



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on October 9, 2013, at Montello Elementary School, Lewiston, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Nancy Perkins; Vice Chair Peter Geiger; Steven Pound; Martha Harris; Jana Lapoint; Heidi Sampson; William Beardsley; Ande Smith; and Kristin Bishop.

Excused: Nichi Farnham

Also present were: Guest, Alyssa Wardwell; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Nancy Perkins called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

VISION STATEMENT:

Read by Chair, Nancy Perkins: 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 Heidi Sampson, seconded by Martha Harris, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the September 11, 2013 minutes as written.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Steven Pound, seconded by Martha Harris, to make two changes to the business agenda: 1) Add item "D" under New Business - Nominations to the Charter School Commission. The second is to move the Committee reports to be followed by the Consent Agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Construction Committee

The Construction Committee did not meet in October.

Certification and Higher Education

The Certification Committee met on September 23, 2013 and worked on the Government Evaluation Act report. The Committee met with the representatives from the eight teacher preparation programs in the afternoon.

Career and Technical Education

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee met on October 7, 2013 with Meg Harvey and Donna Tinner from the Department of Education. Meg and Donna presented the Committee with the financial report and an update on CTE. They are working on the CTE portion of the Government Evaluation Act report. Steve has requested that Donna and Meg go back seven years to be sure everything is up to date in the report. Steve reviewed the Carl D. Perkins quarterly financial report with the Board and requested that the Board approve the report during the afternoon business meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

RECEIPT OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO CHAPTER 115 "CERTIFICATION, AUTHORIZATION AND APPROVAL OF EDUCATION PERSONNEL"

MOVED by Steven Pound, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present to move the Consent Agenda to the end of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

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 first report for FY2014.

RECOMMENDATION: The State Board approves the Quarterly report for the period of July 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013 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 Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the Quarterly report for the period of July 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013 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).

STATE BOARD PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING TRANSFER APPEALS:

Sarah Forster will not be representing the State Board in regards to transfer appeals as she is representing the Department of Education. A colleague of Sarah's in the Attorney General's Office will be representing the Board. Nancy will get the name to members as soon as she receives the individual's name. At this time, we do not have the written State Board procedure for handling transfer appeals. The procedure will be sent to all Board members when printed.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF CALENDAR PROPOSAL:

Nichi Farnham approached Nancy with a proposal for moving the regular monthly Board meeting to the first Monday of each month. Following discussion, the Board agreed to move this item to the November 13, 2013 Board meeting when Nichi Farnham will be in attendance.

NOMINATIONS TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION:

State Public Charter School Commission - Approval of two members to serve on the Charter Commission.

MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by William Beardsley, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the appointment of J. Michael Wilhelm as a member of the Maine Charter School Commission.

MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and voted seven in favor with one member opposed (Nancy Perkins) to approve the appointment of Laurie Pendleton as a member of the Maine Charter School Commission. Motion Carries

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chair, Nancy Perkins:

- She has been working with Mary on the Government Evaluation Act report. All tabs should be complete by next week. The report needs to be completed and delivered to the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee by November 1.
- On September 8, she attended the Student Learning Objective Conference in Marlboro, MA.
- On September 13, she attended the New England Secondary School Consortium (NESSC) meeting. The focus of the meeting was to look at the status of two of the NESSC goals. Five states reported out their progress on proficiency based education which is goal one and multiple flexible pathways which is goal two. Many states are moving ahead and in the State of Maine, 50 districts are doing proficiency based.
- On September 30, she attended a Leadership Committee meeting. The committee worked on the Government Evaluation Act report.
- On October 8, she attended an Education and Cultural Affairs meeting with the State Board. This meeting was focused on the Picus Report
- She will be attending the Main School Management Association's Fall Conference on October 24 and 25. The tri-fold State Board brochure will be printed and added to the MSMA packets.

Vice Chair, Peter Geiger:

- The Teacher of the Year banquet will be held at UNUM on November 15. All Board members are welcome to attend. Nancy will be speaking.
- He participated in a couple of webinars on Common Core for Math and English Language Arts. It is interesting to continue to follow the progress being made.
- Following the meeting today, he will be taking any Board members that are interested to tour the Geiger Elementary School.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Jana Lapoint:

- She attended the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting on September 23. The Committee members worked on the Government Evaluation Act report and reviewed minutes of the past 7 years. It was interesting to look back on some of the events that she has attended or participated in while on the Board.
- She attended the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee meeting on October 8.
- The Maine School Management Conference will be held on October 24 and 25. The Charter Commission will be holding a presentation on Thursday.
- She will be attending a Charter School conference in San Diego on October 20 to October 25. The conference is being paid for by the National Charter Schools.

Kristin Bishop: (written report)

- Her internship is going really well at her local town office. She is there two hours a week, two days a week.
- She will be working with a visioning committee that Somerset Career and Technical Center is trying to create. It will allow her to move forward with her survey and outreach goals for the center.
- Her school just went one to one with Maine Learning Technology Initiative (MLTI) MacBooks which was exciting. All students are supplied with a laptop which has enhanced classes already.
- She hopes everyone celebrated Constitution Day on September 17. She informed everyone at her school that it was Constitution Day and many were excited especially the history department.

Steven Pound:

- On September 24, he participated in a NASBE Board conference call. Staffing is becoming more stable. They have been organizing regional events for Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards.
- On September 30, he attended a Leadership Committee meeting
- On October 5, he was at Channel 2 for the "Those Who Care" award ceremony. He congratulated Martha again on her award.
- On October 7, he attended a Career and Technical Education Committee meeting.
- On October 8, he attended the meeting with the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee with the State Board and other Education Stakeholders.
- The past month he has attended meetings with the STEM Council, STEM Collaborative, Workforce Development, Educate Maine, Maine Development Foundation, Maine Employees Initiative, Bangor Chamber of Commerce, EPSCoR's Prior Learning Assessment. The Universities are overwhelmingly starting to look at prior learning and recognizing it to encourage people to go back to school.

- He distributed a copy of the budget and gave a brief description of expenditures.

Heidi Sampson:

- She attended the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee meeting on October 8.

Martha Harris:

- She continues to serve on her local school board, and she is on the steering committee for proficiency based education.
- She had an opportunity to attend an all-day training session by Bea McGarvey. Her curriculum coordinator invited her to attend and she only intended to be there a short time, but it was so good that she stayed the entire day.
- She represented the State Board at the Regional Educational Laboratory (REL) conference in Framingham, MA on September 18. It was titled “Student Learning Objectives (SLOs) – Implementation and Measurement: Perspectives from Research, Policy and Practice”. She attended a session that clearly described how assessments come in and the process. She also attended a legal review of the 50 states.
- On September 24, she attended the PREP Consortium which is a group of 17 different school districts in her region. It was a training session about the responsibilities for Board members and superintendents, etc.
- She spent two nights at her local school board retreat. Cornelia Brown and Elaine Tomaszewski from MSMA came and they had an excellent presentation.

Ande Smith:

- He traveled to Pittsburgh, PA on September 19 to attend the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Regional Symposium “The Next Generation Science Standards”: Updates, Challenges and Opportunities.
- He attended the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee meeting with the State Board on October 7.
- He met for coffee with the Chair and a member of the MSAD#51 School Board which is where his kids go to school.

William Beardsley:

- He traveled to Pittsburgh, PA on September 19 to attend the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Regional Symposium “The Next Generation Science Standards”: Updates, Challenges and Opportunities.
- On September 23, he attended a Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting and worked on the Government Evaluation Act report.
- The Certification Committee also met with the Deans of Higher Education on September 23.
- He attended an Education and Cultural Affairs Committee meeting on October 8.

CONSENT AGENDA:

RECEIPT OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO CHAPTER 115 “CERTIFICATION, AUTHORIZATION AND APPROVAL OF EDUCATION PERSONNEL”

MOVED by Steven Pound, seconded by Martha Harris, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the Consent Agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Superintendent Webster said it was a pleasure to host the Board at Montello School. He will be facilitating a session on truancy at the Maine School Management Association Fall Conference.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED by Steven Pound, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the October 9, 2013 State Board of Education meeting at 3:03 PM.