



## MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on May 11, 2011, at the Cross State Office Building, Room 103, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair James Banks, Sr.; Vice Chair Steven Pound; Marilyn Temple Tardy; Nancy Perkins; Dorothy Martin; Martha Harris; Jana Lapoint; Andrea Levinsky; and Angela Bechard.

Excused: Lynda Doyle (Teacher of the Year Observation) and James Carignan (Due to illness)

Also present were: Commissioner Stephen Bowen; Chelsea Whynot, Student Nominee; Wanda Monthey, Policy Director of Standards, Assessment and Regional Services; Harry Osgood, Higher Education Specialist; Mark Cyr, Certification Coordinator; 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 Steven Pound, seconded by Dorothy Martin, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the April 13, 2011 minutes with one amendment.

Amendment: Steven Pound, Vice Chair of the Board requested one change of wording in his April 13, 2011 Vice Chair report. Bullet number four should read: "The Education Subcommittee of the Mobilize Maine Initiative".

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

#### **Chair, James Banks, Sr.:**

- That he attended the New England Secondary School Consortium (NESSC) Council meeting in Concord, NH. One of the primary topics was the Innovative High School Project. Don Siviski spoke regarding the approach. Jim is hoping the Board will be able to take up this topic at the August Board meeting and that the Board will collaborate with the NESSC.
- That he has been attending Legislative Liaison Committee meetings in Augusta.

## **Vice Chair, Steven Pound:**

- That he attended the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Common Core Conference in Philadelphia, PA with Nancy Perkins and Dottie Martin. The conference was well worth attending. We learned that in some aspects Maine is ahead of some states, equal with some states and behind other states. Some of the questions that arose from the conference were brought up at the Legislative Liaison Committee meeting this past week and the committee had Dan Hupp from the Department of Education do a presentation. Dan is a member of the Smarter Balance Executive Committee. We are hoping to have a presentation on Common Core at the Board Retreat in August.
- That he attended the Local Workforce Investment Board meeting. They are looking at training in the Millinocket area.
- That the Maine Adult Education Association will be holding their annual meeting the third week in June.
- That there is a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) conference coming up that Mary sent information to all members on. Steve is not available to attend, but STEM will pay all cost for any Board members interested in attending.
- That he has been attending Legislative Liaison Committee meetings with Jim Banks, Marilyn Tardy, Nancy Perkins and Greg Scott.
- That there is an Initiative in the Bangor area called “Building Bridges”. It is run through the Chamber of Commerce and they are using a model to help teachers get continuing education units (CUs) which they can use towards recertification. It is having teachers and guidance counselors going out to businesses and finding out what the careers are. As long as Steve has been in business, the past five years that is what they have been encouraging teachers and guidance counselors to do. This is a program that assists with certification. This was hosted by the Cianbro Facility in Brewer recently and it makes a big difference to the people that are not aware of the careers that are available to young people. They can be guided by their teachers and receive the background information. This program has been going on for the past two years through the Chamber of Commerce.
- That there is also a program called “Pathways” that is helping people in the state. The program is building homes through the Community Colleges, Technical Schools and the Local Workforce Investment Board. They take a work ready component and they learn electrical skills, carpentry, civil trade skills and green energy. This is a program that is going on around the State and mostly around the Bangor area due to a grant.
- That the State Board’s budget looks good. He is looking at adding more funds to the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Professional Development Account. In regards to the per diem account, money is being moved forward this year as it should be, so the Board should not be running into the problem they did last year. Edits are being made to the SBE brochure and we are hoping to have it printed by the end of June.
- That he is working on the agenda for the Board Retreat in August. All Board members are available on August 16 and 17. Steve is looking into inviting some of the Stakeholder Groups to the Retreat (The Commissioner, Education Committee members, Maine Coalition, Community College and Higher

Education). He is also planning presentations on Common Core and Standards Based Education, and spending time on the Strategic Plan. Brenda Welburn at NASBE is not available and is leaving NASBE at the end of the year. Brad Hull, Deputy Director at NASBE will be coming to the retreat to assist us with the Strategic Plan. We will also be reviewing Chapter 114 and 115. The plan is to hold the retreat in Freeport again this year. However, the administration is encouraging agencies to make use of armory facilities. A policy has been adopted that requires agencies to inquire when an armory is available. Mary will look into the policy.

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

### **Angela Bechard:**

- That the Key Club at her school is holding a family fun night. Flyers are being distributed throughout the elementary and middle schools. A room will be set up for guest speakers to talk about safety and drug awareness.

### **Andrea Levinsky:**

- That she participated in a National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Conference call meeting on April 18th. It is a monthly student discussion series called Student Voices. The Group talked about teacher effectiveness and they were asked to talk about a teacher that had an impact on them, and about what types of things teachers have done to increase student learning. How is your learning measured and how you would like it to be measured? The group also talked about multiple measures, and how congress is working on the Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).
- That this is her last meeting and she wants to thank all the Board members formally and on record for the lovely gifts and the cake. She has had a wonderful experience on the Board and has learned a lot. Andrea has become very interested in Education Policy and definitely wants to continue with it in her future. When people ask her what she wants to do, she sometimes will say “be the Commissioner of Education”. She is planning to become Teacher Certified at Connecticut College.

### **Jana Lapoint:**

- That she is participating as a Board Observer at the University of New England (UNE) Team Review on Thursday, May 12, 2011.

### **Martha Harris:**

- That she has been hearing wonderful things about the Commissioner’s Listening Tours at the local level.

**Dorothy Martin:**

- That she attended the Common Core Conference in Philadelphia, PA with Steve Pound and Nancy Perkins. It was a good orientation for her in regards to the Common Core Standards.
- That she attended the first meeting of the Chapter 114 Stakeholders Group.

**Marilyn Temple Tardy:**

- That she attended the Legislative Liaison Committee meetings. Dan Hupp from the Department of Education did a good overview presentation on Smarter Balance and Common Core.
- That the Construction Committee did not meet in May. The team (Scott Brown, Paul Johnson, and Stan Sawyer) are extremely busy reviewing the 77+ applications, as there have been appeals. The team wants to be sure that everything is correct. The 60 day period is closing in and it is still not firm where the debt service limit is going to be. There is a lot of concern in regards to how far down the list we will be able to go. There are a lot of Legislators that have an interest in this. This is highly important for everyone in the State, as this is not just for the students, it is also for jobs.

**Nancy Perkins:**

- No Report (Testifying at the Education Committee)

**James Carignan:**

- Excused Absence Due to Illness

**Lynda Doyle:**

- Excused Absence to Attend a Teacher of the Year Observation

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL DEGREE-GRANTING AUTHORIZATION AS SUBMITTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND TO AWARD THE DOCTOR OF PRACTICAL NURSING (DPN) DEGREE

RECEIPT OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW TEAM REPORT CONCERNING THE BOWDOIN TEACHER SCHOLARS PROGRAM

MOTION by Dottie Martin, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present to move item IX.A. under New Business on the agenda – Receipt of Formal Request for Exemption, Pursuant to Chapters 409 and 149 1.D., from Requirements to Seek Additional Degree-Granting Authorizations from the Maine State Board of Education, to Consent Agenda item VI.C., and refer it to the Certification and Higher Education Committee and the Attorney General's Office for Review of legal status.

RECEIPT OF FORMAL REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION, PURSUANT TO CHAPTERS 409 AND 149 1.D., FROM REQUIREMENTS TO SEEK ADDITIONAL DEGREE-GRANTING AUTHORIZATIONS FROM THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Dottie Martin, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the Consent Agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION OF THE CERTIFICATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE TO PROCEED WITH RULEMAKING OF CHAPTER 13, QUALIFYING EXAMINATIONS FOR TEACHERS, EDUCATIONAL SPECIALISTS AND ADMINISTRATORS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT (APA)

BACKGROUND: The proposed changes to Chapter 13 stem from the ongoing revision (regeneration) process employed by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). Each Praxis exam undergoes regeneration every five years. The end result is a recommended cut off score that is deemed appropriate for the just qualified candidate (JQC).

The current language of Chapter 13 includes a table listing all required tests and qualifying scores. As a result, Chapter 13 must be opened every year to accommodate changes to the 5-10 tests that are regenerated each year. This proposed change eliminates the table and other references to most specific tests and scores and refers constituents to the ETS website or the Certification Office of the Maine Department of Education for the necessary information. This would allow the State Board of Education to review and approve yearly changes and then direct the Coordinator of Certification to make necessary updates to the ETS website, evaluation letters, and other information provided to applicants by the Certification Office.

**PROPOSED TIMELINE:**

File with the Secretary of State's Office – May 12, 2011

Posting – May 25, 2011

Public Hearing – June 13, 2011

Deadline for Comments – June 24, 2011

Deadline for Response to Comments – July 1, 2011

Final Adoption – July 13, 2011

**RECOMMENDATION:** The State Board of Education's Certification and Higher Education Committee recommends that the State Board of Education initiate rulemaking to allow the proposed amendments listed above to be made to Chapter 13 in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act (APA).

MOVED by Dottie Martin, seconded by Marilyn Tardy, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the initiation of rulemaking to allow the proposed amendments listed above to be made to Chapter 13 in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act (APA).

Note: Nancy Perkins, Jana Lapoint, and Dottie Martin will attend the Public Hearing for Chapter 13 on Monday, June 13, 2011.

**CHARTER SCHOOL BILL LD1553**

*“An Act To Create a Public Charter School Program in Maine”*

MOVED by Marilyn Tardy, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present to support LD1553 – Charter School Bill, and for the State Board to submit joint testimony with the Department of Education.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR NOMINATION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR THE 2011 – 2012 YEAR**

Committee: Marilyn Tardy, Chair, Lynda Doyle and Martha Harris

Marilyn Tardy presented the slate of names for chair and vice chair. James Banks, Sr. was nominated to serve as chair and Steven Pound was nominated to serve as vice chair for a term of one year beginning July 1, 2011. The Board is looking forward to another good year with Jim and Steve working in conjunction with each other.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No Public Comment

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Marilyn Tardy, seconded by Steven Pound, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the May 11, 2011, State Board of Education meeting at 1:45 PM.