



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on June 13, 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; John Bird; Fern Desjardins; Wilson Hess; Liberty Ladd; Jaylee Rice; and Jane Sexton.

Ande Smith, Member, resigned from the Board on May 30, 2018 as he accepted a position as a State employee beginning May 31, 2018.

Others Present: Deputy Commissioner Suzan Beaudoin; Scott Brown, Director of School Construction Programs; Margaret Harvey, Director of Career and Technical Education; Jaci Holmes, Federal State Legislative Liaison; 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, Liberty Ladd: 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 Jane Sexton, seconded by John Bird, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the May 9, 2018 minutes as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Construction Committee (Martha Harris):

The Construction Committee did not meet on June 1, 2018, as scheduled.

The next Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 29, 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 met on May 23, 2018, as scheduled.

- The Committee received an update on the online certification system.
- A TEAME meeting of Higher Education Deans and Directors was held at the University of New England in Biddeford on June 8 and Jane attended.
- The Committee received the Boston University Team Report and will review prior to the next meeting on June 20.
- The Committee will consider the Syracuse Team Report of Findings at the June 20 meeting.
- Proposed changes to Chapter 13 will go before the Board at the business meeting. The Committee is recommending that the Board vote to initiate the proposed rulemaking. A public hearing is scheduled for July 16 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.
- Continued discussion by the Committee on the team review process.

The next Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 20, 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 June 1, 2018, as scheduled.

- In regards to the Board's Strategic Plan, six of the seven milestones for 2017-2018 have been met. By the August meeting, the Committee will have a plan to share on milestone seven.
- The Committee reviewed the Perkins funding and projected carryover balances for FY 2017-2018. Recommended action item for the Board at the business meeting.
- Reviewed the Briggs balances to date. Action for the Board at the business meeting relating to a fifth Briggs Middle School award.
- CTE School Comprehensive Reviews – Ellsworth, Skowhegan and Presque Isle. Wilson attended all three reviews.
- The Committee reviewed and will present to the Board at the Business meeting, a revised proposal for the Briggs Grant for St. John Valley Technical Center in Frenchville. The Board approved \$34,693. in awards to Region 3-Lincoln; Region 9-Mexico; Region 4-Bangor; and the Biddeford Center of Technology.
- The Committee made consideration of the implementation of the strategic priorities in the State Leadership funds for the FY 19 budget and it is the

specific recommendation the Committee has for the Board at the business meeting.

The next Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 29, 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.

Legislative Action (Martha Harris):

The Legislative Action Committee has not met as the Legislature is not in session.

NEW BUSINESS:

MAJOR CAPITAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM - PROPOSED PRIORITY LIST FOR THE 2017-2018 RATING CYCLE

The Major Capital School Construction Program Proposed Priority List presented to the State Board of Education today is the result of the recently completed 2017-2018 Rating Cycle. Project applications, buildings, and sites were evaluated based on need as determined by criteria contained in State Board of Education Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects. The projects are listed in descending order with the highest-ranked projects placed first.

After receipt of the Proposed Priority List by the Board, the Department will deliver individualized Evaluation Reports to the superintendent of schools of each evaluated application. These reports will include the scores for each priority and category used to rate the applications. The school superintendent's receipt of the Evaluation Report will initiate a 30 day administrative review period as outlined in Section 4, ¶3.A, of Chapter 61.

Upon completion of the administrative review process a Final Priority List will be recommended by the Commissioner to the State Board for approval.

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION: The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education receive the Major Capital School Construction Proposed Priority List for the 2017-2018 Rating Cycle.

MOVED by John Bird, seconded by Jane Sexton, and unanimously voted by those present to receive the Major Capital School Construction Proposed Priority List for the 2017-2018 Rating Cycle.

MAJOR CAPITAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM – INTEGRATED, CONSOLIDATED 9-16 EDUCATIONAL FACILITY PROPOSED PRIORITY LIST FOR THE 2017-2018 RATING CYCLE

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Integrated, Consolidated 9-16 Educational Facility Proposed Priority List presented to the State Board of Education today is the result of the completed 2017-2018 Rating Cycle. Project applications have been evaluated through a two part (Part 1 and Part 2) scoring process based on criteria approved by the State Board of Education and contained in Section 15 of Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects. The projects are listed in descending order with the highest-ranked projects placed first.

The Part 1 deadline was May 1, 2017 and seven applications were received by the Department. A three-person scoring team, selected by the Commissioner, reviewed and scored the proposals. In June of 2017 the Commissioner informed the top three scoring applicants that they were eligible to move forward to the Part 2 application process. Three Part 2 applications were received by the December 29, 2017 deadline. The same three person scoring team reviewed and scored those applications. Part 1 and Part 2 scores were combined to determine the applicants' total score.

The State Board of Education received a Proposed Priority List on February 14, 2018 which initiated a 30-day administrative review period. One applicant filed an appeal with the Commissioner's Office that necessitated a review of scoring materials. The administrative review team concluded that rescoring of the three Part 2 applications was necessary. A new scoring team was assembled and rescored the Part 2 applications. Subsequently Part 1 and Part 2 scores have been combined to determine the applicants' total score. As a result, a new Proposed Priority List is being presented today for the Board's acceptance which will initiate a new 30-day administrative review period.

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION: The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education receive the Integrated, Consolidated 9-16 Educational Facility Proposed Priority List for the 2017-2018 Rating Cycle.

MOVED by Jane Sexton, seconded by Fern Desjardins, and unanimously voted by those present to receive the Integrated, Consolidated 9-16 Educational Facility Proposed Priority List for the 2017-2018 Rating Cycle.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO CHAPTER 13: QUALIFYING EXAMINATIONS FOR TEACHERS, EDUCATION SPECIALISTS, AND ADMINISTRATORS

BACKGROUND: The Department and State Board need to update the qualifying examinations scores for the Praxis exams. The scores have not been updated since 2015, and should be done yearly.

The Certification and Higher Education Committee of the State Board has been kept apprised of the need to update the regulation.

RECOMMENDATION: The State Board of Education's Certification and Higher Education Committee recommends that the State Board of Education vote to initiate the proposed rulemaking for Chapter 13.

MOVED by Jane Sexton, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present to move forward with initiating the proposed rulemaking for Chapter 13 with all cut-scores except for Physics, French, and Spanish.

NOTE: Chapter 13 – a Public Hearing will be held on July 16, 2018 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. The three attending Board members will be Wendy Ault, John Bird and Wilson Hess.

REGULATION CHAPTER 115, “THE CREDENTIALING OF EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL”

UPDATE:

The rule has been proposed, a hearing was held on December 27, 2017 and the comment period ended January 18, 2018. The Department has responded to the 108 sets of comments received by the deadline. The Legislative Council accepted the provisional adoption and developed an LD 1852, Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 115: the Credentialing of Educational Personnel, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education (EMERGENCY). The Joint Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs had a hearing on March 7, 2018 and work sessions on March 15, 19, 21 and was enacted on April 13, 2018. The Governor let it become law without signature on April 26, 2018. The Resolve permitted Part I to be finally adopted with several revisions: amend to require that school administrative unit to establish and maintain local credentialing committees, amend to restore the provisions governing the qualifications and supervision of educational technicians I and IIs to be credentialed with certificates by the Department of Education, provide an education standard of a minimum of a high school diploma for substitutes to serve for less than 6 weeks, and a few clarifications of wording for consistency. Part I was not authorized to be adopted, as the Department will be doing a thorough review of Part II over the summer for proposed rulemaking in the fall of 2018.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education vote affirmatively to submit Chapter 115, Part I, as amended pursuant to the Resolve, to the Secretary of State for final adoption.

MOVED by John Bird, seconded by Wilson Hess, and unanimously voted by those present to submit Chapter 115, Part I, as amended pursuant to the Resolve, to the Secretary of State for final adoption.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF A COMPETITIVE GEORGE BRIGGS GRANT AWARD FOR FY19

The State Board of Education’s Career and Technical Education Committee recommends to the State Board of Education any and all pertinent materials so that the State Board may perform its duties, including its fiduciary

responsibilities, as the agency responsible for the administration and oversight of the state career and technical education (CTE) program.

The committee oversees the George M. Briggs Award. It reviews proposals to make recommendations for the approval of programs to enhance career and technical education to the State Board of Education.

RECOMMENDATION: The State Board of Education approve a FY 19 Competitive George Briggs grant award, in the amount of \$14,387, to St. John Valley Technical Center in Frenchville. Grant will be used to support the growth of CTE in Maine through a CTE integration program beginning at the eighth-grade level.

MOVED by Jane Sexton, seconded by Wendy Ault, and unanimously voted by those present to approve a FY 19 Competitive George Briggs grant award, in the amount of \$14,387, to St. John Valley Technical Center in Frenchville. Grant will be used to support the growth of CTE in Maine through a CTE integration program beginning at the eighth-grade level.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF ALLOCATION OF CARL D. PERKINS ACT OF 2006 (P.L. 109-270) FY17/FY18 CARRYOVER FUNDS TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN THE FY19 PERKINS GRANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REVISED PERKINS STATE PLAN FOR THE FY 2019 EXTENSION TO ALIGN WITH THE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES OF THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The State Board of Education’s Career and Technical Education Committee recommends to the State Board of Education the designation of carryover monies from FY 2017/18 Perkins funds to be allocated for FY 2019 as follows:

- the Reserve Fund balance of ~\$51,000 be retained as undesignated reserve
- the State Administration Fund balance of ~\$20,000 be retained as undesignated reserve
- the State Leadership Fund balance of ~\$380,000 be designated in accordance with April 2018 revisions to the Perkins State Plan for the FY 2019 extension to align with the State Board of Education’s Strategic Priorities for CTE, as follows...
 - Award competitively up to \$200,000 to provide “gap funding” for implementation of new (FY 2019) secondary CTE programs designed to prepare students for high skill, high wage, or high demand occupations, but which will not receive startup funds from the new state EPS funding formula during the initial (FY 2019) year of the EPS funding implementation.

- Award competitively up to \$100,000 to implement middle school CTE programs for grades 7 and above. Eligible programs may be pilot programs, but must be implemented in FY19 and conclude prior to the end of the FY19 school year.
- Expend under CTE Committee direction up to \$30,000 for an initiative to broaden the articulation agreements between secondary CTE and local community colleges into statewide articulation agreements between the Maine Community College System and postsecondary CTE statewide. The goal of these activities is to align and standardize the number of postsecondary credits awarded for secondary programs with all like Maine Community College programs and general education requirements.
- Retain the remaining ~\$50,000, plus any unspent monies from the State Leadership Fund as a reserve within the State Leadership Fund, to support the State Board of Education's Strategic Priorities for CTE within FY19 as designated and duly authorized by the State Board of Education.

RECOMMENDATION: The State Board approve the allocation of Carl D. Perkins Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270) FY17/FY18 Carryover Funds to be distributed in the FY19 Perkins Grant in Accordance with the Revised Perkins State Plan for the FY 2019 Extension to align with the Strategic Priorities of the Maine State Board of Education.

MOVED by Wilson Hess, seconded by John Bird, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the allocation of Carl D. Perkins Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270) FY17/FY18 Carryover Funds to be distributed in the FY19 Perkins Grant in Accordance with the Revised Perkins State Plan for the FY 2019 Extension to align with the Strategic Priorities of the Maine State Board of Education.

CHARTER COMMISSION REPORT (Jana Lapoint):

- The Commission has no report at this time.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chair, Martha Harris

- On May 10, she attended and spoke on the Board's behalf, at the 2018 Maine County Teacher of the Year ceremony at the Hall of Flags.
- On May 11, she attended the Math and Science Presidential Awards event and again spoke on behalf of the State Board.
- On May 15, she participated telephonically in the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) By-Laws Committee meeting.
- On May 21, she attended the NASBE Board of Directors meeting via telephonic.
- On June 1, she attended the CTE Committee meeting.

- The Nominations Committee for Board elections of Chair and Vice Chair met on June 1.
- She participated in the Agenda Review meeting with Commissioner Hasson on June 1.
- On June 2, she attended Elise McKendry's High School Graduation in Jackman. There were 11 students graduating and the key note address was given by Senator Angus King. Elise graduated valedictorian of her class.
- On June 4, she attended the Maine Teacher of the Year meeting where the Committee chose eight semi-finalists from the 16 County Teachers of the Year. This is after reviewing 16 videos of lessons and the teachers' reflections and scoring each separately.
- On June 8 and 9, she attended the NASBE New Board Member Institute as a Mentor; and the Board of Directors meeting in Arlington, VA.

Vice Chair, Jana Lapoint

- She attended Baxter's graduation with 78 students graduating.
- She participated in the Agenda Review meeting with the Commissioner.
- Jana complimented John Bird on what a great job he does on Charter School reviews.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Jaylee Rice

- Her school's English Class is participating in a 20% project. It is a successful project for the sophomore class. This is a project to engage and motivate students by taking 20% of time out of a day to do something you would not particularly do. Jaylee taught herself how to play the flute.
- She was inducted into National Honors Society.
- Underclassmen awards night is on June 13.

Liberty Ladd

- She took several exams in May and June.
- She will be going to Girl's State on Sunday, June 17.
- The SAiL Program - "Student Adventures in Learning" is a program where students can lead sessions on topics which are not usually covered by school curriculum that they are passionate about to teach their peers. Sessions ran this year for two days, on May 21 and 22. Gathering data and presenting to the School Board.
- She is applying for Air Force ROTC in July.
- She is working on her Senior Independent Project.
- She attended Falmouth graduation on June 3.

Wilson Hess

- He attended the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting via phone on May 23.
- He attended and chaired the CTE Committee meeting on June 1.

- He attended the Agenda Review meeting with the Commissioner on June 1.
- He attended the County Teacher of the Year Ceremony at the Hall of Flags.
- He was the Board Observer for the Purdue Global Team Review. Jason Libby, Higher Education Specialist has an important role in the team reviews.
- He sat in on the first phase of the Perkins Federal review.
- Wilson commented on what a pleasure it has been to work with Meg Harvey, Career and Technical Education State Director, over this past year.

Amy Arata

- She attended graduation at Gray-New Gloucester High School.
- She attended awards night at the high school and the MELMAC Foundation presented an award.

Jane Sexton

- She attended Elise’s graduation at Forest Hills High School in Jackman.
- She attended and Chaired the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting on May 23.
- She attended the TEAMe Higher Education meeting at UNE in Biddeford.

John Bird

- He has been participating in the reviews of Charter Schools. John stated how rewarding it is to see what happens at the end of the year.

Fern Desjardins

- She is one of three peer reviewers reading and evaluating proposals submitted for grants for the “21st Century Community Learning Center”.
- She attended the Charter School Commission meeting on June 5.
- She serves as a Facilitator for Regionalization.

Wendy Ault

- MELMAC grant for CTE – 20 of 27 CTE’s have applied. The deadline to apply is the end of June.

ELECTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICERS (Chair and Vice Chair for the year 2018-2019)

Presented by Martha Harris, Nominating Committee Chair: A slate of officers were submitted at the May 9, 2018 Board meeting. Wilson Hess was nominated for election of Chair and Ande Smith was nominated for election of Vice Chair for the 2018-2019 Year.

Ande Smith resigned from the State Board of Education to take a position with the State of Maine. Jane Sexton removed herself from the Nomination Committee and Wendy Ault was asked to serve as the third member of the Nomination Committee.

Jane Sexton was submitted to the Slate of Officers to serve as Vice Chair of the Board for the 2018-2019 Year.

Moved by Martha Harris, seconded by Jana Lapoint and unanimously voted by those present to elect Wilson Hess as Chair and elect Jane Sexton as Vice Chair for the term of one year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board went into executive session to discuss a student transfer appeal at 2:55 PM. The Board returned to the regular business meeting at 3:19 PM.

STUDENT TRANSFER APPEALS:

MOTION by Wilson Hess, seconded by Jane Sexton, and voted unanimously by those present to uphold the Commissioner's decision in the denial of a transfer for NL. The transfer is denied.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Submit travel and expense account vouchers to Mary Becker at the end of this meeting.
- National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) will need someone to replace Nichi Farnham on the Public Education Policy Committee and an individual to serve on the Government Affairs Committee. Both Committees meet once a month via conference call.
- New England Secondary Consortium – need a Board member to replace Ande Smith.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- No public comment

ADJOURNMENT:

The June 13, 2018 State Board of Education meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.