



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on October 13, 2010, at the Cross State Office Building, Room 103, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair James Banks, Sr.; Vice Chair Steven Pound; James Carignan; Lynda Doyle; Nancy Perkins; Marilyn Temple Tardy; Jana Lapoint; Martha Harris; and Angela Bechard.

Excused: Andrea Levinsky and Dorothy Martin

Also present were: James Rier, Director of Finance and Operations; Wanda Monthey, Policy Director of Standards, Assessment and Regional Services; Margaret Harvey, Career and Technical Education Grant Manager/Federal Programs Coordinator; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair James Banks, Sr., called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED by James Carignan, seconded by Steven Pound, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the September 15, 2010 minutes as written.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chair, James Banks, Sr.:

- That all Board members received the National State Boards of Education (NASBE) list of 2011 Study Groups. Any member interested in participating in one of the study groups should contact Mary as soon as possible.
- That he attended the 5th Maine Symposium on Higher Education held on September 28th in Portland. Following lunch there was a Gubernatorial Forum on Higher Education and all five candidates attended.
- That he attended the Maine Environmental Literacy Advisory Committee meeting.

Vice Chair, Steven Pound

- That he will be attending a Military conference in Kansas City, Missouri that is hosted and funded by U.S. Army Accessions Command and hosted in conjunction with the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE), Association for Career and Technical Education, the Council of Chief State School Officers and the National Governors Association. The goal is to create pilot programs and long-lasting partnerships in support of our Nation's youth.
- That he was elected to serve on NASBE's Board of Directors for two years beginning in January 2011. The first year NASBE will pay all the travel cost and possibly some cost of the second year.
- That Brenda Welburn from NASBE will be meeting with the Board on November 4, 2010 to assist with the Strategic Plan. The first draft has been sent to all Board members and any comments should be received by the end of this week.
- That he received an updated Board expenditure report from finance and is sharing the report with the Board.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE UPDATE – Marilyn Tardy:

- The Construction Committee met on October 4, 2010. Dale Doughty, Technical Consultant, has been assigned the work for tracking project finances. He is currently working on the Farmington project.
- The committee received an update on the application review process for the current rating cycle. Scott Brown, Paul Johnson and Stan Sawyer have completed 30 site reviews to date. They have reported that the need is astronomical. They received 73 applications for new construction.
- The committee has spoken with Jim Rier and he will present another tutorial on the Consolidated 9 – 16 Education Facility. At Jim Carignan's suggestion, the committee will ask Scott Brown and his team to present at the January meeting the steps of the construction process to see if it is feasible to recommend some ways to shorten up the process.

CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE UPDATE - Nancy Perkins:

- The Committee met on September 27, 2010. We had a brief discussion about the InTASC standards. At the next committee meeting (October 28) we will begin analyzing the State Policy Implications of the teaching standards. We have been told that there will probably not be any great changes in the InTASC document when it comes out in the spring of 2011. The committee will be taking proactive steps and start working through the State Policy Implications book.
- The Committee also looked at the New Teacher Performance Assessment that is being piloted. The assessment is for pre-service teachers and is an initial licensure. It is similar to National Board Certification where they do a cap stone

teaching event that comes at the end of their college years. They create a lesson, teach the lesson, and video tape the lesson.

- Jim Banks presented to the committee what he has learned about the Regional Certification Movement. Nancy followed up with Mark Kostin and in a couple weeks Mark will have information regarding the process in other States.
- Barbara Moody provided the committee with information on another consortium that the State is involved in. It is the State Consortium on Educator Effectiveness (SCEE). An example of one of the supported activities is creating a knowledge base, products, and tools responsive for state needs around Critical Topical strands like Teacher and Leader Standards, Teacher and Leader Preparation, Teacher and Leader Evaluation, Teacher and Leader Professional Growth, Teacher and Leader Equity and Systemic Change. These are all things that fit under what the State Board does.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE – Steve Pound:

- The Committee met on October 5, 2010 and briefly reviewed the five year Perkins Plan, and the responsibilities of the State Board. The committee agreed to meet on a regular basis, at least quarterly when the Perkins Quarterly Report is due to come before the State Board.

Note: Angela Bechard left the meeting at 1:25 PM.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Nancy Perkins:

- That she also attended the 5th Maine Symposium on Higher Education held on September 28th in Portland.

James Carignan:

- That he attended the Construction Committee meeting on October 4, 2010, and is excited that the committee will be reviewing the 22 steps of the review and approval process. He is hopeful that with careful review the committee can streamline the process without giving up any of the very important checks that have worked so well in the Major Capital Construction Program.
- That he attended the second half of the gubernatorial forum in Portland.

Dorothy Martin:

- No Report (Absent)

Martha Harris:

- That she attended her first Certification Committee meeting on September 27, 2010.
- That she attended a workshop given by the Penobscot River Educational Partnership. It has 12 member school boards and they periodically give educational workshops for school board members. She attended the workshop on Common Core.

Jana Lapoint:

- That she also attended the 5th Maine Symposium on Higher Education held on September 28th in Portland.
- That she attended a Common Core Session.
- That she spoke with one of the school systems in Portland that has received a grant. Only five teachers have not attended an initial session to learn about the Common Core.

Lynda Doyle:

- That she attended the recertification of the educational program at Bates College with Harry Osgood. It is a wonderful school. They have a writing lab that all freshman need to go through for their first year. They hire three PhD professors that help the students with their thesis in their senior year.

Angela Bechard:

- No Report

Andrea Levinsky:

- No Report (Absent)

Marilyn Temple Tardy:

- No Report

SPECIAL ORDERS:

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 fourth report for FY2010.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board approve the Quarterly report for the period of April 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010 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)*

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On October 5, 2010, the Career and Technical Education Committee voted to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the Quarterly report for the period of April 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010 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 James Carignan, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the Quarterly report for the period of April 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010 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)*.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION – *INTEGRATED, CONSOLIDATED 9-16 EDUCATIONAL FACILITY*

STATEMENT OF FACT: On April 24, 2008, Governor Baldacci signed L.D. 2175, Resolve Chapter 223, To Ensure Support for a Model of Consolidated and Integrated Secondary and Postsecondary Education. The Resolve requires the following:

That the Department of Education shall recommend to the State Board of Education an innovative model of consolidated and integrated secondary and postsecondary education that includes facilities for:

- 1. A regional high school;*
- 2. A fully integrated career and technical high school;*
- 3. A higher education center that will provide courses and degrees from both the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System; and*
- 4. Centers of excellence that will provide industry-specific training; and be it further*

The model selected must:

- 1. Promote the development of a “one campus” design, where all facilities are located on one site, providing a streamlined and integrated learning experience for students of all ages;*
- 2. Integrate and consolidate administrative responsibilities on the campus wherever possible, thereby reducing costs for overhead and shared functions;*
- 3. Be located in a region with high schools whose consolidation would benefit future generations of students and provide reduced costs to the communities involved;*
- 4. Have an advisory body that is integrated with the local economy, including the community involvement of students, citizens, business leaders, teachers, parents and organizations to promote both employment opportunities for students and citizens and a skilled workforce optimal for economic development; and*
- 5. Serve as an example for other school districts and areas of the State; and be it further*

That, not later than December 31, 2008, the Department of Education shall recommend, and the State Board of Education shall select, a qualified applicant to implement the innovative model pursuant to this Resolve.

The Department complied with the requirements of Resolve 223 and the Commissioner announced the applicants' ratings on December 15, 2008. Both applicants sought Administrative Review in accordance with Maine Department of Education Req. 61(4)(3), and the Review Committee's decision required that the Department conduct the process again following the recommendations outlined in the Review Committee's written Findings of Fact and Decision. In addition, Maine Department of Education Req. 61 was amended (effective August 15, 2009) to clarify the required criteria for the project.

In March 2010, the Department received two applications for an Integrated, Consolidated 9-16 Educational Facility, one from Many Flags in Knox County and one from the Sanford School Department. The applications were reviewed and evaluated based on Maine Department of Education Req. 61, Section 15, "Integrated, Consolidated 9-16 Educational Facility." Based on those ratings, the Priority List is as follows:

1. Many Flags/One Campus
2. Sanford School Department

Note: The Evaluation Reports were sent to the two applicants on June 23, 2010. In accordance with Chapter 61(4)(3), Sanford requested an Administrative Review on July 23, 2010. The Administrative Review informal hearing was conducted on August 20, 2010, in accordance with the regulatory timelines, and the Administrative Review Team's written Findings of Fact and Decision upholding the ratings was issued to the applicants on September 21, 2010.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On October 4, 2010, the Construction Committee voted unanimously to forward this exhibit to the State Board of Education.

COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDATION: The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education accept the Priority List, and select the first project on the Priority List.

Comment from Betsy St. Cyr (Sanford Superintendent of Schools) – I became involved with the project in 2006 when I entered into my superintendent position. I have a long history with Career and Tech Education. My husband was the founding father of Career and Tech Ed in the Sanford Regional Vo-Tech Center. We have a unique and special opportunity in Sanford. We have the joint approval and joint enthusiasm of the Sanford Business community. We have taking to heart and we are implementing a student center performance based learning environment. We are looking at multiple pathways to high school completion which will include two year and four year career tech education which is represented in the proposal. We have access to post secondary right now. We are working closely with York Community College and our regional vocational center to offer building trades, to offer welding, to offer machine tool. The legislative delegation from York County is on board with this. We have the population density and the commitment from, Pratt and Whitney, Hall Brothers, and General Dynamics to offer apprentices and externships and we would like you to give every consideration for Sanford to go forward with this innovative project. It is our understanding that both the Many Flags area and Sanford have submitted under conventional school construction. It would be the consideration of our Board Chair for you to think about allowing these proposals to go forward without the innovative recommendation to be considered for conventional school construction.

Comment from Elizabeth Fisher (Many Flags) - I am the Ed Director of Mid Coast School of Technology. I am here to represent the Many Flags Project. I wasn't expecting to speak today, so I don't have anything prepared. I did notice in previous public comment that one of the things that was pointed out is that they currently have access to post secondary and this was an extreme need that we saw in the mid coast is that we have very little access to post secondary. Our assigned Community College is Kennebec Valley which is ninety miles away from our campus. One of the reasons for looking at this kind of a model is how can we provide post secondary education to this area of the State, which is very drastically under served in post secondary. There are certainly a lot of people that have worked on this project longer than I have. I have been the Director of Mid Coast for 2 years. What has been amazing to me is the way that this project has brought such a diverse group of people together in support of this educational model and the express needs on so many different levels of why we need to provide more education on secondary level, but also on the post secondary level to our citizens. Another thing that really surprised me when I walked into this job position was to find out that Knox County, at the time had the lowest post secondary aspirations in the State. We really need to develop the work force up there. There is a lot of talk now about the off shore energy project. It is very clear that if we are not training people for those jobs in that economic development, then that region of the State is going to continue to be under served. This has been a very interesting process and I am grateful to be a part of it.

MOVED by Marilyn Tardy, seconded by James Carignan and unanimously voted by those present to accept the Priority List, and select the first project on the Priority List which would be Many Flags/One Campus.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ADOPTION OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED BY-LAWS

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The Board had a discussion on the definition of a quorum.

MOVED by James Carignan, seconded by Steven Pound and unanimously voted by those present to add to the bylaws "In order to conduct official business of the board, a majority of voting members must be present".

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Submit Expense Account Vouchers to Mary at the end of the meeting.

ELECTION FOR NATIONAL STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION (NASBE) 2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Board members received a letter from NASBE regarding candidates for election at the annual conference in October. Nancy Perkins is suggesting that the Board support

Gayle Manchin for President Elect of NASBE. Gayle chaired the 21st Century Educator Study Group that Nancy participated in. Gayle is amazing and she participates in discussions, and is very knowledgeable. She is a phenomenal person that is full of energy. Nancy highly recommends that the Board support Gayle as President elect of NASBE.

MOTION made by Nancy Perkins, seconded by Lynda Doyle and unanimously voted by those present to vote by proxy for Gayle Manchin for President Elect of NASBE.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comment

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by James Carignan, seconded by Steven Pound, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the October 13, 2010, State Board of Education meeting at 2:35 PM.