



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on February 10, 2010, at the Cross State Office Building, ATM Room 103, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Ann Weisleder; Vice Chair James Banks, Sr.; James Carignan; Marilyn Temple Tardy; Steven Pound; Lynda Doyle; Nancy Perkins; Jeffrey Vermette; and Andrea Levinsky.

Honor Wilkinson by telephone from 10:00 AM – 1:50 PM

Also present were: Deputy Commissioner Angela Faherty; Harry Osgood, Higher Education Specialist; Dan Hupp, Director of Student Assessment; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Ann Weisleder called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED by James Banks, Sr., seconded by Marilyn Temple Tardy, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the November 18, 2009, December 21, 2009, and January 13, 2010 minutes as written.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chair, Ann Weisleder:

- That she attended the Diploma Partner's Group meeting and they were given a nice presentation by Hall-Dale High School District. Students select projects and have a venue where they present their projects. She enjoyed seeing all the pride that these students have in their work.
- That on January 14, 2010 she presented the target figures for the Board to the Education Committee. The Education Committee reviewed the supplemental budget and passed the \$4,000+.
- That she attended the Education Committee work session on the Graduation Rate bill and the bill is tabled until they know what is happening with the Juvenile Justice bill.
- That she attended the New England Secondary School Consortium Council (NESSCC) meeting via video conference. She handed out a copy of a briefing.
- That she has been working on the Student application process.

- That she would like to thank Andrea for accepting the role as the Chair's Designee and speaking on behalf of the Board at the Maine Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching Recognition Dinner.
- Handouts:
 - ✓ New England Secondary Consortium February 2010 Briefing
 - ✓ FY10 State Board Expenses as of February 8, 2010
 - ✓ 2009 – 2011 Program Review Team Roster

Vice Chair, James Banks, Sr.

- That he met with Glen Cummings, Secretary, US Department of Education. Glen pointed out that HR 3221 Modernization, Renovation, and Repair is a bill that has been passed by the House and is currently in the Senate. Modernization has many dollars available for school construction. There is 5% of two million dollars that will be allocated in surrounding communities where base closures took place. This would affect Brunswick and possibly the surrounding communities of Brunswick. He has been meeting with Congresswoman Pingree's office and following up with the opportunity to get these funds. He has sent letters to both Senator Collins and Senator Snowe's office. He will also follow up with a letter to Senator Tom Hawkins. He has been very busy following up on HR 3221.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Andrea Levinsky:

- That she spoke on behalf of the Board at The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching Recognition Dinner at the Senator Inn on February 5, 2010. While there, a U-Maine System individual spoke about projects with colleges with energy efficiency.

Nancy Perkins:

- That she attended the RISC meeting on January 20, 2010. She was only able to attend the first day. The first presentation was Rick Shriver, one of the Authors of "Delivering on the Promise". It was very impressive and he was very good at answering everyone's questions.

Lynda Doyle:

- That she attended the Presidential Awards Recognition Dinner on February 5, 2010 and thought Andrea's speech was articulate. It was brilliant of Ann to ask Andrea to speak at the banquet. The audience loved it.

Jeffrey Vermette:

- No Report

Marilyn Temple Tardy:

- That she does not have anything to report, but would like Jim Carignan to know how nice it is to see him at the meeting.

Steven Pound:

- No Report

Honor Wilkinson:

- No Report

CONSENT AGENDA:

RECEIPT OF THE REVIEW TEAM REPORT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL DEGREE-GRANTING AUTHORITY AS SUBMITTED BY ANDOVER COLLEGE TO AWARD CERTAIN BACCALAUREATE AND ASSOCIATE DEGREES

MOVED by James Carignan, seconded by Steven Pound, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the consent agenda.

SPECIAL ORDERS (Important business previously designated for consideration)

CONSIDERATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT MACHIAS REVIEW TEAM REPORT OF FINDINGS

BACKGROUND: A program approval visit to the University of Maine at Machias was conducted November 15-18, 2009 for the purpose of reviewing the following professional educator preparation programs:

RENEWAL: MAJOR IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (K-8) WITH CONCENTRATIONS IN HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCE, SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

RENEWAL: MINOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION (7-12) WITH A MAJOR IN ART, ENGLISH, LIFE OR PHYSICAL SCIENCE, SOCIAL SCIENCE OR MATHEMATICS.

INITIAL APPROVAL: MAJOR IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION WITH CONCENTRATIONS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD, SPECIAL EDUCATION OR COACHING

INITIAL APPROVAL: MAJOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION (7-12) WITH CONCENTRATION OR MINOR IN ART, ENGLISH, LIFE OR PHYSICAL SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, OR MATHEMATICS

INITIAL APPROVAL: ALTERNATIVE ROUTE TO CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS:

- ELEMENTARY EDUCATION TEACHER CERTIFICATION (K-8)

- SECONDARY EDUCATION TEACHER CERTIFICATION (7-12) IN: ART, ENGLISH, HISTORY, LIFE OR PHYSICAL SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, OR MATHEMATICS.
- SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER CERTIFICATION (K-8 OR 7-12)

Following the on-site visit, a report was prepared which includes findings, commendations, and program recommendations as well as a recommendation for State program approval status. The Team Report had been distributed to Board members.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education accept the Review Team report of findings and grant full five-year State program approval for the University of Maine at Machias educator preparation programs. The period of approval would be from fall 2009 through fall 2014.

MOVED by Marilyn Tardy, seconded by Jeffrey Vermette, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the Review Team report of findings and grant full five-year State program approval for the University of Maine at Machias Educator Preparation Programs. The period of approval will be from the fall of 2009 through the fall of 2014.

CONSIDERATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND PROGRAM REVIEW TEAM REPORT OF FINDINGS

BACKGROUND: A program approval visit to the University of New England was conducted October 18-21, 2009 for the purpose of reviewing the following professional educator preparation programs:

Undergraduate Program:

- Elementary Education, K-8
- Secondary Education, 7-12
 - Social Studies
 - Physical Science
 - Life Science
 - English/Language Arts
 - Mathematics
- Art Education, K-12

Post-Baccalaureate Certification Programs:

- Elementary Education, K-8
- Secondary Education, 7-12
- Master of Science in Education
- Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study
in Educational Leadership

Following the on-site visitation, a report was prepared which includes findings, commendations, and program recommendations as well as a recommendation for State program approval status. The Review Team report was received during the January 13, 2010 meeting of the Board.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education accept the Review Team Report of Findings and grant State program approval to the University of New England educator preparation programs. The period of approval will be from fall 2009 to fall 2014.

MOVED by Nancy Perkins, seconded by James Carignan, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the Review Team Report of Findings and grant State Program Approval to the University of New England Educator Preparation Programs. The period of approval will be from the fall of 2009 to the fall of 2014.

NOTE: Jeffrey Vermette stepped out at 2:43 PM and returned at 2:48 PM.

CONSIDERATION OF THE THOMAS COLLEGE TEAM REPORT OF FINDINGS

BACKGROUND: A program approval visit to Thomas College was conducted November 1-4, 2009 for the purpose of reviewing the following professional educator preparation program:

- Elementary Education

Following the on-site visitation, a report was prepared which includes findings, commendations, and program recommendations as well as a recommendation for State program approval status. The report was distributed to State Board members during the January 13, 2010 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education accept the Review Team Report of Findings and grant State program approval to the Thomas College Elementary Education program through December 31, 2011. It is further recommended that the Board require an Interim Report, addressing the Team's findings and recommendations concerning Standard 4, Diversity, be submitted to the State Board by December 31, 2011. With acceptance of this report the Board may then extend State program approval to the fall of 2014.

MOVED by James Banks, Sr., seconded by Nancy Perkins and voted six in favor with one member opposed (Jeffrey Vermette) to accept the Review Team Report of Findings and grant State program approval to the Thomas College Elementary Education program through December 31, 2011. It is further recommended that the Board require an Interim Report, addressing the Team's findings and recommendations concerning Standard 4, Diversity, be submitted to the State Board by December 31, 2011. With acceptance of this report the Board may then extend State program approval to the fall of 2014. Motion Carried.

NOTE: James Carignan left the meeting at 2:50 PM.

CONSIDERATION OF THE INTERIM REPORT FROM THE UNITY COLLEGE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

BACKGROUND: During its June 13, 2007 meeting the Board granted initial State program approval through December 31, 2009 and required the unit to develop and submit an interim report addressing the 2007 Team Report's recommendations prior to December 31, 2009. The required Interim Report was received from the College and was reviewed by the 2007 Team Chair, Dr. Lynne Coy-Ogan, Provost and Dean of Education at Husson University. Dr. Coy-Ogan reviewed various iterations of the College's report and supports the Board acting

favorably upon it. A copy of the interim report was distributed during the January 13, 2010 meeting of the Board.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education accept the Unity College Interim Report and extend the period of State program approval of its teacher education program to the winter of 2012.

MOVED by James Banks, Sr., seconded by Marilyn Tardy and unanimously voted by those present to accept the Unity College Interim Report and extend the period of State Program Approval of its Teacher Education Program to the winter of 2012.

CONSIDERATION OF THE COLBY COLLEGE PROGRAM REVIEW TEAM REPORT OF FINDINGS

BACKGROUND: A program approval visit to Colby College was conducted November 29 – December 2, 2009 for the purpose of reviewing the following professional educator certification program:

Secondary Education, 7-12

- English/Language Arts
- Foreign Language
- Mathematics
- Life Science
- Physical Science
- Social Studies

Following the on-site visitation, a report was prepared which includes findings, commendations, and program recommendations as well as a recommendation for State program approval status. The Review Team report was distributed to during the Board's January 13, 2010 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education accept the Review Team Report of Findings and grant full five-year State program approval to the Colby College professional educator certification program. The period of approval would be from fall 2009 through fall 2014.

MOVED by Steven Pound, seconded by Lynda Doyle and unanimously voted by those present to accept the Review Team Report of Findings and grant full five-year State Program to the Colby College Professional Educator Certification Program. The period of approval will be from the fall 2009 through the fall 2014.

NEW BUISNESS:

CONCERNS AND ISSUES REGARDING BOARD SUPPORT OF INITIATIVES

Board members have received mailings and phone calls from Ford Made in America soliciting support for their program. Ann called Phoebe at Ford Made in America and according to Phoebe, should the Board agree to support this initiative, Phoebe's group can

a) list support by Maine State Board of Education with all members names or

b) names of individuals supporting the initiative, as agreed to by individual Board Members

The issue is that individual Board members have no authority outside of the Board as a group.

Ann received the following and handed a copy out to Board members for discussion:

“Ford Made in America is more than just a performance of one piece. Each participating orchestra is also equipped with a “tool kit” which aids them in maximizing local fund raising, marketing, and promotion efforts that specifically address new music. Education lesson plans in the tool kit serve as the basis for developing distinctive community-based programs. Technical support is available from Ford Made in America project managers, and orchestras have the opportunity to learn from each other and share collective wisdom about their experiences, forging new connections within the industry. In the end, Ford Made in America achieves two major goals: First, it encourages new music performance and commissioning by orchestras nationwide. Second, new music becomes the catalyst for effecting institutional growth in each orchestra through the collective efforts of the consortium.”

This seems to indicate that the expectations of the invitation are broader than originally described and individual Board members have already been invited to attend meetings.

Following extensive discussion:

MOTION made by Nancy Perkins, and seconded by Lynda Doyle that the State Board of Education does not endorse Ford Made in America Partnership. The Board voted three in favor (Nancy Perkins, Ann Weisleder, and Lynda Doyle), one opposed (Jeffrey Vermette) and three abstained (Steven Pound, Marilyn Tardy and James Banks, Sr.). Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- No Announcements

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- No Public Comment

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Steven Pound, seconded by James Banks, Sr., and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the February 10, 2010, State Board of Education meeting at 3:51 PM.