



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on February 15, 2012, at the Cross State Office Building, 111 Sewall Street, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair James Banks, Sr.; Vice Chair Steven Pound; Marilyn Temple Tardy; Nancy Perkins; Lynda Doyle; Jana Lapoint; Martha Harris; Angela Bechard; and Chelsey Whynot.

Excused: Dottie Martin

Also present were: Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair James Banks, Sr., called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED by Marilyn Temple Tardy, seconded by Nancy Perkins, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the January 11, 2011 minutes as written.

LEGISLATIVE SENTIMENT:

A Legislative Sentiment in memoriam for James Carignan, a former member of the State Board of Education, will be presented in the Senate shortly after 10:00 am on the morning of Friday, March 23, 2012. All Board members are invited to attend.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chair, James Banks, Sr.:

- He participated in a Leadership meeting with the State Board Committee Chairs.
- He met with Mark Kostin, New England Secondary School Consortium.
- He made numerous appearances at the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee sessions. He spoke at hearings and attended workshop sessions regarding many bills.
- He participated in a New England Secondary School Consortium meeting in New Hampshire.
- He has been working on Charter School issues.

- He participated in a Career and Technical Education Committee meeting.
- He met with the Commissioner, Argy Nestor, and Bill Nave to discuss ways of encouraging school districts to nominate a teacher for the 2013 Teacher of the Year. He is working on a letter to send out to all Maine School Board Chairs.

Vice Chair, Steven Pound:

- On January 15, 24, 30 and February 9, 2012, he participated in the University of Maine search for a New College Dean of Education.
- On January 17, 2012, he was part of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Collaborative. He will be attending the STEM Summit on March 20, 2012.
- On January 19 – 21, 2012, he represented the Board at the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Board meeting. They discussed ESEA and where they are moving with it. He will be attending the NASBE Legislative Conference in March, as well as participating in the Board of Director's meeting. NASBE's new Executive Director is Jim Kohlmoos.
- He presented the State Board's budget to members of the Board with a brief explanation of the expenditures. The Board is on target for this year.
- He took part in a Bangor Chamber meeting regarding the Building Bridges Program. Cianbro will be the major sponsor for the program.
- The Tri County Workforce Investment Board met on January 24, 2012, and reviewed their movement forward with respect to spending more training dollars out of the local Workforce Investment Board.
- He attended an Educate Maine meeting. Maine Coalition for Excellence in Education and Compact for Education joined together.
- He attended the State Committee Training Program by the Department of Labor (DOL) for 18 – 24 year olds.
- He attended a meeting on Adult Ed Pathways.
- He participated in a Legislative Leadership meeting.
- He participated in a Career and Technical Education Committee meeting.
- He attended an Educate Maine Legislative Breakfast at the Senator Inn. It was very well attended by legislators.
- He attended a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Council meeting "Education Connections" Pilot Program at the University of Maine.
- He attended a Mobilize Maine meeting in Bangor. They are looking at planning another summit for business and education in the Bangor region.
- He participated in a Maine Manufacturing Association meeting where they are promoting the education sector type of strategy for training. They are working to help businesses with funding.
- He attended an Eastern Maine Community College President's Advisory Board meeting.
- He just flew back from Atlanta, GA. For the second year in a row, Cianbro was rated as having one of the top 125 training programs in the United States.
- He has been invited by the Council of State Governments to attend a "Deep Learning" focus group conference in March and April of 2012. He was referred to them by the National Association of State Boards of Education.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Marilyn Temple Tardy:

- The Construction Committee did not meet in February of 2012. However, as Chair of the Committee, she spoke at the February 8, 2012 hearing in support of LD 1766: "Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 61: Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education and the State Board of Education" before the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. This Resolve regarding Legislative review of Chapter 61 and its revisions and changes will be discussed in a workshop session of the Education Committee on February 16, 2012. Chairman, James Banks will be at the work session to discuss the details of the proposal.
- She participated in a Legislative Leadership Committee meeting.

Angela Bechard:

- She spoke with her English teacher about how to deal with students recovering from a concussion. There is currently no specific training for teachers and the school has not educated them about concussions. They are informed of kids with severe cases and milder cases are generally overlooked. She said a medical timeline would be good for teachers to have so they could work together with other teachers regarding the load of home work to a student with a concussion.

Lynda Doyle:

- She participated in a Charter School Commission meeting on January 10, 2012.
- She participated in the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Technology Study Group with Nancy Perkins.

Martha Harris:

- She continues to serve on her local school Board.

Jana Lapoint:

- She participated in a Chapter 114 Stakeholder Group meeting on February 3, 2012.
- She has participated in three Charter School Commission meetings. The Commission has three listening tours scheduled in Bangor, Portland and Augusta. She also visited a Charter School in New Hampshire.
- She has attended several Education Committee sessions.
- She has attended two debates for congress in the past two weekends.
- She attended an event at the Blaine House for Chevrus High School football team where they were honored as State Champions.

Nancy Perkins:

The Certification and Higher Education Committee met on January 31st; this was a re-scheduling of the January 23rd meeting. The meeting focused around two topics. The first topic concerned the differences between ETS scores within the New England area. Cathy Owens Oliver joined us by phone and Professor Hill from the music department at UMO was in attendance. We looked at differences among scores and then focused on the music ETS score. The cut score for Maine is approximately ten points lower than the other four New England States; MA does not participate. Prof. Hill had many questions concerning the test. He was pleased to learn that from 2008 to 2011 only one student had not met the cut score. Cathy Owens Oliver did a quick review of the test for Prof. Hill and offered to come to UMO to meet with his department. He was very appreciative. We will be pursuing the reciprocity aspect of cut scores at our next meeting.

Dorothy Maxwell from SAD#55 did a presentation on Virtual High School. Ms. Maxwell is highly regarded educator with many awards. She leads the SAD# 55 program and also teaches on-line courses. SAD# 55 pays \$6700 for fifty student slots. She gave us a detailed view of on-line courses at work. There are over 650 schools in ME and MA using Virtual high school. On-line teachers for Virtual High School must hold state certification in the content area that they are teaching on-line. If you would like to see more about this program, the website is VHS.org. The committee will be continuing our work on the role of technology.

The meeting adjourned at 12.

- She is chairing the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Study Group "Technology – Common Core and Social/Emotional Health" and the first of three meetings was held in January. The second meeting will be in March and the third in June of 2012.
- She was the Board Observer for the St. Joseph's College Review on February 5-8, 2012.
- She went to the Auburn School District (elementary, middle and high school) and visited the 5 Year Old Program for I-Pads. The Middle School is currently using Ed Motto.
- She participated in the Chapter 114 Stakeholder Group meeting on February 3, 2012. The group will meet again on February 24 and this will be the last tweaking of the report. The report should be coming before the State Board in April.

Note: Chelsey Whynot left the meeting at 1:22 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA:

RECONSIDERATION OF THE REVIEW TEAM MEMBERSHIP FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT PRESQUE ISLE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM REVIEW

APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW TEAM FOR THE UNITY COLLEGE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED REVIEW TEAM MEMBERS TO ASSESS THE APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL DEGREE-GRANTING AUTHORITY AS SUBMITTED BY BEAL COLLEGE TO AWARD THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEGREE

MOVED by Steven Pound, seconded by Nancy Perkins, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the Consent Agenda.

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 second report for FY2012.

RECOMMENDATION: The State Board to approve the Quarterly report for the period of September 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 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 Steven Pound, seconded by Lynda Doyle, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the Quarterly report for the period of September 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 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)

MOTION by Steven Pound, seconded by Martha Harris, and unanimously voted by those present to approve revisions to the Carl D. Perkins Grant allocations for FY 2011 as presented on February 15, 2012.

STUDENT NOMINATION PROCESS

Board Members reviewed the dates for screening student applications received and the dates to conduct the student interviews. Nancy Perkins, Martha Harris and Jim Banks will meet on February 28, 2012 to screen applications and Nancy Perkins, Martha Harris, Jim Banks, Angela Bechard and Chelsey Whynot will meet to interview the six semi-finalists on March 7, 2012.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION – LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Steve Pound will be representing the Board at the National Association of State Boards of Education Legislative Conference in Washington DC on March 22 – 23, 2012.

LD 1779 “AN ACT TO UPDATE THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION LAWS”

MOTION by Martha Harris, seconded by Nancy Perkins, and unanimously voted by those present to approve LD 1779 as amended by the Department of Education.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comment

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED by Nancy Perkins, seconded by Steven Pound, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the February 15, 2012, State Board of Education meeting at 2:26 PM.