



Certification and Higher Education Committee Maine State Board of Education Minutes of the January 29, 2013 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, January 29, 2013, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nancy Perkins; Jana Lapoint; and Heidi Sampson (Board Members); Mark Cyr (DOE); and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Associate.

Also present were: Andrew McAuliff, (RSU#54/Maine School Management); Deborah Friedman, DOE; Doug Spaulding; and Shirley Spaulding.

Nancy Perkins called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM.

MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the November 26, 2012 minutes as written.

Updates

Certification (Mark Cyr):

- The Certification Office has added options for Arabic and Hebrew language to their system.
- Mark has had questions from both USM and UMO regarding administrative programs and upcoming certification changes that are coming from the changes suggested to Chapter 114. Two areas of concern are Special Education Law Course requirements for all administrators. The other is Internships for administrative certification. When the changes were made in Chapter 114, one of the changes involved the fact that administrative internships should be done outside of one's current school setting. Nancy suggested that the committee take a look at the people that were on the stakeholder's group. There was great concern that all groups were represented and all groups were invited to serve on the stakeholder group.

Chapter 118 – Mentoring Process Review

- Chapter 118 requires mentoring programs in the State. Doug and Shirley Spaulding gave a presentation on the status of the mentoring program that they have been handling for both the mentors and the on-site mentor trainers.

- Some of the concerns with the program are that training materials were created in 2003 and need to be updated, the power point information is outdated, and the audio/video is of poor quality. The website resources need to be updated. Information regarding Best Practices and the language addressing Student Centered Learning are not included in the materials.

Handouts

- Mentor Training Workshop – Spring 2013
- Mentor Training Areas of Concerns
- Chapter 118 – The Committee will review Chapter 118 at the February 25, 2013 Committee meeting

The next Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2013 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 3:45 PM.