



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on January 10, 2018 at the Cross State Office Building, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Martha Harris; Vice Chair Jana Lapoint; Amy Arata; Wendy Ault; Nichi Farnham; Wilson Hess; Liberty Ladd; Elise McKendry; Jane Sexton; and Ande Smith.

Excused: John Bird

Others Present: Deputy Commissioner Suzan Beaudoin and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Associate

CALLED TO ORDER:

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

VISION STATEMENT:

Read by student member, Elise McKendry: 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.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:

Chair Harris added items to the Business portion of the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED by Jane Sexton, seconded by Wilson Hess, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the November 15, 2017 minutes as amended.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Construction Committee (Ande Smith):

The Construction Committee met on December 29, 2017 as scheduled. The Committee did not have any items to approve, so the meeting was more of a

preview. Scott Brown took a full hour walking the Committee through the following:

- An update on the Major Capital School Construction 2017-2018 rating cycle.
 - The new list will be coming out and Scott took the Committee through the process.
 - Almost all school districts in the State of Maine have submitted their pitches to be included on the list and how they are graded.
 - The group of internal folks (5) which includes architects, began their site visits in August and completed the 75 visits in December.
 - The team will spend January and February reviewing the data and compiling the scores for the development of the proposed priority list.
 - The work will tentatively be completed in March or April.
 - The list will be published in a draft and will kick off in a pellet process. School districts can say, “no, I should have been 11th on the list, not 50th, looking at the scoring criteria”. The districts will have a 60-day window to appeal.
 - The Committee decided they want to come together following the 60-day window to go through the process as the role of the Board is to adopt the list. As a Committee, they will not go through every application packet but will bring to the full Board after the Committee has looked at the scoring criteria.
 - Board accepts the list, the DOE staff reviews the appeals, then the Board approves the list. The Board is accepting the priority list once the appeal process is complete.
- The Committee received an update from Scott Brown of the 16 projects on the 2007 list, approved by the Board in 2009. Some projects are done and some are just getting ready to kick off. The Board will be reviewing schools in the Spring of 2018 for site approval or design and funding approval.
- The Committee received an update on the Integrated, Consolidated 9-16 Educational Facility for the 2017-2018 rating cycle – 3 proposals made the cut. One in Madawaska, one in Houlton and one in Dexter.

The next Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 2, 2018. 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 (Jane Sexton):

The Certification and Higher Education Committee did not meet in December 2017.

- The Committee will review two team reports at the January 31, 2018 Committee meeting. University of Maine, Farmington and Unity College
- Jim Artesani, UMO Professor, will have a drafted rubric to the Committee prior to the January 31 meeting.

- The Committee members will receive a copy of the National Council on Teacher Quality – 2017 State Teacher Policy Yearbook and National Summary for review.
- Getting a date from Angel Loreda for the next University and Dean of Colleges meeting.

The next Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 31, 2018. 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 (Wilson Hess):

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee met on December 28, 2017, as scheduled.

- Thanks to colleagues as the Committee met on November 9, November 30 and December 28.
- The Strategic Plan is included in every CTE meeting agenda – Strategic Priorities, Milestones Completed, and Future Milestones.
- Milestones one and two have been completed.
- The Board received priorities to direct more CTE funds to instruction and instructionally related services, double enrollment in CTE programs, and introduce CTE instruction into middle schools.
- At the November 30 meeting, the Committee looked at concepts related to milestone number 3, the Briggs endowment fund which is separately administered by the Board. The current balance is \$186,000. with another deposit to come in January 2018.
 - Goal #3 – examine how a competitive open award process in future years can best achieve the donor’s intent and the Board’s CRE strategic priorities.
- Concept approval for open competitive process to provide funding for one or more summer programs. The Committee would like the Board’s endorsement on this. Donna Tiner, CTE Office at the DOE has been very helpful with letting us know the process to make this happen this summer.
- Thank members of the DOE staff
 - Suzan Beaudoin for the cost based model both verbal and written
 - Paul Hambleton for verbal and written briefings on Middle School Implementation
 - Nigel Norton for verbal and written report on doubling of CTE and how it relates to the implementation of secondary and post-secondary articulation.
- Department is going through a Perkins State audit and a report will come to the Committee in February. Currently in the process of a field audit.

The next CTE Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2018. 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:

APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDED FUNDING LEVEL
FY 2019

Pursuant to the provisions of 20-A M.R.S.A., Section 15689-C, the Commissioner, with the approval of the State Board of Education, shall certify to the Governor and the Bureau of the Budget recommended funding levels for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade twelve. The funding levels recommended herein were developed based on proposed amendments to the Essential Programs and Service Funding Act, 20-A M.R.S.A. Chapter 606-B.

Commissioner's Recommendation: That the State Board of Education approve the following motion – To approve the certified funding level for FY 2019 for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade twelve (including total operating allocation, total debt service allocation, and total adjustments and miscellaneous costs) at \$2,249,411,860, a local contribution amount of \$1,133,525,955 and a state contribution amount of \$1,115,885,905 to be distributed as General Purpose Aid for Local Schools. These amounts shall be distributed according to the parameters of the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, 20-A M.R.S.A. Chapter 606-B, as amended.

MOTION by Jane Sexton, seconded by Wilson Hess, and unanimously voted by those present to table the Commissioner's Recommended Funding Level FY 2019 until the February 14, 2018 State Board of Education meeting.

RECEIPT OF THE REVIEW TEAM REPORT OF FINDINGS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE, FARMINGTON

BACKGROUND: A review team approved by the State Board conducted an onsite review on November 5-7, 2017. The onsite review was concurrently conducted with the Council of the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). A Report of Findings was written by the State team and submitted to the University of Maine at Farmington to determine if errors of fact existed. The report was returned with minor numerical correction by Dr. Mary Ellen Mahoney-O'Neil of The University of Maine who served as chair.

The report will be held in abeyance until CAEP has made its national accreditation decision. The final CAEP Report will be made available in mid-April 2018.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education receive the State review team report of findings and wait to make final approval decision when the CAEP report has been finalized.

MOVED by Jane Sexton, seconded by Amy Arata, and unanimously voted by those present to receive the State review team report of findings on standards five and six, and wait to make the final approval decision when the Council of the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) report has been finalized.

RECEIPT OF THE REVIEW TEAM REPORT OF FINDINGS FOR UNITY COLLEGE

BACKGROUND: On October 11, 2017, the State Board of Education voted to approve the Unity College review team designating Barbara Moody of Husson University as the chair. The onsite visit occurred on December 3-5, 2017 and shortly after a report of findings was written by the team. On December 18, 2017, Unity College received the report to determine if errors of fact were present. The report was returned on December 21, 2017 to the Maine Department of Education with no changes.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education receive the Unity College report of findings submitted by the review team.

MOVED by Nichi Farnham, seconded by Jane Sexton, and voted seven in favor with one member (Wilson Hess) recusing himself to avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest, to receive the Unity College report of findings submitted by the review team.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

At the November 30, 2017 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee meeting a motion was adopted in regards to the Committee's work to integrate the (still to be refined) Strategic Plan Goal #1 to provide more summer learning opportunities into its work plan for 2018. At the Committee's December 28, 2017 meeting members further refined their thinking on a proposal and are requesting endorsement from the full State Board. CTE Committee Chair and Committee members recommend the following:

MOTION by Wilson Hess, seconded by Jane Sexton and unanimously voted by those present to approve in concept a competitive, open award grant process for providing a yet unspecified number of awards for summer CTE programming which will facilitate the advancement of CTE Goal 2 and/or 3 (doubling CTE enrollment and implementing middle school CTE) as well as the prospective Board goal of providing more summer learning opportunities.

CHARTER COMMISSION REPORT (Jana Lapoint):

- 1) The Charter Commission approved Acadia Academy's Updated Performance Framework.
- 2) Voted not to issue an RFP for a tenth school which would open in September of 2019. There will be a review of the NASCA and Silver Reports to determine what the Commissions priorities should be in the future.

- 3) The Commission tabled until later in the year the request of Maine Virtual Academy to increase enrollment by 10% for the coming year. Math scores were being reviewed and evaluated before final approval later this spring.
- 4) Approved 90 day reports for Cornville Preschool and High School, MEANS Threshold Program and Snow Pond. These schools were all visited within the past month for the 90-day review of their new programs.
- 5) Discussed the Commissions next steps in relation to the NASCA and Silver Analytics Reports.
- 6) Reported on Baxter Academy of Science opening of their new facility at 185 Lancaster Street in Portland. There will be an open house for everyone on Friday, February 2, 2018, from 4:00 – 7:00 PM.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chair, Martha Harris

- She attended the Construction Committee meeting and the Agenda Review meeting on December 29.

Vice Chair, Jana Lapoint:

- She has been busy with Charter Commission work.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Ande Smith:

- He attended the Construction Committee meeting on December 29.
- He attended an ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) stakeholder group meeting.
 - The next meeting is on the 14th.
 - There was lots of talk about accountability.
 - Notion of a growth model.
 - The way the ESSA plan is it looks to metricize on the growth of the student.
 - Talked about doing ELL differently.
 - Over five years you need to get proficient. They are working with the idea of 50% in the first year.

Elise McKendry:

- She has been accepted to UMaine and the University of New England (UNE).
- She has been talking to a lot of Physician Assistants while visiting a family member in the hospital for a week.
- She participated in a debate in Greenville.
- She is going to UMAINE for Senior Orientation.
- Her school is planning a trip to UMaine.
- A reporter visited her school for a Customized Learning Summit.
- She participated in a golf simulation.
- She has been approved for a work study at Carrabassett Valley for a month and a half over the winter.

Liberty Ladd:

- She took the SATs again and got her scores back.
- She attended a field hockey banquet.
- The DOE came to Falmouth for a forum on Proficiency Based Education for students grade 9 through 12.
- The winter season is off to a great start and winter sport participation at her high school is up 5%.
- Boys Cross Country Team are Class A State Champions.
- The student council held a blood drive and most of the donors were high school students.
- Refinancing of elementary school is about a \$1.2 million savings.
- The education board has received a request for air conditioning in all schools.

Amy Arata:

- She attended the Construction Committee meeting on December 29.
- She went to California on vacation and attended the Rose parade. There were several high school marching bands participating in the parade.
- Robotic season is gearing up for the Maine robotics competitions.

Wendy Ault:

- She just returned from a two-week vacation in Charlotte, NC.

Jane Sexton:

- She listened in to some of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Council meeting. They are working to tweak certification.
- She has been staying at Carrabassett Valley.

Wilson Hess:

- He attended the Chap 115 Public Hearing in Augusta on December 27.
- He chaired the Career and Technical Education Committee meeting on December 28.
- In light of the conversation during the workshop session today, the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) has emailed the report Wilson was referring to – The January edition of The State Education Standard – “Stepping Up for Early Childhood Education”.
- He will be attending the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee public hearings on CTE on Thursday, January 11.
- His confirmation hearing before the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee for re-appointment to the State Board of Education is scheduled for January 25.
- He will be observing a CTE school review in Hancock County on January 22 to 25.

Nichi Farnham:

- Nichi reminded Board members that they can listen to Education Committee Public Hearings and Work Sessions via the Legislative website.
- She served as the Board Observer for the Unity College Team Review.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- No Public Comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Submit travel and expense account vouchers to Mary Becker at the end of this meeting.
- The New England Secondary School Consortium (NESSC) School Redesign in Action Conference is scheduled for March 12 – 13, 2018 in Providence, Rhode Island. Jane Sexton is planning to attend. Board members interested in attending should contact Martha Harris and Mary Becker.

ADJOURNMENT:

The January 10, 2018 State Board of Education meeting adjourned at 2:38 PM.