



## MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on October 9, 2019 at Rumford Elementary School, 121 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Wilson Hess; Vice Chair Jane Sexton; Wendy Ault; John Bird; Fern Desjardins; Peter Geiger; Martha Harris; Casey Maddock; and Jaylee Rice

Excused: Jana Lapoint

Vacant: One Member

Others Present: Daniel Chuhta, Deputy Commissioner of Education; Scott Brown, Director of School Facilities; and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Specialist.

### **CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chair, Wilson Hess called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

### **VISION STATEMENT:**

Read by student member, Casey Maddock: 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 Fern Desjardins, seconded by John Bird, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the September 11, 2019 minutes as distributed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No Public Comment

### **OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

#### **Chair, Wilson Hess**

- Wilson noted that colleague Jana Lapoint is unwell and could not be with the Board today. The Board wishes her a speedy recovery.

- Distributed today to each Board member is a copy of the 2019-2020 edition of the Maine Education and School Statutes. Please keep in a cherished place in your home or office as it is the book with which the Board operates.
- A first draft of the 2020 SBE meeting calendar has been distributed today. Each committee chair should review meetings with committee members and let Mary Becker know of any changes to the calendar.
- The monthly expenditure/budget report goes to all Board members each month. Wilson has reviewed this month's report, and everything is in good order.
- Wilson has had an on-going conversation with the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner about Gubernatorial Appointments to the Board. The Board was very pleased to have Peter Geiger join them in July. The Board still has a vacant seat, one additional member that has termed out, and another Board member has completed her first term and would like reappointment to the Board. Wilson has been told that the appointments will be made when the Legislature convenes for its short second session starting in January 2020.
- The Commissioner has informed him that the Governor will be reviving the Professional Standards Board (PSB). The Board consists of 22 members and 2 ex officio members. The Governor will appoint members chosen by specified categories from around the State. The PSB reports to the State Board.
- A considerable amount of time has been spent with work on the student transfer appeals process. Wilson wanted to thank Phyllis Gardiner from the Attorney General's Office for her work and guidance to the Board.
- Wilson thanked Peter Geiger for hosting a wonderful strategy session related to the Construction Committee. He thanked the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and their colleagues along with Scott Brown for their work. All Board members present thought it was an extremely valuable conversation.
- The Certification and Higher Education Committee will give a report today on Chapter 115 and the Board will consider action. The Board tabled action on Chapter 115 at their September 11, 2019 meeting for more due diligence work to take place. Some of that work has taken place and some more remains to be done. Wilson anticipates that the Committee will recommend today that the Board table Chapter 115 to the November 13, 2019 meeting.
- The Certification and Higher Education Committee is also bringing before the Board degree-granting status on three institutions of higher education. One out-of-state institution for approval to conduct degree offerings within the state. One new degree authorizing level for in-state institution to administer the baccalaureate for the first time and one new program in teacher education for consideration.
- The Career and Technical Education Committee will bring forward strategic plan revisions and a provision related to the Perkins V State Funding and Planning Process to strategically target.
- The National Association of State Boards of Education Fall Conference is October 16 to 19, 2019 in Omaha, NE. Martha Harris, Fern Desjardins and he will be attending. Wilson thanked Martha for the leadership role she

plays nationally and thanked Fern for attending as the Board's voting delegate.

**Vice Chair, Jane Sexton**

- Jane shared that Thomas College was awarded a \$2.3 million dollar grant from the United States Department of Education's Title III Strengthening Institutions Program to support the success, retention, and graduation of students from low-income families.
- She looks forward to the Teacher of the Year event she will be attending on Thursday, October 10, 2019.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

***School Construction Committee (Martha Harris):***

The School Construction Committee met on October 9, 2019 at Rumford Elementary School as scheduled.

- The Committee recommends moving forward with Exhibit VIII.A. on the business agenda: Major Capital School Construction Program – Approved Projects List for the 2017-2018 Rating Cycle. With the suggestion of the Commissioner we recommend going forward with the first three projects on the list, with one being Rumford Elementary School.

The next School Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 22, 2019. 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 September 25, 2019 as scheduled.

- The main topic of discussion was Chapter 115: "Credentialing of Education Personnel." Jaci Holmes distributed a review of the Resolve language and its implementation. The comments and issues noted in the document were:
  - Part II, Sec. 1.2 – The new span for Elementary Endorsement (K-6) has implications for other endorsement spans which are not specified in the Resolve. Work is being done to mitigate this issue.
  - Part II, Sec. 1.4 – JROTC pathway that needed additional coursework – DOE needs to develop an internal checklist to mitigate what the Resolve caused.
  - Part II, Sec. 11.2 – Literacy Specialist Endorsement added – needs a way to look at course content for transcript analysis.
- The next Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 23, 2019 from 12:00 to 2:00 PM. The Committee will receive specifics on Chapter 115 along with a monthly update from the Certification Office and Higher Education.

The next Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2019. 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 (John Bird):***

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee met on September 26, 2019, as scheduled.

- Conversation was regarding the Transition of the Perkins V Plan under the direction of Dwight Littlefield and Donna Tiner. This has been a major topic and consideration over the past several months. While the work is not entirely done, it was important to come out of the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting with some recommendations that pertain to provisions of the Board’s Strategic Plan relating to CTE.
- The Four Strategic Priorities are to be modified to read:
  - Direct a greater portion of CTE funds towards instruction & instructionally related services.
  - Change the original goal, “Double enrollment in CTE programs”, to read, “Increase enrollment in grade 9-12 CTE programs by 25%, with special emphasis on grade 9-10 participants.”
  - Introduce and support CTE instruction into Maine's middle schools.
  - Better align and support secondary and post-secondary CTE offerings and programs.
- The Transition Plan State Leadership Funds will prioritize “establishing statewide articulation agreements” and “adopting and integrating recognized postsecondary credentials into programs of study”.
- Local Formula Distribution Fund allocations between eligible secondary and post-secondary recipients will remain unchanged at 50% each.

The next Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2019. 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 (Peter Geiger):***

The Legislative Action Committee is currently inactive. Peter will be reviewing carryover bills and new bills going forward. He has started to put something together to send to the Committee members for feedback.

There may be a Governor’s bill that would affect the student transfer process that involves the State Board of Education.

Prior to LD 1591, a parent of a student could request a transfer to a school administrative unit in which the student does not reside. The superintendent of both districts may approve the transfer if it is determined to be in the best interest of the student. If one or both superintendents deny the transfer request, the parent could appeal to the Commissioner of Education. This worked well until all appeals favoring the parents were being approved resulting in legislation of LD 1591 which

inserted the State Board of Education into the process should either the parent or superintendent wish to appeal the Commissioner's decision to the State Board.

What is in the "best interest of the student"? It is poorly defined in the law. There is a great deal of documentation from the initial parent request to a superintendent until it finally reaches the State Board. It is extremely burdensome to parents.

Requesting that the State Board review the Commissioner's decision takes the decision one step further away from those involved in the case. The Board works strictly from the documentary evidence in the record provided by all parties. The Board does not conduct an investigation of their own.

Depending on the time of year, a parent may not send a child to school while waiting for a decision.

***Nomination and Election (Fern Desjardins):***

No report for the Nomination and Election Committee.

***Student Voices (Wendy Ault):***

Applications received for the Student Cabinet are up to 365. The Committee will meet on October 23 to review applications.

***Chapter 125 - Basic Approval Standards: Public Schools and School Administrative Units (Fern Desjardins):***

Since the September 11 State Board meeting, the Department of Education staff have met and reviewed a draft of Chapter 125 revisions. Changes were made, and Pamela Ford-Taylor sent the new draft to Committee members. Fern spoke with Pamela on September 27 trying to set up a meeting. Pamela had tentative dates from Department staff, but Peter Geiger was attending a team review at Thomas College and Jane Sexton had some personal commitments. Because Ad-Hoc Committee members were not available to meet when Department staff was available, Chair Hess and Deputy Commissioner Chuhta spoke and postponed the meeting to Wednesday, October 23. The Committee will review the draft and hear feedback from the Committee and Department of Education.

***Charter Commission Representatives (Fern Desjardins for Jana Lapoint):***

The Charter School Commission met on October 8, 2019.

Approved Items:

- The District name of Cornville Regional Charter School was changed to Community Regional Charter School. The change was made because they are no longer based in Cornville. Each of the three buildings will become an Academy and the buildings will be renamed, but they will remain part of the overall system (CRCS).
- Harpswell Coastal Academy will be adding grade 5 to their program beginning in 2020-21. This will allow for a multi-year looping curriculum for grades 5 and 6 for their middle school program.

- Maine Academy of Natural Sciences was granted \$1,500.00 for training on special education laws and regulations. Attorney Eric Herlan of Drummond Woodsum will provide the training.
- NWEA student growth targets were set for all nine charter schools for school years 2019-20 to 2022-2023.

Accepted Items:

- New Administrators at Baxter Academy.
- New Governing Board members at Maine Academy of Natural Sciences and at Maine Arts Academy.

Other:

- A Public Hearing to consider Maine Virtual Academy's Renewal Application will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Maine Virtual Academy's office in Augusta.
- Representatives from all nine charter schools recently attended NWEA training at the Augusta Civic Center.
- Heads of Schools and Board Chairs attended a workshop on September 16 at the Augusta Civic Center to get an update on PEPG changes, the implementation of the \$40,000 teacher salary, food service legislation implications, certification changes, vaccination changes, student/staff data – including chronically absent and attendance coding, etc. MDOE staff presented most sessions.
- Commission members Laurie Pendleton and Fern Desjardins, along with Roger Brainard (Executive Director, MACS) and Amy Allen (Senior Support Coordinator, Charter School Commission), will be presenting a clinic titled *Maine's Public Charter Schools: What's Happening Now?* at the MSMA Fall Conference on October 24 at 3:40 p.m.
- Jana Lapoint, Shelley Reed, Bob Kautz, and Gina Post will be attending the NACSA Leadership Conference in St. Louis, MI on October 21-24.
- The new SharePoint Access website is up with much information on Maine's charter schools.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

CHAPTER 115, "THE CREDENTIALING OF EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL"

MOTION by Jane Sexton, seconded by John Bird, and unanimously voted by those present to table Chapter 115 until the November 13, 2019 State Board meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

MAJOR CAPITAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM – APPROVED PROJECTS LIST FOR THE 2017-2018 RATING CYCLE

STATEMENT OF FACT: The State Board of Education approved the Final Priority List on August 14, 2018. The Commissioner is now recommending advancing the highest rated projects on to the Approved Projects List. In accordance with Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, Section 5 Approved Projects List, "Placement on the Approved Projects List is an acknowledgement that the pupils in the rated facility have a significant need to be housed under improved circumstances. It does not assure replacement of the facility(ies) that received the

rating.” Placement on the Approved Projects List will allow the Department to work with the school districts in developing recommendations and timelines for each project.

COMMISSIONER’S RECOMMENDATION: The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education approve the attached Approved Projects Lists. 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 designated projects.

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On October 9, 2019, the School Construction Committee recommended that this exhibit be placed on the October 9, 2019 meeting agenda and that the State Board of Education approve the Approved Projects List for the 2017-2018 Rating Cycle. 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.

MOVED by Martha Harris, seconded by Jane Sexton, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the Approved Projects List for the 2017-2018 Rating Cycle. 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.

#### RECEIPT OF THE BEAL COLLEGE DEGREE-GRANTING REVIEW TEAM REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTERS 149 AND 170

BACKGROUND: The review team was chaired by Dr. Susan Gardiner of The University of Maine. The review took place June 13, 2019. The review team reviewed the institution’s self-study using Chapters 149 and 170 standards.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education receive the Beal College Review Team report of findings that the institution’s B.S. Health Information Management program be granted approval by the Maine State Board of Education.

MOVED by John Bird, seconded by Jane Sexton, and unanimously voted by those present to receive the Beal College Review Team report of findings that the institution’s B.S. Health Information Management program be granted approval by the Maine State Board of Education.

#### RECEIPT OF THE EASTERN MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM REVIEW TEAM REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 114

BACKGROUND: The review team was chaired by Dr. Gail Senese of the Maine Department of Education. The review took place April 7-8, 2019. The review team reviewed the institution’s self-study using Chapter 114 standards.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education receive the Eastern Maine Community College Review Team report of findings that the institution’s educator preparation program be granted initial program approval by the Maine State Board of Education from Fall 2019 to Fall 2024.

MOVED by Fern Desjardins, seconded by Jane Sexton, and unanimously voted by those present to receive the Eastern Maine Community College Review Team report of findings that the institution’s educator preparation program be granted initial program approval by the Maine State Board of Education from Fall 2019 to Fall 2024.

#### RECEIPT OF THE NORTHERN VERMONT UNIVERSITY DEGREE-GRANTING REVIEW TEAM REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTERS 149 AND 170

BACKGROUND: The review team was chaired by Dr. Melik Peter Khoury of Unity College. The review took place November 18, 2018. The review team reviewed the institution’s self-study using chapters 149 and 170 standards.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education receive the Northern Vermont University Review Team report of findings that the institution’s M.S. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling program be granted approval by the Maine State Board of Education from Spring 2019 to Spring of 2023

MOVED by Wendy Ault, seconded by John Bird, and unanimously voted by those present to receive the Northern Vermont University Review Team report of findings that the institution’s M.S. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling program be granted approval by the Maine State Board of Education from Spring 2019 to Spring of 2023

#### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UPDATING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLAN

BACKGROUND: At its Annual Retreat in August 2019 the Board reflected on its 2016-2021 strategic plan. The Board reviewed the previous year’s accomplishments from its strategic plan, recommendations from its standing committees, and suggestions new policy initiatives derived from a workshop session in order to consider strategic plan modifications.

At its September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board took the initial steps to collaboratively develop an “action agenda” to help focus the Board’s work for 2020. Subsequent Board meetings will further consider and refine this action agenda. The Board’s committees were asked to further examine and refine the elements of the action agenda into their section of the strategic plan.

The Strengthening Career and Technical Education Committee, at its September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting considered and hereby offers modifications for the “Strategic Priorities” listed in Goal 2: Streamlining and Enhancing Teacher Certification and Preparation in Maine. The Committee asks for consideration of these modification at the October



2019 Board meeting to allow their timely inclusion in the State plan under the federal Perkins V program.

The proposed revised language is:

1. Direct a greater portion of CTE funds towards instruction & instructionally related services.
2. Increase experiences in grade 9-12 CTE program areas by 2023 with special emphasis on grade 9-10 concentrators.
3. Introduce and support CTE exploration programs to Maine's middle level students.
4. Better align and support secondary and post-secondary CTE offerings and programs.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board adopt the 2020 revisions to the Strategic Priorities of Goal 2 (Goal 2: Strengthen Career and Technical Education) of the “2016-2021: A Strategic Vision for Education in Maine” strategic plan.

MOVED by John Bird, seconded by Wendy Ault, and unanimously voted by those present to adopt the 2020 revisions to the Strategic Priorities of Goal 1 (Goal 1: Strengthen Career and Technical Education) of the “2016-2021: A Strategic Vision for Education in Maine” strategic plan.

#### PERKINS V PROVISIONS

The State Board of Education’s Career and Technical Education Committee recommends to the State Board of Education the designation of planning and implementation priorities for federal Perkins V funds.

Recommendation: That the Board adopt the following three provisions regarding Perkins V planning and implementation:

- A. State Board of Education Strategic Priorities:
  1. Direct a greater portion of CTE funds towards instruction & instructionally related services.
  2. Increase experiences in grade 9-12 CTE program areas by 2023 with special emphasis on grade 9-10 concentrators.
  3. Introduce and support CTE exploration programs to Maine's middle level students.
  4. Better align and support secondary and post-secondary CTE offerings and programs.
- B. State Leadership Funds should prioritize “establishing statewide articulation agreements” and “adopting and integrating recognized postsecondary credentials into programs of study” (SBE Strat. Plan Priority #4).
- C. Local Formula Distribution Fund allocations between eligible secondary and post-secondary recipients remain unchanged at 50% each.

MOVED by John Bird, seconded by Wendy Ault, and unanimously voted by those present to adopt the following three provisions regarding Perkins V planning and implementation:

PROVISIONS:

- A. State Board of Education Strategic Priorities:
  - 1. Direct a greater portion of CTE funds towards instruction & instructionally related services.
  - 2. Increase experiences in grade 9-12 CTE program areas by 2023 with special emphasis on grade 9-10 concentrators.
  - 3. Introduce and support CTE exploration programs to Maine's middle level students.
  - 4. Better align and support secondary and post-secondary CTE offerings and programs.
  
- B. State Leadership Funds should prioritize “establishing statewide articulation agreements” and “adopting and integrating recognized postsecondary credentials into programs of study” (SBE Strat. Plan Priority #4).
  
- C. Local Formula Distribution Fund allocations between eligible secondary and post-secondary recipients remain unchanged at 50% each.

PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING REQUESTS FOR REVIEW OF COMMISSIONER DECISIONS ON STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS

Wilson Hess, Chair of the Board, read a new procedure for the Board when going into executive session to review requests for review of Commissioner decisions of student transfer request.

The Board will be considering several requests for Board review of the Commissioner’s decision regarding a requested transfer of a student to another school district, pursuant to Title 20-A, section 5205(6)(F). The Board will be going into executive session to consider the requests because each one involves reviewing and discussing information contained in student records made confidential by the federal law known as FERPA, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. The parents and any attorney representing a parent are welcome to attend the executive session for the discussion of their particular student’s transfer, as are the Superintendents of the school districts involved in that requested transfer. The Board will review all of the transfer requests in one executive session, and the Board Secretary will step out to invite the appropriate parties in before we begin discussion of their particular request.

After the Board votes to come out of executive session, the Board will entertain motions and take a vote on the disposition of each request in public session.

The Board’s role in these proceedings is to review the Commissioner’s decision based on the record that was before her. Although the statute directs the Board to “communicate with” the parties involved, which the Board has done, the Board

cannot accept any new evidence pertaining to a transfer request that was not considered below.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

MOTION by Jane Sexton, seconded by Martha Harris, and voted unanimously by those present for the Board to go into Executive Session, pursuant to Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes, section 405, subsection 6, paragraph F, to discuss information contained in records that are confidential under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Title 20 of the United States Code, section 1232g relating to a request from WM, CM and MB to review the Commissioner's decision to approve or disapprove a request for student transfers, pursuant to Title 20-A, section 5205, subsection 6, paragraph F at 1:50 PM.

The Board returned to the regular business meeting at 2:15 PM.

MOTION by John Bird, seconded by Martha Harris, and voted unanimously by those present to overturn the Commissioner's decision in the denial of a transfer for WM. Motion Carries and the transfer is granted.

MOTION by John Bird, seconded by Martha Harris, and voted five in favor with two members opposed (Fern Desjardins and Wilson Hess) to uphold the Commissioner's decision in the denial of a transfer for CM. Motion Carries and the transfer is denied.

MOTION by John Bird, seconded by Martha Harris, and voted five in favor with two members opposed (Fern Desjardins and Wilson Hess) to uphold the Commissioner's decision in the denial of a transfer for MB. Motion Carries and the transfer is denied.

MOTION by Jane Sexton, seconded by Martha Harris, and voted unanimously by those present for the Board to go into Executive Session, pursuant to Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes, section 405, subsection 6, paragraph F, to discuss information contained in records that are confidential under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Title 20 of the United States Code, section 1232g relating to a request from IC to review the Commissioner's decision to approve or disapprove a request for a student transfer, pursuant to Title 20-A, section 5205, subsection 6, paragraph F at 2:19 PM.

The Board returned to the regular business meeting at 2:23 PM.

MOTION by Wendy Ault, seconded by Martha Harris, and voted six in favor with one member recusing herself (Fern Desjardins) to uphold the Commissioner's decision in the denial of a transfer for IC. Motion Carries and the transfer is denied.

MOTION by Jane Sexton, seconded by John Bird, and voted unanimously by those present for the Board to go into Executive Session, pursuant to Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes, section 405, subsection 6, paragraph F, to discuss information

contained in records that are confidential under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Title 20 of the United States Code, section 1232g relating to a request from AH to review the Commissioner's decision to approve or disapprove a request for a student transfer, pursuant to Title 20-A, section 5205, subsection 6, paragraph F at 2:26 PM.

The Board returned to the regular business meeting at 2:38 PM.

MOTION by Wilson Hess, seconded by Martha Harris, and voted five in favor with two members opposed (Wendy Ault and Fern Desjardins) to uphold the Commissioner's decision in the denial of a transfer for AH. Motion Carries and the transfer is denied.

MOTION by Jane Sexton, seconded by John Bird, and voted unanimously by those present for the Board to go into Executive Session, pursuant to Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes, section 405, subsection 6, paragraph F, to discuss information contained in records that are confidential under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Title 20 of the United States Code, section 1232g relating to a request from DH to review the Commissioner's decision to approve or disapprove a request for a student transfer, pursuant to Title 20-A, section 5205, subsection 6, paragraph F at 2:40 PM.

The Board returned to the regular business meeting at 2:58 PM.

MOTION by Martha Harris, seconded by Wendy Ault, and voted unanimously by those present to overturn the Commissioner's decision in the denial of a transfer for DH. Motion Carries and the transfer is granted.

MOTION by Jane Sexton, seconded by John Bird, and voted unanimously by those present for the Board to go into Executive Session, pursuant to Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes, section 405, subsection 6, paragraph F, to discuss information contained in records that are confidential under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Title 20 of the United States Code, section 1232g relating to a request from AP to review the Commissioner's decision to approve or disapprove a request for a student transfer, pursuant to Title 20-A, section 5205, subsection 6, paragraph F at 3:02 PM.

The Board returned to the regular business meeting at 3:14 PM.

MOTION by Peter Geiger, seconded by Martha Harris, and voted six in favor with one member opposed (Wendy Ault) to uphold the Commissioner's decision in the denial of a transfer for AP. Motion Carries and the transfer is denied.

MOTION by Jane Sexton, seconded by John Bird, and voted unanimously by those present for the Board to go into Executive Session, pursuant to Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes, section 405, subsection 6, paragraph F, to discuss information contained in records that are confidential under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Title 20 of the United States Code, section 1232g relating to a request

from BO, AO and TO to review the Commissioner's decision to approve or disapprove a request for student transfers, pursuant to Title 20-A, section 5205, subsection 6, paragraph F at 3:17 PM.

The Board returned to the regular business meeting at 3:46 PM.

MOTION by Martha Harris, seconded by Jane Sexton, and voted four in favor with three members opposed (Wendy Ault, Fern Desjardins and Wilson Hess) to uphold the Commissioner's decision in the denial of a transfer for BO. Motion Carries and the transfer is denied.

MOTION by Martha Harris, seconded by John Bird, and voted four in favor with three members opposed (Wendy Ault, Fern Desjardins and Wilson Hess) to uphold the Commissioner's decision in the denial of a transfer for AO. Motion Carries and the transfer is denied.

MOTION by Martha Harris, seconded by Jane Sexton, and voted four in favor with three members opposed (Wendy Ault, Fern Desjardins and Wilson Hess) to uphold the Commissioner's decision in the denial of a transfer for TO. Motion Carries and the transfer is denied.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Submit travel and expense account vouchers to Mary Becker at the end of this meeting.
- The next Board meeting will be held at Corinth Elementary School on Wednesday, November 13, 2019, at 1:00 PM.
- The December 11 meeting will be held at Sanford High School.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The October 9, 2019 State Board of Education meeting adjourned at 3:56 PM.