



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on June 15, 2011, 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; Marilyn Temple Tardy; Nancy Perkins; Dorothy Martin; Lynda Doyle; Martha Harris; Jana Lapoint; Angela Bechard; and Chelsey Whynot.

Also present were: Wanda Monthey, Policy Director of Standards, Assessment and Regional Services; Harry Osgood, Higher Education Specialist; Mark Cyr, Certification Coordinator; Lora Downing, Career and Technical Education Director; Margaret Harvey, Career and Technical Education Perkins Grant Administrator; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair James Banks, Sr., called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED by Marilyn Tardy, seconded by Steven Pound, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the May 11, 2011 minutes as written.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chair, James Banks, Sr.:

- That he attended the legislative work session on LD 1553 – An Act to Create a Public Charter School in Maine. It was an interesting session and many amendments were discussed.
- That he attended and spoke at a Science, Technology, Engineering and Science (STEM) training session at the Department of Education.
- That he met with the Legislative Leadership Committee to work on revisions to the State Board brochure.
- That he met with the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee on June 6, 2011.
- That he attended the Celebration of Arts Education ceremony at the Blaine House on June 7, 2011.

- That he attended and testified at Chelsey Whynot's Confirmation Hearing before the Joint Standing Committee on Educational and Cultural Affairs on June 2, 2011.
- That he will be attending one day of the Superintendent's Conference at the Senator Inn on June 27, 2011.

Vice Chair, Steven Pound:

- That he met with the Legislative Leadership Committee regarding the Boards budget, the August retreat, and revisions to the brochure.
- That the budget looks good for the year. Supplies, NASBE PDF, Retreat. We will be close to our budget. Handout of current budget with explanation.
- That he has a handout from Dan Hupp, State Assessment Director at the Department of Education. This is an overview of Assessment and Smarter Balanced.
- That he sits on the Presidents advisory committee for Eastern Maine Community College. They are working with the United Technology Center in Bangor and looking at their plan and how they will use resources between the two schools.
- That he attended a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee meeting on June 6, 2011. The Quarterly Report of the Maine Carl D. Perkins Grant will come before the Board today for approval.
- That he attended the NASBE Board of Directors meeting in Washington. Maine was well represented in June with Nancy Perkins, Martha Harris and Lynda Doyle. It was announced that Nancy will receive the Distinguished Educator Award this year.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

James Carignan:

- No Report

Marilyn Temple Tardy:

- That she met with the Commissioner and Scott Brown regarding the Appeals Process.
- That she attended the Commissioner's Recognition Awards at the Blaine House on June 3, 2011. Individuals are honored for their outstanding contributions in meeting the needs of students who are at risk. Marilyn read the list of individuals that received recognition. The 2011 Awardees are William Braun-Superintendent, MSAD 48/RSU 19; Travis Collins, Alternative Education Teacher, MSAD 3; Martha Kempe, Program Director, Community School; Tom Morrill, Superintendent, Auburn; Page Nichols, Educator/Volunteer, RSU 14; Valerie Peacock and Ander Thebaud, Educators, RSU 24; Anna Perkins, Educator, Good Will-Hinckley; and Willo and Tom Wright, Seeds of Independence Program. Shelley Reed, Truancy, Dropout Prevention, Alternative Education and School Counselor at the Department of Education has been involved with the awards for 25 years and she does a great job.
- That she met with the Legislative Leadership Committee on June 6, 2011.

Nancy Perkins:

- That she attended a State Consortium on Educator Effectiveness (SCEE) meeting. The meetings have been organizational and the group has been looking at other states and what they are doing for educator effectiveness.
- That she attended the Professional Standards Board (PSB) last meeting for this year on June 13, 2011. They will be submitting some items for SBE review at the July 13, 2011 State Board meeting.
- That she participated in a NASBE webinar on compensation across the United States and different programs that are available.
- That she has attended some Legislative Sessions that deal with some aspect of certification (Example: LD 1094 and LD 929).
- That she attended the Chapter 114 Stakeholders Group meeting. Nancy shared one of the workbooks that Harry Osgood created for the group.
- That she attended the last session of the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Study Group on Teacher Preparation Name.....and she shared a segment of one of the sessions.

Lynda Doyle:

- That she attended the Renewal for Lesley College to operate in the State of Maine at Husson College in South Portland.
- That she participated in the school site visits for the six semi-finalists for the 2012 Teacher of the Year (TOY). She traveled to Caribou, Turner, Hampden, Cape Elizabeth, Westbrook and Portland. The Teachers that have been nominated are amazing. They are involved in the community, using technology, have television shows, and are working in soup kitchens.
- That she participated in the NASBE Nominating Committee in Washington, DC. The committee interviewed and reviewed the resumes of nominations for Treasurer, Secretary, all the way up to President Elect. Maine is very well respected in Washington, DC and everyone at NASBE is familiar with Nancy Perkins and Steve Pound.

Dorothy Martin:

- That she attended the Chapter 114 meeting
- That she attended the Career and Technical Education Committee (CTE) meeting (by phone) on June 6, 2011.
- That she attended the Certification Committee meeting on May 23, 2011.

Martha Harris:

- That she went to Washington, DC and participated in the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Public Education Positions Committee. There is a NASBE Public Position paper and amendments by the committee I served on. The main topic was on Charter Schools. She now has connections with people from other states that she can contact. A couple recommendations for study groups this coming year are on Health and Social Media.

Jana Lapoint:

- That she attended the Chapter 114
- That she will be attending the New Member Institute
- That she visited Hall-Dale School with Don Siviski to see the Student Learning Center and met with the Principal. It was a nice experience.
- That she attended a Night to Honor for the Commissioner at the Country Club in Portland. The Commissioner gave a wonderful speech. Maine Heritage Foundation was honoring him.
- That she attended a public hearing on June 13, 2011 for Chapter 13.
- That she attended a Team Review at the University of New England.

Chelsey Whynot:

- That her Confirmation Hearing before the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs was held on June 2, 2011.

Angela Bechard:

- That she completed her school finals for this year.
- That the Principal of Monmouth Academy is leaving and will be the Assistant Principal at Hall-Dale High School. Monmouth will be getting a new principal.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION OF A FORMAL REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION, PURSUANT TO CHAPTERS 409 AND 149 I.D., FROM REQUIREMENTS TO SEEK ADDITIONAL DEGREE-GRANTING AUTHORIZATIONS FROM THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FILED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND

BACKGROUND: 20-A MRSA, Chapter 409 provides that a postsecondary educational institution desiring to confer additional degrees must obtain authorization from the Maine State Board of Education. Chapter 149 I., D. states that requests for exemptions will be considered on a case by case basis.

Through the vehicle of a letter, dated March 16, 2011, addressed to Harry W. Osgood, the Department's Higher Education Specialist, from Burnstein Shur, General Counsel for the University of New England (UNE), a formal request was filed seeking exemption from certain provisions "requiring Maine institutions of higher education to obtain authorization to grant additional degrees. . . ."

Conditions governing exemptions from certain degree-granting requirements are found in Title 20-A, Education, Part 5: Post-Secondary Education, Chapter 409: *Degree-Granting Institution*, Section 10708 Exemptions. Specifically, Section 10708, sub-section 1 reads as follows: (This chapter does not apply to educational institutions which): "Had been authorized by the Legislature or the state board to grant undergraduate or graduate degrees prior to September 18, 1981; and are offering additional or different degrees at the same level."

The UNE request for exemption from such requirements has received a thorough evaluation, as was reflected in the schematic distributed to Board members during the May 11th meeting. It can be fairly affirmed that, prior to the September 18, 1981 date, the University of New England had been authorized by either the Legislature or the state board to confer the following degrees: Laureate (LLL and LEL), Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), Associate of Applied Science (AAS), Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Science (BS) and the Doctor of Osteopathy (DO). Since the September 18, 1981 date the University of New England has been authorized by the Legislature or the state board to confer the following degrees: Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), Associate of Applied Science (AAS), Master of Science (MS), Master of Social Work (MSW), Master of Public Health (MPH), Master of Medical Education Leadership (MMEL), the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT), and the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D). In addition, the Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (CAGS0) in Educational leadership and the Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (CAGS) in Public Health were approved by the state board.

Following the May 11th meeting the UNE exemption request was further vetted on May 23rd by the Board's Committee on Certification and Higher Education. By the close of this meeting it was decided through a unanimous vote by Board members Perkins, Martin and Lapoint that the UNE exemption request would be recommended for approval by the full Board during its June 15, 2011 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Maine State Board of Education approve the University of New England's request for exemption from requirements to obtain further authorizations to grant additional degrees at the Associate, Baccalaureate, Masters or Doctoral levels.

MOVED by Steven Pound, seconded by Dottie Martin, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the University of New England's request for exemption from requirements to obtain further authorizations to grant additional degrees at the Associate, Baccalaureate, Masters or Doctoral levels.

ELECTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICERS - CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2011 - 2012

Presented by Marilyn Tardy, Nominating Committee Chair: A slate of officers were submitted at the June 15, 2011 Board meeting. James Banks, Sr. was nominated for election of Chair and Steven Pound was nominated for election as Vice Chair. No nominations came from the floor.

MOVED by Marilyn Tardy, seconded by Dottie Martin, and unanimously voted by those present to elect Steven Pound as vice chair for the term of one year beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012.

MOVED by Marilyn Tardy, seconded by James Carignan, and unanimously voted by those present to elect James Banks, Sr. as chair for the term of one year beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION OF THE CERTIFICATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE TO ADOPT CHANGES TO TEST CODES AND SCORES

BACKGROUND: The proposed changes to required tests and qualifying scores stem from the ongoing revision (regeneration) process employed by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). Each Praxis exam undergoes regeneration every five years. The draft outlines the specific changes to be made to the current list.

RECOMMENDATION: The State Board of Education's Certification and Higher Education Committee recommends that the State Board of Education approve the proposed changes.

MOVED by Nancy Perkins, seconded by Marilyn Tardy, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the proposed changes to test codes and scores.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW TEAM REPORT CONCERNING RENEWAL OF STATE PROGRAM APPROVAL FOR THE BOWDOIN TEACHER SCHOLARS PROGRAM

BACKGROUND: Bowdoin College requested a campus visitation for the review of the Bowdoin Teacher Scholars program which has previously been known as the Bowdoin Teacher Certification Program. The program areas leading to teacher certification are as follows:

Secondary Level (7-12)

- English/Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Life Sciences
- Physical Sciences
- Social Studies

World Languages (K-12)

A site visit was conducted by the Board approved Review Team from Sunday, February 29, 2011 to Wednesday, March 2, 2011. Following the on-site visit the Team report of findings was developed. This report was distributed to State Board members during the May 11, 2011 meeting – [Please note that the Team Report distributed during the May meeting did not include an exhibits and artifacts section; an amended report is attached].

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education accept the Team's report of findings and grant State program approval to the Bowdoin College Teacher Scholars program. The period of approval will be from winter 2011 to winter 2016.

MOVED by Nancy Perkins, seconded by Martha Harris, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the Team's report of findings and grant State program approval

to the Bowdoin College Teacher Scholars program. The period of approval will be from winter 2011 to winter 2016.

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 third report for FY2011.

Recommendation: The State Board approve the Quarterly report for the period of September 1, 2010 through March 31, 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 Dottie Martin, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the Quarterly report for the period of September 1, 2010 through March 31, 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)

APPROVAL OF A LETTER TO SUPPORT THE COMMON CORE STANDARDS POLICY DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

MOVED by Nancy Perkins, seconded by James Carignan, and unanimously voted by those present to approve a letter to Yen Chau, Education Consulting, in support of the Common Core Standards Policy Development Opportunity stating that the Maine State Board of Education be part of the grant.

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 James Carignan, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the June 15, 2011, State Board of Education meeting at 2:32 PM.