



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on July 11, 2012, at the Cross State Office Building, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Steven Pound; Vice Chair Nancy Perkins; James Banks, Sr.; Marilyn Temple Tardy; Dottie Martin; Lynda Doyle; Martha Harris; Jana Lapoint; Heidi Sampson; Chelsey Whynot; and Kristin Bishop.

Also present were: Harry Osgood, Higher Education Specialist; Margaret Harvey, State Director of Career and Technical Education; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education

CALLED TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED by Dottie Martin, seconded by Marilyn Temple Tardy, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the June 13, 2012 minutes as written.

PRESENTATION TO JIM BANKS:

Chair, Steve Pound presented a gift to Jim Banks for his hard work and commitment to the Board as a member and as Chair for the past two years (Chair 2010 – 2012). Marilyn Temple Tardy commended Jim on his continued service to the children of Maine.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chair, Steven Pound:

- He has spoken to several Board members and has decided to keep the Board's committee structure the same for now. This decision is for two reasons, one is continuity for what has taken place and two, the fact that some members will be going off the Board this year. At this time, we do not know who will be appointed or the time frame of new membership.
- He will be meeting with Mary next week to work on the Zero Based Budget.
- On June 14th he attended a Tri-County Local Workforce Investment Board meeting. Once again the focus is on training and skills gap priorities.
- On June 19 to 21, he attended the Maine Adult Education Association conference. Presentations were on technology, online learning and pathways.

- He participated in the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Board meeting through a conference call on July 25.
- He attended the Superintendents Conference on June 26 and 27. The Commissioner will report on “Steve’s List”.
- He attended a Department of Labor meeting for Young Adults on Career Pathways and Employment for 18 to 24 year olds.
- The Board will receive a presentation from Educate Maine this afternoon. He attended two meetings along with a STEM Initiative meeting. The group was very supportive of LD 1422 and LD 1858.
- He visited the Good-Will Hinkley facility, not as a State Board member but as an employee of Cianbro.
- He attended the Public Hearing (APA) for Chapter 114. Harry Osgood will report on the hearing during the business meeting.
- He attended a meeting at Kennebec Valley Community College (KVCC). They are reviewing prior learning and portfolios that tie back to competency based and proficiency. Cianbro is looking at signing agreements by the end of August that will tie KVCC with a two year on-line degree and then students go on to the University of Maine in Augusta to get a bachelor’s with another two year degree on line. This is not for everyone but provides a pathway for some people. This will then tie in to St. Joseph’s College for an MBA in Leadership with some construction courses. For a construction company this is huge. It is a way of developing people within the construction sector as well as a model for other companies to look at.

Vice Chair, Nancy Perkins:

- On June 20 she attended a Maine Effective Educator Council meeting. The group has established norms and elected a co-chair (Grace Leavitt). They have discussed work being done in other states.
- On June 27 she attended the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting.
- On June 27 and 28 she attended the Superintendents Conference. The first day she attended information sessions on student centered learning at the state, region, and national level. There were updates on Department of Education initiatives. The second day she attended Maine Schools for Excellence presentation, MLTI and Online Learning, Proficiency Based, Student Centered Data Management, and Math-in-CTE.
- On June 29 she attended the Next Generation Science Standards Leadership Team meeting. They reviewed information/data from prior sessions and had a telephone conference with Jennifer from Achieve concerning college/career readiness implications for science standards. The document will have another review process this fall and public input draft expected after the national elections. Refined process for reaching all stakeholders when the final draft is ready.
- The retreat plans are in the final stages awaiting a few commitments from groups. Steve has this well organized and Nancy is assisting where she can.
- She has participated in an Alternative Pathways meeting.
- She attended two Maine Educator Council meetings.

- The Certification and Higher Education Committee met and the discussion articles were as follows:
 - The Public Hearing (APA) for Chapter 114 is scheduled for July 6.
 - The graduation ceremony for the Doctorate of Master Arts of Philosophy of Visual Arts will be held at Husson University.
 - Upcoming Reviews are Loyola, potential of Kaplan in Nursing. Kaplan is opening a campus in Augusta. St. Joseph's with an on-line graduate program and special education program.
 - The Public Hearing (APA) for Chapter 13 is scheduled for July 18.
 - Amending rules to provide for wording in Public Law 635 was discussed. Sec. B-5 requires any person seeking an endorsement to teach K-8 must demonstrate proficiency in math and reading instruction, including evidence-based reading instruction. This topic will be on our next agenda. In the interim, the committee will be initiating a dialogue with the teacher preparation programs.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Marilyn Temple Tardy:

- The Construction Committee met on July 2. The committee discussed how they will move forward with revisions to Chapter 61. Scott updated the committee on Major Capital School Construction.
- She attended the RSU 19 meeting with a group of citizens that were discussing how they will move forward. There was an excellent presentation by Scott Brown and Commissioner Bowen.
- She will be attending the Chapter 13 Public Hearing (APA) on July 18.

Chelsey Whynot:

- No Report

Kristin Bishop:

- She attended the Literacy for ME meeting on June 22 in Waterville.

Lynda Doyle:

- She attended the Chapter 114 Public Hearing (APA) on July 6.
- She participated in the Teacher of the Year Program and visited five schools. It is amazing how much impact these teachers have on people's lives. Each and every one of them are positive and respectful and they challenge everyone around them. They make you walk away feeling like you know how to be a better person.
- She continues to serve on the Charter School Commission.

Martha Harris:

- She attended an EPS Advisory meeting on June 14. The Commissioner was appointed chair of the group and did a great job. The group was able to complete their work in one meeting. She attended the Education Committee working session regarding EPS. The committee approved the RFP.
- She attended the Construction Committee meeting on July 2.
- Her niece is a teacher in Houlton and they are going to standards based education. It was fascinating for her to see a teacher so excited about this. Her district is also going to standards based education at the high school.

Heidi Sampson:

- She attended the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting on June 26.
- She attended one day of the Superintendents Conference in Augusta on June 26.
- She attended the Alternative Pathways Stakeholder Group meeting on July 10.

Jana Lapoint:

- She attended the Public Hearing (APA) for Chapter 114 on July 6.
- She continues to serve on the Charter School Commission.

Dottie Martin:

- She participated in a Program Review with the Institute for the Doctoral Studies in Visual Arts for their presentation of their Masters Program. The team met at Husson University.

James Banks, Sr.:

- He has been participating in Charter School Commission meetings.
- He attended the Construction Committee meeting on July 2.
- He expressed his thanks to all Board members for the gift and thanked them for all their support over the past two years.
- He received a letter from the National Association of State Boards of Education informing him that Steve Pound has been chosen as one of this year's recipients of the Distinguished Service Award. The award recognizes state board members for outstanding contributions to public education. Steve will be honored at the NASBE Annual Conference on October 12, 2012. Congratulations to Steve on achieving NASBE's highest honor.

Commissioner's Report:

- Commissioner Bowen presented an update on LD 675 "An Act to Establish Multidistrict Online Classes in Maine".

NEW BUSINESS:

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 third report for FY2012.

RECOMMENDATION: The State Board approve the Quarterly report for the period of January 1, 2012 through March 31, 2012 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 Dottie Martin, seconded by James Banks, Sr., and unanimously voted by those present to approve the Quarterly report for the period of January 1, 2012 through March 31, 2012 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)*

CHAPTER 114 PUBLIC HEARING REPORT:

Harry Osgood, Higher Education Specialists gave a brief report on the Public Hearing for Chapter 114: “Purpose, Standards and Procedures for the Review and Approval of Preparation Programs for Education Personnel”. The public hearing was held in room 103 on July 6, 2012. No people were in attendance at the meeting and he received one written comment prior to the public hearing. One comment recommending that the Board consider expunging all references to Praxis I or Praxis II and using in their place the wording that would say “qualifying exams” as determined by the State Board so as not to have to reopen Chapter 114 every time you look to adjusting language around Praxis I or Praxis II or its equivalent. Harry will

put together a response to the comment and share it with the Board. The public has until July 23, 2012 at 5:00 PM to submit any comments about Chapter 114.

STATE BOARD RETREAT UPDATE:

- Steve is requesting that all Board members review the Strategic Plan prior to the retreat. Brad Hull from the National Association of State Board's of Education will be attending this year to assist the Board with the Strategic Plan.
- The Commissioner will not be able to attend the first day of the retreat as he will be at a Smarter Balance Conference but will be available the second day.
- The Board will be receiving presentations from the Maine School Board's Association (MSBA), Maine School Superintendent's Association (MSSA), Maine Education Association (MEA), Maine Principal's Association (MPA), Maine Higher Education (MHE), Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities (MADSEC), and the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee.

Some Board members expressed concern in regards to Stakeholder Groups being aware of what the State Board's responsibilities are and exactly what the State Board's role is.

Chair, Steve Pound and the Commissioner spoke about the process of Zero Based Budget and how it will define the responsibilities of the Board, as well as its powers and duties. Dr. Phil McCarthy, Legislative Analyst with the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, a non-partisan office in the Legislature said the only time the Legislature tends to focus on the State Board of Education or any other agency aside from the Department of Education is when there is what is called the Government Education Act that is a 10 year review of the entity. The last time that occurred which was about 4-5 years ago, they put together a binder of all the statutes and rules that have been described today. That may be a helpful document for the Board to include in their Strategic Plan and Zero Based Budget. He would be happy to communicate with the committee chairs and members regarding what the Board is doing as they do have a very strong interest. The committee reads what is sent to them and they follow what is going on with various activities the Board is involved in.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED by James Banks, Sr., seconded by Marilyn Temple Tardy, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the July 11, 2012, State Board of Education meeting at 2:03 PM.