



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on November 9, 2011, at the Cross State Office Building, 111 Sewall Street, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair James Banks, Sr.; Vice Chair Steven Pound; Marilyn Temple Tardy; Nancy Perkins; Lynda Doyle; Jana Lapoint; Martha Harris; Angela Bechard; and Chelsey Whynot.

Excused: Dottie Martin

Also present were:

Commissioner Stephen Bowen; Wanda Monthey, Policy Director of Standards, Assessment and Regional Services; Scott Brown, Director of School Facilities; Ann Pinnette, School Facilities Specialist; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair James Banks, Sr., called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Marilyn Temple Tardy, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the October 6, 2011 and October 11, 2011 minutes as written.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chair, James Banks, Sr.:

- He met with Commissioner Bowen for Agenda Review on November 1, 2011.
- He attended a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee meeting on November 2, 2011.
- He attended a Construction Committee meeting on November 7, 2011.
- He attended the Charter School Committee meeting on November 7, 2011.
- He attended the Maine School Management Association (MSMA) Annual Fall Conference at the Augusta Civic Center on October 27 and 28, 2011. Jim read a thank you letter from Dale Douglass, Executive Director of MSMA. Mr. Douglass received very positive feedback about the quality of the clinics and the conference was a great success. Jim thought the State Board presenters were

- He attended the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award Ceremony at Yarmouth Middle School on October 24, 2011.
- Jim presented Wanda Monthey with a gift from the Board, as Wanda is leaving the Department of Education to take a position in Washington, DC. Jim thanked Wanda for all the assistance she has given him over his four years on the State Board and for everything she has done to assist the entire Board over the years.

Commissioner, Stephen Bowen:

- The Department of Education is part of the Innovation Lab Network/Partnership for Next Generation Learning under the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) umbrella. He just returned from a conference in Seattle where he had an opportunity to work with six other states that are doing the Next Generation Learning piece. The group has been meeting and now Maine has been brought into a larger network with other countries. Maine is part of a group representing the United States and there were delegates in attendance from China, South Korea, Finland, England, British Columbia, and Brazil. It was a good chance to hear from other countries that plan to move forward very aggressively. The goal for us is to share 21st Century learning work across the other states. To share technology, track student learning, student outcome, learning indicators and assessment systems.

Vice Chair, Steven Pound:

- He attended a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee meeting on November 2, 2011.
- He distributed a copy of the Board's budget as of Monday, November 7, 2011 and gave a brief explanation of the expenditures.
- He attended the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Annual conference in Atlanta along with Marilyn Temple Tardy and Nancy Perkins. He attended several breakout sessions, and served on the committee in search of a new NASBE Executive Director. He also participated in the NASBE Waiver Guidance - Proposed Action for Waivers for States from Requirements under Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).
- He attended the Maine School Management Association (MSMA) conference at the Augusta Civic Center on October 27 and 28 and presented on behalf of the Career and Technical Education Committee.
- He continues to be involved in various activities to do with his work position and Education.
- He attended a Maine Health Workforce Summit on a sector strategy. It was hosted by the University of Maine.
- He attended the Maine Manufacturing Association Annual Meeting. The keynote speaker talked about training in manufacturing and education.
- He attended another meeting on health and once again there was discussion about the lack of training for health careers.
- There are resources that people are not aware of in the State of Maine. An example is that a student can attend Kennebec Valley Community College and

the University of Maine at Augusta for online business degrees and then go to Saint Joseph's College and work towards an MBA all on-line as well.

- He attended Learning in Families Every Day (LIFE) presentation in Greenville. This is part of the Barbara Bush Foundation. They have tied literacy and health together for all of their programs.
- He attended a job creation summit by Governor LePage. The Governor was very open to hearing what people's concerns and needs are to run their businesses.
- He attended a State Chamber dinner. The data presented regarding the economy was very interesting.
- He is going to Boston this next week to speak at the US Department of Labor conference. This conference will address the needs of the 18 to 24 year old population.
- The Maine Coalition for Excellence in Education held a Legislative Retreat. There were nine legislative representatives in attendance. That evening, two teachers of the year made presentations to the group. Kevin Grover and Shelley Moody both presented and they were great.
- He attended the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) Review meeting with Nancy Perkins at the Department of Education.
- Mobilize Maine will be holding an Education and Business Summit and he attended a meeting regarding the planning of this event.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Marilyn Temple Tardy:

- The Construction Committee met on November 7, 2011 with James Banks, Sr., Martha Harris by phone, Scott Brown, Ann Pinnette, and Karen Bossie in attendance. Ann Pinnette indicated that Maine has a QSCB balance of \$24,571,893. Ten school administrative units submitted applications requesting bonding authority. After review of the applications, the Department is recommending awards to all ten projects. The Board will be asked to approve these awards at the business meeting on November 9, 2011. The list of schools, and their project approvals are attached to Exhibit #VIII.B. The Public Hearing for Chapter 61 revisions is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15, 2011. The hearing will be in room 541 of the Cross State Office Building from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. James Banks and Marilyn Temple Tardy are confirmed attendees and one more Board member is required to be there, making a total of three Board members. It will be necessary to have the volunteer named by the close of today's meeting. The written comment period has been extended to November 28, 2011 from the original date of November 25, 2011 (holiday and State offices are closed).
- She attended the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Annual Conference in Atlanta. She had the privilege of seeing Nancy receive the Distinguished Educator Award and hear Nancy's great acceptance speech. Steve was recognized as a new member representative. There were great panelist and educators from around the world.
- She participated in the Maine School Management Association Annual Fall Conference, and made a presentation on the work of the Construction Committee.

- On November 4, 2011 she attended the Teacher of the Year Celebration in Bangor. Shelley Moody did her Good-Bye speech and it was fantastic.

Angela Bechard:

- No Report

Chelsey Whynot:

- She attended a School Board meeting and the most interesting thing at the meeting was the discussion on funding. The Robotics Team, Speech and Debate Team, Science and Math Team and Chess Team in her school have requested grants for funding. It is frustrating that the Robotics Team has a difficult time getting \$50.00 of funding, but the football team always gets funding.

Martha Harris:

- She attended the Construction Committee meeting by phone on November 7, 2011.
- She attended the Maine School Management Association Annual Fall Conference on October 27 and 28, 2011.
- She received an email invitation from Smarter Balance for a seminar scheduled for today (same date as Board meeting). She responded to the email that she was checking with the Board Chair and she received a response stating that they were working with other states that did not include Maine.
- Her local school board continues to discuss the innovative school within a school project. She understands from her Superintendent that the Commissioner will be visiting the construction project in the future.

Lynda Doyle:

- She attended the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award Ceremony at Yarmouth Middle School. The award was presented by Commissioner Stephen Bowen to Morgan Cuthbert. It was very exciting as Mr. Cuthbert had no idea that he was being presented this award.
- She participated in a bullying webinar.

Jana Lapoint:

- She serves on the Chapter 114 Stakeholder's Group and when speaking with her granddaughter, she said "Grandma, how can you be on this committee if you do not know what is going on in the schools currently". Jana made appointments to spend a whole day at three different schools; Chevrus High School, Portland High School and Casco Bay High School. She feels that we are very fortunate in this State as she saw not one class that had more than 17 students in it. The teachers were well prepared in every class that she visited. The kids were wonderful in all three schools. She has spoken with several principals in the area to see what they think is necessary for teachers to be certified and the kind of things they would like to see changed. She plans to visit Falmouth High School as well.

- She spoke of how appreciative she was of the letter she received from Commissioner Stephen Bowen regarding the selection of Charter School Commission nominees.

Nancy Perkins:

- The Certification and Higher Education Committee met on October 24, 2011. The hearing for Chapter 115 was discussed. The changes to Chapter 115 involve eliminating dual certification for the speech and language pathologists and the removal of the term school psychological service providers which will be replaced with the term school psychologist. This hearing will occur on November 22, 2011, from 1:00 Pm to 3:00 PM, in room 500 of the Cross State Office Building. Three members of the State Board will be in attendance. Mark Cyr will be attending a meeting in San Diego in December that will be looking at the rubrics for InTasc. Mark is part of the Chapter 114 stakeholders' group; this information will be extremely helpful as the group works toward the completion of the revision of Chapter 114. The Chapter 114 stakeholders' group did have an excellent presentation by Wendy Gaal of READING MATTERS TO MAINE concerning using research based reading methodologies in our teacher preparation programs. The Principal's Association has been invited to present their work on principal evaluations; a date has not been confirmed. Harry Osgood did alert us to the pending program approvals. Harry will be contacting members for possible inclusion in the review teams. The meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM.
- She attended the National Association of State Boards of Education Annual Conference in Atlanta on October 13 – 14, 2011.
- She attended the Professional Standards Board meeting on October 17, 2011
- She attended the Maine School Management Association Fall Conference on October 27 and 28 in Augusta.
- She attended the Chapter 114 Stakeholders Group meeting on October 28, 2011.
- She met with the Board's Leadership Team on October 31, 2011.
- She attended the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) Review at the Department of Education.
- She met with Steve Pound to review and make edits to the Strategic Plan on November 7, 2011.
- She has met several times with Greg Scott in relation to the Autism bill. They will be convening two work groups by March of 2011. They have already looked at recommendations and what should be moved forward.
- At the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Annual Conference she attended several sessions regarding things that Maine should be thinking about. Nancy shared this information with Board members.

CONSENT AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW TEAM FOR SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

Moved by Steven Pound, seconded by Nancy Perkins, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the Consent Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

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)

STATEMENT: 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 third report for FY2011.

Recommendation: The State Board approve the Quarterly report for the period ending September 30, 2011 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 Nancy Perkins, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the Quarterly report for the period ending September 30, 2011 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)

FEDERAL QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND PROGRAM

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Department of Education coordinates the Federal Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) program. QSCBs are bonds issued by state or local governments which the Federal government subsidizes by providing tax credits to bondholders or direct payment interest subsidies to issuers. Bond proceeds can be used for construction, rehabilitation, or repair of public school facilities. Maine has a 2010 QSCB balance of \$24,571,893 available for allocation to school units.

Ten school administrative units submitted QSCB applications to the Department during the current application cycle requesting bonding authority. The Department has completed its review of the applications and verified that the school units on the

accompanying list and their proposed projects meet the criteria of using bond proceeds for construction, rehabilitation, or repair of a public school facility or for acquisition of land on which such a facility is to be constructed.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Construction Committee will consider this exhibit at its November 7, 2011 meeting.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: The Department of Education recommends that the State Board of Education approve the QSCB applications for projects in Bangor, Brewer, Madawaska, South Portland, York, RSU 24, RSU 44/SAD 44, RSU 53/SAD53, RSU 54/SAD 54, and RSU 86/SAD 20 and authorize issuance of QSCBs by these school units for up to the amounts shown on the accompanying list “2011 QSCB Recommended Approvals.” The total current recommended QSCB authorization amount for 2011 is \$24,571,893.

Moved by Marilyn Temple Tardy, seconded by Steven Pound, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the QSCB applications for projects in Bangor, Brewer, Madawaska, South Portland, York, RSU 24, RSU 44/SAD 44, RSU 53/SAD53, RSU 54/SAD 54, and RSU 86/SAD 20 and authorize issuance of QSCBs by these school units for up to the amounts shown on the accompanying list “2011 QSCB Recommended Approvals.” The total current recommended QSCB authorization amount for 2011 is \$24,571,893.

SUPPORT LETTER FOR MAINE’S APPLICATION FOR THE RACE TO THE TOP – EARLY LEARNING CHALLENGES

October 12, 2011

Commissioner Stephen Bowen
Maine Department of Education
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Commissioner Mary Mayhew
Maine Department of Health and Human Services
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Commissioner Stephen Bowen and Commissioner Mary Mayhew,

I am writing in strong support for Maine’s application for the Race To The Top – Early Learning Challenge. This is an exciting opportunity for the Maine Department of Education and Health and Human Services to move early childhood systems change to align resources and polices across participating state agencies and to design and implement a common, statewide tiered quality rating and improvement system that can support all early learning and development programs moving towards a common definition of quality, based on a common set of Early Learning and Development Standards. The recently developed State Agency Interdepartmental Early Learning (SAIEL) Office will serve as a pivotal governance structure to assess effective and efficient cross department policies, procedures and budgeting which will increase the quality of programs for children with high needs so they enter kindergarten prepared for success.

Maine's clear intent is to respect the uniqueness of Maine communities and build on successes so that more children with high needs have access to quality early learning programs. Maine has a long interdepartmental history of serving young children. The plan includes:

- Revisions to the Early Learning Guidelines developed in 2004 to better reflect cultural and linguistic diversity and current research on early literacy and numeracy, as well as aligning outcomes with K-3 standards. This work will include the development of a comprehensive assessment system that includes screening measures, formative assessments, measures of environmental quality, and measures of adult / child interactions.
- The capacity to educate programs and provide training on the purposes, uses, and interpretations of assessment systems.
- Expansion of a technical assistance network that can offer training, coaching and mentoring towards effective curriculum practice and adult interactions with young children and families as well as facilitating local early learning communities that respect the unique needs of each Maine community.
- Enhanced alignment of course offerings among community and four year degree colleges so that teachers, throughout the state, have equitable access to the content and practice necessary to serve Maine's most vulnerable children and that all individuals working in the early childhood field have a clear pathway of professional development. Professional development will include increased utilization of technology to increase access to the coursework across the state.
- Strengthening the communication and practice between community programs and schools as children transition to kindergarten.
- Building on the state's current Longitudinal Data System to include all early learning and development programs so that we can better understand the types of support programs need in serving our most vulnerable children.

This grant opportunity will build on Maine's strong foundation of a tiered quality rating improvement system, early learning and development standards, assessment analysis, Maine Roads to Quality career framework and training, the work of the higher education committee examining coursework, and the State Longitudinal Data System. Maine will be able to scale up these efforts to further enhance the early learning and development system. In particular the State Board will participate in the review of Department of Education certifications and their relationship to the career lattice.

Sincerely,
James A. Banks, Sr., Chair
State Board of Education

Moved by Martha Harris, seconded by Marilyn Temple Tardy, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the Support Letter for Maine's Application for the Race To The Top – Early Learning Challenge.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION (NASBE) 2012 COMMITTEE AND STUDY GROUPS

Steve Pound:

Government Affairs Committee (meets four times - January 20-21, at the Joint Legislative Conference March 22-23, June 9-10, and October 11)

Nancy Perkins:

Study Group on Technology and the Common Core (meets three times – January 20-21, March 23-24, and June 9-10)

Lynda Doyle:

Nominations Committee

Dottie Martin:

Friend of Education Award Committee (meets by Conference Call)

Martha Harris:

Public Education Positions Committee (meets once on June 8-9)

PUBLIC HEARING – CHAPTER 61 AND CHAPTER 115

Chapter 61 Public Hearing is scheduled for November 15, 2011 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, room 538 at the Department of Education. The three Board members attending the hearing are Marilyn Temple Tardy, James Banks, Sr., and Nancy Perkins.

- *Note: The written comment period for Chapter 61 has been extended to November 28, 2011 from the original date of November 25, 2011, due to State offices being closed for the holiday on November 25th.*

Chapter 115 Public Hearing is scheduled for November 22, 2011 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, room 500 at the Department of Education. The three Board members attending are Nancy Perkins, Martha Harris, and Lynda Doyle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comment

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Steven Pound, seconded by Marilyn Temple Tardy, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the November 9, 2011, State Board of Education meeting at 2:13 PM.