



## MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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### STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on February 10, 2016 at the Cross State Office Building, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Martha Harris; Vice Chair Peter Geiger; Jana Lapoint; Heidi Sampson; Jane Sexton; Ande Smith; and Noa Sreden.

Excused: Nichi Farnham and Gwendolyn Viles

Also present were: Suzan Beaudoin, Acting Deputy Commissioner; Scott Brown, Director of School Facilities; Angel Martinez Loreda, Higher Education Specialist; 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 1:01 PM with voting members only in attendance. The Board returned to the regular business meeting at 1:13 PM.

### **STUDENT TRANSFER APPEALS:**

MOTION by Ande Smith, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present to reverse the decision of the Acting Commissioner of Education regarding the transfer appeal of IL and JL as it is not in the best interest of the children. The transfer is denied.

### **VISION STATEMENT:**

Read by Vice Chair, Peter Geiger: 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.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the January 13, 2016 minutes as written.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

The Construction Committee met on February 5, 2016 as scheduled.

The Committee had a presentation from the Sanford School Department and is recommending that the Board grant Design and Funding Approval to Sanford for the construction of the new Sanford High School and Regional Technical Center following today's presentation to the full Board.

The next Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 26, 2016. 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 (Jane Sexton):***

The Certification and Higher Education Committee met on February 3, 2016, as scheduled.

Representative Teresa Pierce came to the meeting.

The Committee discussed the Syracuse situation and compliance with Chapter 149.

The Committee received an update on Certification, Higher Education and Educator Effectiveness.

The next Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2016. 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 (Heidi Sampson):***

The Career and Technical Education Committee (CTE) met on January 29, 2016, as scheduled. CTE Committee Report:

- Intersections Work: A two day conference was held in Lewiston. The plan was to complete one crosswalk for each cluster (10) but they will now complete 8. The remaining 2 clusters do not have enough programs/teachers to create robust crosswalks.
- LD 1512: "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund Equipment for Career and Technical Education Centers". A work session was held on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The bond is through the Appropriations Committee.
- Cosmetology: Programs are being developed. The DOE is still waiting for the Maine Department of Professional and Financial Regulations to rewrite the rules to allow secondary programs.
- Update on Performance Evaluation and Professional Growth (PEPG) Training: This was offered by Charles Lomonte, MDOE, and several CTE Schools participated.
- MACTE Assessments: Seven assessments are in place:
  - Auto Body Statewide Assessments
  - Culinary Arts Statewide Assessments
  - Cooperative Education Statewide Assessments
  - Composite Manufacturing Statewide Assessments
  - Building Trades Statewide Assessments

- Marketing and Sales Statewide Assessments
- Early Childhood Assessments
- One additional standard was accepted for Diversified Occupations.
- School Reviews: The Rockland Review was completed on January 25 - 27. The Farmington Review is scheduled for March 7 – 9.
- Dexter Fire: There was a substantial fire in Dexter. All programs are still running in various locations in the region.
- Next month, Acting Commissioner Beardsley will be joining the Committee to discuss his vision of opening the first standard.

The next CTE Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 26, 2016. 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:**

**MAJOR CAPITAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM, DESIGN AND FUNDING APPROVAL CONSIDERATION FOR SANFORD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT’S NEW HIGH SCHOOL AND REGIONAL TECHNICAL CENTER**

STATEMENT OF FACT: Sanford School Department Superintendent David Theoharides requests that the State Board of Education grant Design and Funding Approval for a new Sanford High School and Regional Technical Center.

Sanford High School and Regional Technical Center was project number 2 on the Approved Projects List approved by the State Board on January 11, 2012. After an extensive site search the project received State Board Site Approval on August 12, 2014 and Concept Approval on October 14, 2014. The project was approved by local referendum vote on January 13, 2015.

The new facility will house 1,015 Sanford High School students and up to 808 Career and Technical Education students representing 7 SAUs comprised of 18 communities. It has been designed around four small learning community pathways each with its own academic focus. The building is a multi-storied design which is energy efficient, heated with natural gas, and designed to take advantage of natural daylighting.

The construction documents are 100% complete and there have been minimal design changes since Concept Approval which resulted in a more efficient footprint and overall cost reductions to the project.

The construction documents have been reviewed and approved by all relevant state, federal and local agencies and are in compliance with current building codes.

Design and Funding Approval is being requested pursuant to MRSA Title 20-A, §15905(1) and State Board of Education Rule, Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects.

Project Information: Project: Sanford High School and Regional Technical Center

Superintendent: David Theoharides

Principal: Marianne Sylvain

Architect: Lance Whitehead of Lavalley/Brensinger

Project Budget Information: Concept Approval Date: October 14, 2014  
 Total Project Cost: \$103,016,632.  
 Local Only (no State participation): \$10,628,450.  
 Approved for State/Local Debt Service Subsidy: \$92,066,894.  
 Other Funding (Grants, Gifts, Etc.): \$321,288. (gas line extension)

COMMISSIONER’S RECOMMENDATION: The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education grant Design and Funding Approval to the Sanford School Department for the construction of the new Sanford High School and Regional Technical Center in Sanford, Maine under the provisions of Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Construction Committee considered this exhibit at its February 5, 2016 meeting and voted to recommend that the State Board of Education grant Design and Funding Approval to the Sanford School Department for the construction of the new Sanford High School and Regional Technical Center in Sanford, Maine under the provisions of Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects.

MOVED by Peter Geiger, seconded by Ande Smith, and unanimously voted by those present to grant Design and Funding Approval to the Sanford School Department for the construction of the new Sanford High School and Regional Technical Center in Sanford, Maine under the provisions of Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects.

APPROVAL OF THE REVIEW TEAM FOR THE LESLEY UNIVERSITY RENEWAL OF STATE BOARD AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER CREDIT COURSES AND HAVE A PHYSICAL PRESENCE IN THE STATE OF MAINE

BACKGROUND: The Lesley University was authorized by the State Board of Education (SBE) in 2011 to offer classes online and through face-to-face format at the Berwick Academy. Lesley University has received three five-year-renewals from the SBE. Currently, Lesley University offers the following programs:

Online	Hybrid
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Autism Certificate</li> <li>▪ Advanced Professional Certificate-Online Teaching</li> <li>▪ Advanced Professional Certificate-Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages</li> <li>▪ M.Ed. Educational Technology</li> <li>▪ M.Ed. Effective Teaching</li> <li>▪ M.Ed. Literacy for K-8 Classroom Teachers</li> <li>▪ M.Ed. Mathematics Education</li> <li>▪ M.Ed. Science in Education</li> <li>▪ PhD in Educational Studies: Adult Learning Specialization.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ M.Ed. Curriculum and Instruction with a Specialization in Integrated Teaching through the Arts</li> <li>▪ M.Ed. Individually Designed Program</li> <li>▪ M.S. Ecological Teaching and Learning</li> </ul>

Lesley University is incorporated under the laws of the State of Massachusetts and is authorized to grant undergraduate and graduate degrees by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education and the Massachusetts Department of Education. The institution has been continuously accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges since 1952.

The review team will meet with Lesley University program representatives on February 12, 2016 through video conference at the University of Maine.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education approves the list for potential State review team members for the Lesley University application renewal and designate Dr. Mary Mahoney O’Neil of the University of Maine as Chair.

#### Proposed State Review Team Membership

Chair	Dr. Mary Mahoney O’Neil The University of Maine System	Dr. Erin Connor University of New England
		Ms. Rachele Tome Department of Education

#### Non-Voting Participants

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Observer	The Honorable Nichi Farnham Maine State Board of Education	State Consultant	Ángel Martínez Loredó MDOE Higher Education Specialist
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MOVED by Peter Geiger, seconded by Ande Smith, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the list for potential State review team members for the Lesley University application renewal and designate Dr. Mary Mahoney O’Neil of the University of Maine as Chair.

#### RECEIPT OF THE REPORT OF FINDINGS REGARDING THE REQUEST OF SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY TO RENEW ITS CURRENT AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER ACADEMIC CREDIT PROGRAMS IN MAINE

BACKGROUND: The Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) was first authorized by the State Board of Education (SBE) in 2002 to offer classes at 10 Tibbetts Drive in the Cook’s Corner area of Brunswick, Maine. Since 2002, SNHU has received two five-year-renewals from the SBE and with each one their class offerings have increased. Currently, SNHU offers the following graduate programs using a hybrid model: MBA, Organizational Leadership, Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, and a Masters of Education.

The review team conducted a video conference with SNHU program representatives on January 15, 2016 in the board room of the University of Maine at Augusta.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education accept the review team report of findings concerning the SNHU application to continue to offer its graduate programs in the State of Maine. The period of approval would be from spring 2016 to spring 2021.

MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the review team report of findings concerning the SNHU application to continue to offer its graduate programs in the State of Maine. The period of approval would be from spring 2016 to spring 2021.

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 second report for FY2016.

RECOMMENDATION: The State Board approve the Quarterly report for the period of October 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, 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 Heidi Sampson, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the Quarterly report for the period of October 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, 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 OF EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLAN 2016-2021

MOTION by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the revisions to the Strategic Plan with added language in the introduction that will include the Board’s responsibility regarding the Charter School Commission – “The Board is also responsible for the appointment of three members to the Maine State Charter School Commission (“Commission”). It also interviews and approves the four members at large. As part of its on-going activities, the Board

monitors the work of the Commission and reviews its annual monitoring reports of authorized charter schools”.

## **OFFICER’S REPORTS:**

### **Chair, Martha Harris**

- She just returned from the Galapagos and shared a book with the Board.
- On February 5, she attended the Construction Committee meeting.
- Martha reviewed with Board members, the schedule for the student application process. Applications were mailed to Second Congressional District Schools and posted on the SBE web-site on February 3. Applications will be accepted until 4:00 PM on February 22. Screening of the applications will be done by a committee appointed by the Chair of the Board on February 23. Six Semi-Finalists will be invited for an interview. Interviews of the Semi-Finalists will take place on February 26. On February 29, the Board will convey the prioritized list and application materials of the three Finalists to the Office of the Governor.
- The National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) has invited the Board to submit an application for a Deeper Learning Grant.

### **Vice Chair, Peter Geiger**

- On January 22, the National Association of State Boards of Education’s (NASBE’s) Government Affairs Committee scheduled an all-day session in DC to discuss major legislation initiatives. It required a flight into town on Thursday and return to Maine on Friday night. Fortunately, due to the historical blizzard, it was canceled before anyone went to town and replaced with a Webinar that took place on Friday afternoon.
- On January 25, (not directly SBE related but interesting) Geiger hosted something called Tech Needs Employer Meeting. It was comprised of 15 area employers and several higher education institutions and the Maine Department of Labor (DOL) along with Educate Maine. It was an attempt to identify the needs of employers for technology workers and to strategize what might be accomplished. Finding quality technology workers is a statewide need going forward. It was interesting to discuss the skills and requirements going forward.
- On January 25, he listened in as the Education Committee held a casual conversation with the Maine County Teacher of the Years. It was an opportunity for the committee, to bounce ideas off of the educators. It was powerful because each could articulate the things that happen within their school and within their county of Maine.
- On January 26, he met with Acting Commissioner Beardsley and Acting Deputy Commissioner Beaudoin to plan an agenda for the February Board meeting, and also sat in on the Career and Technical Committee meeting which was very informative.
- On February 5, he attended the Construction Committee meeting held in Augusta.
- On February 8, the Lewiston School Department held a community dinner and goal setting session at the Green Ladle. Administrators and School Committee Members outlined 13 goals on their horizon (science to grade level reading to proficiency-based learning, etc.) and asked attendees to weigh in on pros, cons and suggestions. Peter thought it was an excellent setting for this type of dialogue. Kudos to Superintendent Webster and his team for making it possible.

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

### **Jane Sexton:**

- She attended the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting on February 3.
- Eastern Maine Community College opened a new public safety building and she toured the facility.

### **Heidi Sampson:**

- On January 29, she chaired the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee meeting.
- She has been teaching a High School Government Civics Course this year on Fridays. Heidi briefed the Board on the class.

### **Jana Lapoint:**

- She attended the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting on February 3.
- She was the Board Observer for the Southern New Hampshire University Review Team on January 15.
- On January 22, she attended a Nellie Mae Foundation event to hear about a new grant initiative which is to rethink education governance structures. Their objective is to invest in a new region-wide initiative to advance new and different local strategies that re-think education governance as a critical component of educational systems in providing equity of opportunity and access in preparing all learners to be college and career ready. Questioning what are the structural barriers that exist to broadening opportunities to student-centered systems. Alternative governance practices are expected to promote greater equity, transparency, and deeper learning outcomes.

### **Ande Smith:**

- He has been busy with Charter Commission work.
- He attended the Construction Committee meeting on February 5.

### **Noa Sreden:**

- On January 23, she took the SAT's in Yarmouth.
- On January 25, she attended her RSU #1 local school board meeting.
- She attended the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee meeting on January 29 via conference call.
- On February 3, she spoke at her school's PSAT and Pizza night event. You get your PSAT scores back and free pizza.
- The Youth Council at her school is starting an application process to get more members for a summer leadership summit and she has been interviewing students all month for that.

### **Gwendolyn Viles:** (written report)

- January was uneventful in terms of actual events that she participated in, which she was very thankful for as her classes have started to amp-up again.
- On February 3, she called into the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting.
- She has been keeping herself busy with her studies.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Jane Sexton, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the February 10, 2016 State Board of Education meeting at 2:43 PM.