



## MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on October 14, 2015 at Central Aroostook High School, Mars Hill, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Martha Harris; Vice Chair Alan Burton; William Beardsley; Nichi Farnham; Peter Geiger; Heidi Sampson; Jane Sexton; Ande Smith; and Gwendolyn Viles

Excused: Jana Lapoint and Noa Sreden

Also present were: Angel Martinez Loredo, Higher Education Specialists; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education.

### **CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chair Martha Harris called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board went into executive session at 1:02 PM with voting members only in attendance. The Board returned to the regular business meeting at 1:50 PM.

### **STUDENT TRANSFER APPEALS:**

MOTION by Ande Smith, seconded by Jane Sexton, and voted seven in favor with one member abstained (Martha Harris) to uphold the Commissioner's decision to approve the transfer of LP. The transfer is approved.

MOTION by Jane Sexton, seconded by Alan Burton, and voted six in favor with two members opposed (William Beardsley and Heidi Sampson) to overturn the Commissioner's decision for the transfer request of LDD as there is inadequate evidence that the transfer is in the best interest of the child. Motion carries and the transfer is denied.

MOTION by Nichi Farnham, seconded by Jane Sexton, and voted five in favor with three members opposed (Alan Burton, Peter Geiger, and Heidi Sampson) to overturn the Commissioner's decision on the transfer of IV as there is inadequate evidence that this is in the best interest of the child. Motion carries and the transfer is denied.

MOTION by Heidi Sampson, seconded by William Beardsley, and voted five in favor with three members opposed (Nichi Farnham, Martha Harris, and Jane Sexton) to uphold the Commissioner's decision in the matter of TD to allow the transfer to occur. Motion carries and the transfer is approved.

### **VISION STATEMENT:**

Read by Chair, Martha Harris: The Vision of the State Board is to prepare Maine public school graduates with the skills and knowledge needed to be college, career, citizenship and life ready.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

MOVED by Jane Sexton, seconded by Peter Geiger, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the September 9, 2015 minutes as written.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### ***Construction Committee (Peter Geiger):***

The Construction Committee did not meet on October 2, 2015, as scheduled.

The next Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 30, 2015. The meeting will be held in room 500 of the Cross State Office Building. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

### ***Certification and Higher Education (Nichi Farnham):***

The Certification and Higher Education Committee met on September 30, 2015, as scheduled.

The DOE has a three week contract with the University of Southern Maine (USM) to review the statute and rule chapter 115 to see how the two align with each other. Kathy Hollicker, Certification Coordinator, will receive a written summarized report at the end of the three weeks, and she will provide an update to the Committee at their next meeting.

The Committee worked on the Certification and Higher Education section of the State Board Strategic Plan and Goals going forward.

- During the next calendar year, in an effort to align and streamline the Maine Department of Education Teacher Certification process, our committee will provide an opportunity for all stakeholders input in restructuring and simplification of the certification process.
- The Committee wants to both vertically and horizontally streamline the certification process. Vertically means the layers of the things you need to do and horizontally means reduce the number of endless proliferation.

The next Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, 2015. The meeting will be held in room 538 of the Cross State Office building. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

### ***Career and Technical Education (Alan Burton):***

The Career and Technical Education Committee (CTE) met on Friday, October 2, 2015.

- CTE Committee – Strategic Planning
  - Goal: Support Career and Technical Education as a pathway to student success
    - Objective: Continue to encourage cross-walking of CTE curriculum with academic areas for potential credit
    - Objective: Convene stakeholders to understand the work that has been accomplished in the past to improve CTE's EPS formula calculation
    - Objective: Work with the Legislature to allow for academic credits for CTE programs (as is done in other states)
    - Objective: Convene stakeholders to explore the feasibility of CTE Directors giving academic credit for CTE programs

The next CTE Committee meeting is scheduled for October 30, 2015. The meeting will be held in room 538 of the Cross State Office building. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE REVIEW OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT PRESQUE ISLE'S ELEMENTARY, SECONDARY, AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

**BACKGROUND:** The University of Maine at Presque Isle College of Education (UMPICE) is requesting the State Board of Education to extend the scheduled February 2016 visit to February 2017. UMPICE cites multiple faculty changes and institutional curriculum initiatives (detailed in the attached document) as the reasons for requesting an extension. UMPICE made the decision to maintain the academic offerings throughout the faculty changes and the implementation of new curriculum initiatives and not weaken the rigor of the educator preparation program. The requested extension will provide the needed time to adhere to this goal. In the spring of 2017 the UMPICE will be fully staffed with implemented curriculum programs and ready to accept the State Board approved review team.

State Board Rule Chapter 114, Part 3.1 (e) reads as follows:

Requests for extensions for existing approval, due to extraordinary circumstances, may be granted at the discretion of the State Board of Education; however, such extensions shall not extend the date when the subsequent approval is due. The Board will only consider such requests in emergency situations.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the State Board of Education extend the review of the University of Maine at Presque Isle College of Education to February 12-15, 2017 and extend the current approval of the educator preparation program through midnight February 11, 2017. In doing so, the number of years to the next review scheduled for 2020 will be reduced by one year.

MOVED by William Beardsley, seconded by Peter Geiger, and voted five in favor with three members opposed (Nichi Farnham, Heidi Sampson and Ande Smith) to extend the review of the University of Maine at Presque Isle College of Education six months, to late summer, early fall, of 2016, and extend the current approval of the educator preparation program. In doing so, the number of years to the next review scheduled for 2020 will be reduced by six months. Motion Carries.

*Note: William Beardsley left the meeting at 2:40 PM.*

### **APPROVAL OF THE STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**BACKGROUND:** On May 12, 2015, the 127<sup>th</sup> Legislature passed LD 428: An act to amend the powers of the State Board of Education to participate in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA). The SARA is an agreement among member states, districts and territories that establishes comparable national standards for interstate offerings of postsecondary distance education courses and programs. The SARA facilitates the process for resident students of Maine to enroll in online courses offered by out-of-state degree granting postsecondary institutions and permit Maine colleges and universities to offer degree programs in participating SARA states.

The Maine Department of Education will serve as the portal agency for SARA. The Maine Department of Education will investigate and resolve allegations of dishonest or fraudulent activity by a provider, including the provision of false or misleading information.

The National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements review each state application and supporting documentation. The Chair of the State Board of Education initials the

application and signs the cover letter for the New England Board of Higher Education. The Department of Education uploads the supporting documentation, application and letter.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education approve the application and supporting documentation for full compliance with the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement and allow the Maine Department of Education to act as the portal agency. The Maine Department of Education will submit the application on behalf of the State Board of Education.

MOVED by Peter Geiger, seconded by Nichi Farnham, and voted four in favor with three members opposed (Heidi Sampson, Jane Sexton and Ande Smith) to approve the application and supporting documentation for full compliance with the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement and allow the Maine Department of Education to act as the portal agency. The Maine Department of Education will submit the application on behalf of the State Board of Education. Motion Carries.

#### AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 125: BASIC SCHOOL APPROVAL AS THE RESULT OF LEGISLATIVE ACTION

BACKGROUND: LD 97, Resolve 2015, Chapter 2 directed the Department of Education and State Board of Education to amend Joint Rule Chapter 125: Basic School Approval Standards: Public Schools and School Administrative Units to include lockdown drills as well as emergency evacuation drills within the established required number of drills to be performed.

I will propose the change that has been required as part of Legislative action, which has been heard and worked by the Joint Committee on Education and passed by the full Legislature during the last session to the Secretary of State on October 16, 2015, which will initiate the APA process. I have attached the Governor's Office Approval, the proposal form and the actual page with the change.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the State Board of Education accept the proposed changes to Chapter 125, Basic School Approval Standard: Public Schools and School Units and initiate Maine's Administrative Procedure Act (APA) process. A comment period will end on November 13, 2015. As a result of LD 97, now Resolve 2015, Chapter 2, at the November State Board meeting I will need Board signature to submit the paperwork for adoption.

MOVED by Ande Smith, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the proposed changes to Chapter 125, Basic School Approval Standard: Public Schools and School Units and initiate Maine's Administrative Procedure Act (APA) process. A comment period will end on November 13, 2015. As a result of LD 97, now Resolve 2015, Chapter 2, at the November State Board meeting I will need Board signature to submit the paperwork for adoption.

#### REQUEST APPROVAL OF A REVISED STATE OF MAINE YEAR NINE (9) REVISIONS AND REQUEST TO EXTEND THE SIX-YEAR PLAN FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION UNDER THE CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT OF 2006 (P.L. 109-270) AND "REQUEST FOR CONFORMING REVISIONS TO STATE PLAN SUBMISSIONS, INCLUDING BUDGETS" (OMB APPROVAL NUMBER 1830-0029)

As a condition for the receipt of Federal funds to support career and technical education, §122 of the 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. The Eligible Agency must send in a revised budget, any revisions to the plan, any request to extend

and the agreed upon performance indicators for that grant period each Grant year covered by the plan.

Following the Guidance for the Submission of State Plan Revisions, Budgets, and Performance Levels for Program Year Nine Perkins IV Grant Awards - issued by the U.S. Office of Vocational and Adult Education on December 22, 2014 (OMB #1830-0029) and the Request for Conforming Revisions to State Plan Submissions, Including Budgets” (OMB Approval Number 1830-0029) sent on March 24, 2015 the Maine Department of Education Career and Technical Education Team prepared the year nine (9) State plan revisions covering the grant period beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

As you know, Congress passed, and the President signed, a short-term continuing resolution (CR), that provides funding for a number of Federal programs through December 11, 2015. The CR includes an across-the-board reduction of 0.2108 percent that applies to the advance portion of fiscal year (FY) 2015 funds that were scheduled to become available October 1, 2015. Consequently, the total October 1 allocations for the Perkins IV Career and Technical Education State Grants will be slightly lower than were previously estimated.

The year nine (9) revisions include:

- A revised budget for the grant period covering July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

**RECOMMENDATION:** The State Board approve the revision of the *State of Maine Year IX budget for the Year nine extension of the Six Year Plan for Career and Technical Education Under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270) for the grant year July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016.*

MOVED by Ande Smith, seconded by Jane Sexton, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the revision of the State of Maine Year IX budget for the Year nine extension of the Six Year Plan for Career and Technical Education Under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270) for the grant year July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016.

#### VISION STATEMENT LANGUAGE

"The Vision of the State Board is to ensure Maine public school students graduate with the skills, knowledge, and principles to be responsible American citizens; self-directed and dedicated to making contributions to society by pursuing further education and employment."

MOVED by Jane Sexton, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the revised language to the Vision Statement.

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

##### **Chair, Martha Harris**

- Martha announced that she will be convening a Nominations and Elections committee to fill the vacancy of vice chair of the Board. Alan Burton will be resigning from the Board effective December 2015. At the end this year, Alan will be moving out of the State of Maine. Mary will send a copy of the Nomination Form for Vice Chair to the full Board, along with the process for nominations and elections from the policy and procedures manual.

## APPOINTMENT OF A NOMINATION AND ELECTION COMMITTEE FOR VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Chair Martha Harris appointed Alan Burton as Chair of the Nomination and Election Committee with Nichi Farnham and herself as members of the Committee. The Committee will bring back a nomination report for the November 10, 2015 meeting and the Board will vote at the December 9, 2015 meeting to fill the vacancy of vice chair of the Board effective following the December 2015 meeting.

### **Vice Chair, Alan Burton**

- On September 15 and 16, he participated in the Cianbro Leadership Initiative – Stretch Project Report Out and Feedback.
- On September 28, he secured the location for the December 9, 2015 State Board Meeting. The Board will hold their meeting at Educare in Waterville.
- On September 29, he attended the Maine Teacher of the Year Site Visit at Academy Hill School in Wilton.
- On September 30, he attended the Maine Teacher of the Year Site Visit at Pond Cove Elementary in Cape Elizabeth (Selection of the 2016 MTOY).
- He attended the CTE Committee meeting and the Agenda Review Meeting on October 2.
- He and Martha met with Deborah Parker, Future Visions on October 2. Deborah was provided 30 minutes to discuss her proposal to the SBE and to determine if this is something the Board should be involved with.
- On October 6, he attended the Downeast Construction Education Foundation meeting. Topics were centered on fundraising activities; adult electrical class updates, and the Craft Championship planning.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Submit travel and expense account vouchers to Mary at the end of this meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOVED by Nichi Farnham, seconded by Peter Geiger, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the October 14, 2015 State Board of Education meeting at 3:00PM.