recommending:

- the creation of a full-time educator effectiveness coordinator position within Maine DOE
- the continuation of the educator effectiveness council as an advisory committee to the coordinator with representation from the various stakeholder groups.

The full report will detail other suggestions made to the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee.

Education Related Activities:

- On April 24, she attended the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee public hearing on LD 1330 “An Act to Establish in Law a Method for Alternative Certification of Teachers” and LD 1361 “An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Writing and Mathematics and Improve Maine High School Graduates’ College and Career Readiness”.
- On April 26, she attended a meeting with school guidance counselors. Mark Cyr and she met with Grace Eaton and Elana Perillo who represented the Maine guidance counselors’ group. The discussion focused on the differences in roles between guidance counselors and social workers. They encouraged them to attend one of the Certification and Higher Education Committee meetings with specifics on any changes that the guidance counselors would like to see.
- She attended a National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Study Group meeting on May 3 and 4. The NASBE study group is titled; The Learner and Learning 2013 and Beyond. One of the gratifying things emerging from the research that this group is doing is in the current trends in the State of Maine. The MCCL is recognized as one of the top movements nationally on meeting students where they are and providing them with the tools and support to be successful. Much of the session was spent on

looking at the concepts of student centered learning. The only disheartening part was a discussion on the lack of “true” civics courses in our schools today.

- On May 6, she attended a work session on LD 1330 “An Act to Establish in Law a Method for Alternative Certification of Teachers” and LD 1361 “An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Writing and Mathematics and Improve Maine High School Graduates’ College and Career Readiness”.
- On May 8, she participated in a Teacher of the Year visitation. The review team visited Hall-Dale Middle School in Farmingdale. Hall-Dale is a member of the MCCL. Cynthia Raymond is a seventh grade language arts teacher. The review team meets with a broad array of members from the school community. The highlight of the day was listening to about fifteen students from the seventh, eighth and ninth grade, all had been in her classes. It was a very rewarding day.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Peter Geiger:

- The Teacher of the Year Program is in the process of evaluating the six Teacher of the Year finalists. Nancy went to one site visit, Bill attended two and he attended one. After the portfolio judging, there are oral presentations and interviews. In the end we will get a great Teacher of the Year. There is a lot of work to be done. The program is in the process of transitioning to the Educate Maine group. Dolly Sullivan is doing an excellent job.
- He has a 25 year partnership with Montello Elementary School in Lewiston. The 25th Annual “Night of the Stars” was held on May 8. The event recognizes the best writers in the school. The kids do the writing and then they are judged. Because they were celebrating 25 Years of Raising Aspirations at Montello School, the 2013 edition of the Montello Anthology not only recognizes this year’s authors but also lists past stars. The students are honored by arriving at the event in a limousine. They are greeted by reporters, fans, and a red carpet walk. Peter took all the letters written by celebrities throughout the years and reproduced them into a booklet. Peter shared both books with Board members; “One Moment in Time” and A Salute to the Stars”.
- On May 14, he had his HR department at Geiger put together a presentation for Lewiston Academy High School students that are in jeopardy of graduating. They performed interviews with some students and the students went onto his website and filled out job applications.

William Beardsley:

- He went to Ellsworth’s withdrawal meeting from the RSU and it was absolutely fascinating. He also attended the school board meeting two weeks ago. It is fascinating how it evolves around local control and cost allocations. It is a very complicated and interesting process that was very poorly attended.
- He went to Milbridge for a Teacher of the Year site visit. The building is 60 years old and does not qualify for improvements. The teacher they were interviewing is a kindergarten teacher with 26 students. It has a declining enrollment with 70% of the students on reduced or free lunch, 25% are special education students, 20% of the students are Spanish speaking and 50% of the teacher’s class this fall will be Spanish speaking. It was a very good learning experience for him.
- He went to Mt. Desert Island (MDI) for a Teacher of the Year site visit. The school has a massive Industrial Arts Program. They observed an AP class.
- He attended the Margaret Chase Smith Town meeting.

Nichi Farnham:

- She gave an update on her children and how pleased she has been with the Bangor school system.

Ande Smith:

- He has been busy with the Charter School Commission. They approved the first three charter schools that came out including Baxter. He participated in the re-writing of the RFP proposal, the words and the criteria going forward.

Heidi Sampson:

- She attended the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting.
- She worked on Charter School Commission items. The three schools, Harpswell, Baxter, Fiddlehead. She was in charge of the public hearing for Harpswell. She has attended many workshops and public hearings for Charter Schools.
- She sent invitations to Board members for an event coming up on May 24. Maine's homeschoolers will celebrate Memorial Day with a unique WWII workshop. Heidi highlighted on the day- long event to be held in Waterboro.

Kristin Bishop:

- She was invited to the Annual Maine Town Meeting and was not able to attend this year, but did attend last year.
- Her civil rights team is working on a big thanks project where they recognize different school leaders. This year they are recognizing the bus drivers at her school.
- On May 24, she will be launching her anti-bullying project at the elementary school.

Chelsey Whynot:

- The Army Reserves contacted her to join the army and wanted her to take a tour of an army base. She went on a really cool tour of an army base but has no intentions of joining the army.
- She has 2 days of high school left and then she begins her senior transition project which is like an internship for all the seniors. She is doing hers at the York County Prosecutor's Office.
- She recently registered and voted for the first time. She voted on the school budget.
- In the fall, her school is doing a trial period for all day Kindergarten.
- She thanked the Board members for giving her the experience on the Board and she will stay in touch.

Martha Harris:

- **Construction Committee:**

The Construction Committee did not meet in May.

Education Related Activities:

- She attended the Leadership Committee meeting on May 6.
- She has testified at several public hearings before the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee.

- She is running for her seventh term on her local school board. Her school district is part of the cohort for Mass Customized Learning. She has had a wonderful experience meeting with people in her community. They have been working on their budget. Frankfort withdrew from RSU 20 and has joined them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Submit travel and expense account vouchers to Mary at the end of the meeting.
- 2) The Board retreat will be held at the Harraseeket Inn, Freeport on August 12 and 13.
Again this year we are able to meet in Freeport at the government rate, thanks to former Board member Lynda Doyle.
- 3) The National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) New Member Institute will be held on July 26 and 27, 2013. NASBE will cover the cost for two Board Members and the other two members cost will come from the Professional Development Account.
- 4) The NASBE Annual Conference is on July 28 to 30, 2013. All Board members are invited to attend. The cost will also come from the Professional Development Account at NASBE.
- 5) Due to the issue of clarifying the language around the student member's residence and the school they attend, and the bill finally passing without the Governor's signature, the schedule of appointing a student member to the Board could not be followed this year. The Board has received 10 applications and Board members need to review the applications, select six semi-finalists, and interview the six semi-finalist. Three names will be selected from the six and sent to the Governor for appointment of a new student member to the Board. It may be September before a student member is confirmed by the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee. Nancy Perkins, Martha Harris, and Heidi Sampson have volunteered to review the applications and perform the interviews. Kristin Bishop and Chelsey Whynot will participate in the interviews.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED by Martha Harris, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the May 15, 2013 State Board of Education meeting at 2:53 PM.