



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on August 8, 2016 at the Peter McKernan Center, South Portland, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Martha Harris; Vice Chair Jana Lapoint; John Bird; Nichi Farnham; Peter Geiger; Wilson Hess; Heidi Sampson; Jane Sexton; Ande Smith; and Noa Sreden.

Excused: Elise McKendry

Also present were: Scott Brown, Director of School Construction Programs; Robert Hasson, Director of Certification; Aaron Chadbourne, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Martha Harris called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

VISION STATEMENT:

Read by student member, Noa Sreden: The Vision of the State Board is to ensure Maine public school students graduate with the skills, knowledge, and principles to be responsible American citizens; self-directed and dedicated to making contributions to society by pursuing further education and employment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED by John Bird, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the July 13, 2016 minutes as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Construction Committee (Peter Geiger):

The Construction Committee met on July 29, 2016 as scheduled.

It was a relatively quick committee meeting. Peter was at the Department of Education and Martha called in to the meeting. A request will come before the Board to consider additions to the Approved Projects list for the current rating

cycle. It will include Lafayette School in the Sanford School Department and Daniel Mahoney Middle School in the South Portland School Department.

Recognizing the time and work that goes into a Rating Cycle, the Committee is anxious to begin the process and hopes to address it at the next Construction Committee meeting, then to the full Board.

The next Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 2, 2016. The meeting will be held in room 500 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 on July 27, 2016, as scheduled.

The next Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 24, 2016. The meeting will be held in room 538 of the Cross State Office building. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

Career and Technical Education (Heidi Sampson):

The Career and Technical Education Committee (CTE) meeting was scheduled to take place on August 11, 2016 but has been canceled due to conflicts with committee member's schedules.

The next CTE Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 1, 2016. The meeting will be held in room 538 of the Cross State Office building. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

NEW BUSINESS:

RECEIPT OF THE REPORT OF FINDINGS REGARDING THE REQUEST OF CORNELL UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TO RECEIVE AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER ACADEMIC CREDIT PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF MAINE

BACKGROUND: On June 15, 2016, the State Board approved the review team and named Dr. David Townsend as chair to review the application from the University of New Hampshire and Cornell University of New York for authorization to offer academic credit program in the State of Maine. On July 15, 2016 the review team interviewed academicians and administrators from the University of New Hampshire and Cornell University by video conference. Dr. Wilson Hess served as the State Board Observer. During the interview, the review team asked for supplementary information from the two universities to better articulate the application. The information was received on July 20, 2016. Dr. Townsend submitted the finished report to the Department of Education on July 28, 2016 and the report was email to both universities to address any corrections of fact.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education receive the Report of Findings submitted by the review team that reviewed the request of Cornell University and the University of New Hampshire to receive authorization to offer academic credit programs in the State of Maine.

MOVED by Peter Geiger, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present to receive the Report of Findings submitted by the review team that reviewed the request of Cornell University and the University of New Hampshire to receive authorization to offer academic credit programs in the State of Maine.

MAJOR CAPITAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM; CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONS TO THE APPROVED PROJECTS LIST FOR RATING CYCLE 2010-2011

STATEMENT OF FACT: The State Board of Education designated six capital projects (1-6) to the Major Capital Construction's Approved Projects List on January 11, 2012. On April 9, 2014 the Board designated an additional six capital projects (7-12.) The Deputy Commissioner is now recommending that an additional two projects (13-14) be added to the Approved Projects List. Once approved, the Department's Division of School Facilities will work with the systems in developing recommendations and timelines for each project.

Project #13, the Sanford School Department's Lafayette Elementary School project needs will be combined and addressed thru Sanford's other elementary school project, #4 Emerson School.

Project #14, the South Portland School Department's Mahoney Middle School project will allow the city to review and develop a solution to solve its middle school needs.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION: The Deputy Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education designate the following projects for placement on the Approved Projects List. The proposed projects are in priority order.

- 13. Sanford School Department Lafayette School
- 14. South Portland School Department Daniel F. Mahoney Middle School

It is further recommended that Section 6.2.F., Time Limitations, ¶1, be waived by the State Board of Education until a workable plan for Concept Approval has been developed by the Department and the designated school systems. The Department will provide the State Board with periodic updates on the status of progress toward Concept Approvals of the two designated projects.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION: The Construction Committee voted unanimously on July 29, 2016 to recommend that the State Board of Education support the Deputy Commissioner's Recommendation to

add two projects to the Approved Projects List.

MOVED by Peter Geiger, seconded by Martha Harris, and unanimously voted by those present to designate the following projects for placement on the Approved Projects List. The proposed projects are in priority order.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board went into executive session to discuss student transfer appeals at 1:27 PM, with voting members only in attendance. The Board returned to the regular business meeting at 1:53 PM.

STUDENT TRANSFER APPEALS:

MOTION by Peter Geiger, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present to uphold the Deputy Commissioner’s decision on the transfer of AD, MD, and RD. The transfer is denied for AD and RD and approved for MD.

MOTION by John Bird, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and voted eight in favor with one member opposed (Heidi Sampson) to uphold the Deputy Commissioner’s decision on the transfer of KBS. The transfer is denied.

MOTION by Wilson Hess, seconded by John Bird, and voted six in favor with three members opposed (Nichi Farnham, Heidi Sampson, and Ande Smith) to uphold the Deputy Commissioner’s decision on the transfer of MD1. The transfer is denied.

MOTION by Heidi Sampson, seconded by Jane Sexton, and voted six in favor with three members opposed (Nichi Farnham, Heidi Sampson, and Ande Smith) to uphold the Deputy Commissioner’s decision on the transfer of AM. The transfer is denied.

OFFICER’S REPORTS:

Chair, Martha Harris

- On July 29, she attended the Construction Committee meeting by phone.
- She continues to participate in the National Association of State Boards of Education Government Affairs Committee (GAC) group.

- On August 5, Martha received a letter from Governor LePage sharing his thoughts so the SBE will have a sense of his priorities as they relate to the Board's areas of authority. The Governor outlined his thoughts on several topics which Martha shared with the Board by distributing a copy of the letter to each Board member. The Board will review the topics at the next workshop session which will be held on September 14, 2016.
- She received a copy of the brief opposing the State Board's decision on one of the transfer appeals. Martha is happy to share the documents with any Board member interested in reviewing them.
- She and Jana were scheduled to meet with Brian Langley, Victoria Kornfield and Brian Hubbell, but the meeting has been moved to September at Brian's restaurant.

Vice Chair, Jana Lapoint

- She would like to see the Governor's letter reviewed at the next meeting and would like it on the agenda in September.
- On July 19, she participated in a webinar on teacher certification for elementary school teachers. Professors throughout the country talked about what is needed in elementary school and every one of them thought there is a strong need for high quality standards for teachers coming in. Jana shared with Board members what she learned from the webinar.
- On August 5, she attended the Dean and Directors of Educator Preparation Program meeting in Augusta. Deputy Commissioner Beardsley, Ángel Loredó, Robert Hasson, Charles Lomonte, Rachelle Tome, and Janice Breton from the Department of Education gave presentations. Jana briefed the Board on the meeting.
- The Charter Commission is looking to fill a Finance Director position and an Administrative Assistant position. Both of the Virtual Schools have submitted a request for teachers to teach from home one to two days per week. The Commission voted not to approve the request at this time.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Ande Smith:

- He was on vacation so missed the Construction Committee meeting on July 29.
- He has been working on student privacy which is an item in the SBE five year strategic plan.

Noa Sreden:

- Over the past month, she has started completing college applications.
- She was in Puerto Rico last week on vacation.
- She was at Indianapolis University helping run a Leadership Conference and spoke at a round table with 15 other government leaders and business leaders.
- She went to Boston to help run another leadership conference. At a round table meeting, she helped write a Huffington Post column that she will share with the Board.

Heidi Sampson:

- At the end of July, she attended the Maine Administrators of Career and Technical Education (MACTE) Conference in Vermont.
- On August 1, she toured Biddeford's CTE Center that is being revamped. It is amazing what they are doing with the space they have. Superintendent Jeremy Ray has so much enthusiasm for CTE.
- Next week she is going to be sitting in and observing the Committee for CTE funding. She spoke with Deputy Commissioner Beardsley regarding LD 1627 rulemaking and he wants her on the committee.
- She will be teaching a virtual class starting in September. She will be teaching her government civics class through Royal Academy in Gray.
- She would like to serve on the privacy committee that Ande Smith is working on.

Wilson Hess:

- Wilson apologized for not being at the July 13, 2016 Board meeting.
- On July 15, he served as the Board Observer for the University of New Hampshire/Cornell University review.
- He attended the National Association of State Boards of Education New Member Institute on July 22 and 23 in Washington, DC.

Nichi Farnham:

- She continues with her duties on the Charter Commission.

Jane Sexton:

- She has been appointed by the Governor as the Board representative on the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Council.
- Martha has asked her to work with Jaci Holmes, Department of Education, with the rewrite of Chapters 125 and 127.

John Bird:

- On July 22 and 23, he attended the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) New Member Institution in Washington, DC. He was very impressed with the NASBE leadership. There were eight states in attendance representing Boards.
- He appeared on VSTV, a local television station with a panel that included Alan Hinsey, John McDonald, John Kosinski, and Jim Rier. The discussion was on Ballot Question #2 – Education - *Establishes a 3 percent tax on household income over \$200,000.*

Peter Geiger:

- On July 27, he attended the Human Capital Management Systems (HCMS) meeting where work is being done. Peter has served on this group and worked through the Education Preparation and Employment sub-workgroup. They finished year two of a three year initiative reviewing many of the tools that are being developed to help schools and districts hire and retain quality educators and leaders. Minutes of the recent sub-committee meeting were distributed by Peter.

- On July 29, he attended and chaired the Construction Committee meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED by John Bird, seconded by Peter Geiger, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the August 8, 2016 State Board of Education meeting at 2:40 PM.