



Certification and Higher Education Committee

Maine State Board of Education

Minutes of the May 23, 2011 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on Monday, May 23, 2011, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nancy Perkins; Dottie Martin and Jana Lapoint (Board Members), Mark Cyr and Harry Osgood (DOE Staff), and Mary Becker, SBE Secretary Associate.

Call to Order:

Nancy Perkins called the meeting to order at 9:13 AM.

Approval of Minutes:

MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Dottie Martin, and voted unanimously by those present to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2011 meeting as written.

Updates

➤ Certification (Mark Cyr):

- That the Certification Office is working with Bill Hurwitch on the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Grant, part of which is going to involve a new credentialing software component for the certification office.
- That the Chapter 13 rulemaking to allow the proposed amendments in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) has been filed with the Secretary of State's Office, and will be advertised in newspapers on Wednesday, May 25, 2011. The Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, June 13, 2011. It will be posted on both the Department and State Board websites, and comments will be accepted until Friday, June 24, 2011.
- That he is still busy with the Legislative Session. Mark updated the committee on LD 129 – An Act to Eliminate Dual Certification Requirements for Speech-Language Pathologists (*Labor Committee*) Amended Language.

➤ Higher Education (Harry Osgood):

- That the Chapter 114 Stakeholders Group will be holding their second meeting on

Tuesday, May 24, 2011. The group will have breakout sessions for Workbook One and Three, and Workbook Two. Peter Bernard at the Department of Education will be joining the meeting to give an overview on how to access the Google Account.

- That he just returned from Long Beach, CA, where he attended a National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Clinic. NCATE and the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) have agreed to merge and create a new accrediting organization. The organization will be named The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). Harry is doing a cross walk on NCATE and TEAC Standards. As of December 31, 2012, NCATE and TEAC will not exist, and Chapter 114 will need to be reopened.

➤ Analysis of the University of New England's (UNE) Exemption Request:

At the May 11, 2011 State Board of Education meeting the Board voted to refer Exhibit IX.A., "Receipt of the 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" to the Certification and Higher Education Committee and the Attorney General's Office for Review of legal status.

Handouts from the May 11, 2011 State Board Meeting:

- Exhibit IX.A. – Subject: Receipt of 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
- Maine Revised Statute Title 20-A, Chapter 409 – Degree Granting Institutions – Part 5 Post Secondary Education
- Request for Exemption from Rule 05-071, Chapter 149
- Letter from Patricia A. Peard, Bernstein Shur, regarding UNE's Request for Exemption from Rule 05-071 Chapter 149
- Chapter 143 "An Act to Establish a Literacy Institution in Westbrook"

Following Committee discussion regarding concerns of the legal status, a motion was made:

MOTION by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Dottie Martin, and unanimously voted by those present to recommend to the State Board of Education acceptance of the exemption request from the University of New England.

Nancy will talk to Sarah Forster regarding the exact wording that gives the State Board the authority to rule on this exemption. The Committee will report out to the full Board of Education.

The next Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 27, 2011 at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held in room 541 of the Cross State Office Building.

Adjournment

The Certification Committee meeting adjourned at 11:22 AM.