



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on March 11, 2015 at the Cross State Office Building, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Peter Geiger; Vice Chair Martha Harris; William Beardsley; Alan Burton; Jana Lapoint; Heidi Sampson; Jane Sexton; Ande Smith; Gwendolyn Viles and Alyssa Wardwell.

Excused: Nichi Farnham

Also present were: Acting Commissioner Thomas Desjardin; Arthur Keenan, Certification Legal Consultant; Donna Tiner, Perkins Grant Manager; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Peter Geiger called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

VISION STATEMENT:

Read by Chair, Peter Geiger: 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 Martha Harris, seconded by Alan Burton, and voted six in favor with 2 members abstained (Ande Smith and Heidi Sampson) to approve the February 11, 2015 minutes as amended.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Construction Committee (Martha Harris):

The Construction Committee did not meet in March.

The next Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for April 3, 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 did not meet in February.

The next Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting is scheduled for March 18, 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 (Peter Geiger):

The Career and Technical Education Committee (CTE) held a meeting on Friday, February 27, 2015, at the Department of Education in Augusta.

The Committee reviewed the draft of the new Maine State Perkins Plan with supporting materials. The State Board will vote this afternoon to approve the State of Maine Year VIII revised 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.

The next CTE Committee meeting is scheduled for April 3, 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:

APPROVAL TO ADOPT PROPOSED CHANGES TO CHAPTER 13, QUALIFYING EXAMINATIONS OF TEACHERS, EDUCATIONAL SPECIALISTS AND ADMINISTRATORS

Attachments:

1. The proposed final rule with comments to be filed with the Secretary of State;
2. The proposed rule with comments showing all changes to be made in the existing rule.

BACKGROUND: On October 14, 2014, the Board voted to proceed to rulemaking to amend Chapter 13. The amendments reflect the changes made to examination test codes and qualifying scores as a result of the regular periodic revisions made by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). Publication of the proposed amendment occurred October 29, 2014, and the comment period expired December 1, 2014. On January 14, 2015, the Board voted for additional revisions to Chapter 13 to correct the inequity in Section 3.10 which waived the PLT and Praxis I tests for only current credential holders. The tests are too basic for previous credential holders. The revised rule was again published on January 28, 2015. The deadline for comments expired on February 27, 2015. There was no public hearing during either comment period.

RECOMMENDATION: The Certification and Higher Education Sub-Committee recommends approval of the amended Chapter 13.

MOVED by Ande Smith, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and unanimously voted by those present to table the amendments to Chapter 13.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF 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)

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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 Eight 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) based on FY14 award sent in February 2014 the Maine Department of Education Career and Technical Education Team has prepared the year nine (9) State plan revisions covering the grant period beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

The year nine (9) revisions include:

- Revisions to Perkins State Plan Section II. A. 2.
- A revised budget for the grant period covering July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016
- State proposed performance levels for the Consolidate Annual Report (CAR) indicators

RECOMMENDATION: The State Board approve the *State of Maine Year VIII revised 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 Alan Burton, seconded by Martha Harris, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the *State of Maine Year VIII revised 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.*

RECOMMENDATION TO EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CHARTER COMMISSION MEMBERS

MOVED by Jane Sexton, seconded by William Beardsley, and voted seven in favor with one member abstained (Ande Smith) to move all three members (Ande Smith, John Bird and Laurie Pendleton) reappointments forward to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF A REVISED STATE OF MAINE YEAR EIGHT (8) 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)

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This revision is the result of the restoration of funds previously reduced by the Congressional *Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2015*, Pub. L. No. 113-164, that provided funding for a number of Federal programs through December 11, 2014. The CR included an across-the-board reduction of 0.0554 percent that applied to the advance portion of fiscal year (FY) 2014 funds that became available October 1, 2014.

This year eight (8) revision includes:

- A revised budget for the grant period covering July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

RECOMMENDATION: The State Board approve this additional revision of the *State of Maine Year VIII budget for the Year eight 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, 2014- June 30, 2015.*

MOVED by Alan Burton, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and unanimously voted by those present to approve this additional revision of the *State of Maine Year VIII budget for the Year eight 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, 2014- June 30, 2015.*

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chair, Peter Geiger

- On February 27, he attended the Career and Technical Education Committee meeting.
- Also on February 27, he met with the committee chairs to review legislation.
- On March 9, he presented the budget to the Appropriations Committee and the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee.
- The Board is starting the selection process for a student representative. The announcement went out and we have five applicants. Alyssa Wardwell, Heidi Sampson and he will interview all five students on March 18.
- He is in need of an observer for the program review at the College of the Atlantic scheduled for May 17 through May 20. Heidi Sampson has agreed to be the observer with William Beardsley as the backup.
- Jane Sexton has accepted a SBE position on the MEPRI (Maine Education Policy Research Institute) Steering Committee. Thank you, Jane.
- He attended the Skills USA Competition at the United Technology Center and then the awards ceremony at Hampden Academy. Martha gave him a tour of the school.
- The Department of Education (DOE) has been charged by the US Department of Education to develop a plan to provide equitable access to effective teachers. The DOE (Rachelle Tome) is coordinating a number of stakeholder groups to discuss the topic. Both Jane Sexton and Alan Burton are representing the SBE at a session originally scheduled for March 12 but moved to April (TBD). Thanks to both.
- At the Board's last meeting members briefly discussed adding the immediate past Maine Teacher of the Year (MTOY) to their Board as an ex-officio member. In speaking with

Sarah Forster, he has been told that the Board would need to put forth a statute to make this happen. There is also some cost although minimal. He passed out a couple options for consideration. Peter asked that Board members please review and submit their thoughts to him for discussion at the SBE April meeting.

- Mary circulated an invite to “Developmental Approach: Simple Explanations of the Scientific Underpinnings” that is being held at Reel School in Falmouth. It is being held on April 3. If any members can attend, it looks like a great event.

Vice Chair, Martha Harris

- The Robotics Team at Hampden Academy won the State Competition and will be going to Nationals.
- The Hampden boys won the gold ball in Basketball.
- On March 6, she attended the Skills USA competition at UTC and the awards ceremony at Hampden Academy. There was amazing energy and amazing skills.
- The Maine Association for Charter Schools (Judith Jones, Chair and Roger Brainerd, Executive Director) presented at her local school board meeting on February 25. The presentation will be on the Town of Hampden website if anyone wants to view it. RSU #22 and Biddeford are considering potential charters.
- The most fun event was attending the Unified Basketball game. Unified basketball is a joint venture between Special Olympics and the Maine Principals Association where special athletes compete with “partners”. What a joy to see.
- On March 9, she participated in the Agenda Review meeting via conference call with Peter and Tom Desjardin.
- She and Peter will be meeting with the Governor on March 17.
- She participated in lots of telephonic conferences regarding legislation.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Heidi Sampson:

- She expressed her concerns regarding labor laws for 14 and 15 year olds.

Alan Burton:

- Last fall he was invited to Erskine Academy to talk to some students who have an interest in the construction industry. One of the students is a special needs student who wants to be a lineman. Cianbro has given him suggestions and he has done all of what they have given him. He is involved with increasing his math skills and getting his CDL license while he is still in high school. He has applied for the lineman program at Kennebec Valley Community College (KVCC) but may not get in due to the math placement. He applied for Cianbro’s Boot Camp where students are put through a two week exposure to the construction industry. He is one of 500 students that have applied for the boot camp. He was interviewed and it looks like he will have an opportunity to get into the boot camp and work for Cianbro this summer.
- He attended his first meeting for the Maine Schools for Excellence study group on school climate. It was an overview of what the group will be working on. The next meeting is in April.
- He attended the Career and Technical Education Committee meeting on February 27.
- He chairs the Downeast Construction Education Foundation Board. They will be doing an adult electrical training program in the state. There are several contractors in the Lewiston area that are very interested. They use a standardized craft curriculum that is approved by the state.
- He attended the Skills USA Competition at UTC on March 6.
- He is a member of the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) study group on Career readiness. As part of the homework assignment he needs to visit a manufacturing plant to see what they look for in career readiness. On March 10, he met

with Rick Malinowski, Human Resources Manager at TamBrands in Auburn. Alan briefed the Board on his visit. The next study group meeting is on March 22.

- He and Jane will be attending a focus group meeting – Educator Equity Planning on March 12.

Jana Lapoint:

- She has been busy with Charter School Commission work.
- Baxter Academy formed a Robotics Team with Cheverus High School. They opened it up to anyone in the Portland area that wanted to be part of the team. They went to their first competition and came out on top. They were so excited.
- She visited her local school board meeting in Falmouth.
- She attended a program with a presentation on Common Core.

Ande Smith:

- Most of his efforts have been directed to the Charter School Commission.
- He judged the science fair at Greeley High School and had the pleasure of walking around and interacting with the kids.
- The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has schools in Maine participate in the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance that is anonymous. He shared with members of the Board the discussion he had with his children in regards to the surveillance and his concerns as to how anonymous this really is.

William Beardsley:

- He is reviewing and recommending on a draft of Federal ESEA Reauthorization for Susan Collin's Office.
- He submitted comments on a draft of federal rules that would require the State (MSBE or MDOE) to grade, rank, and publish the rating of each teacher prep program and sub-program in Maine.
- He reviewed the 2014 evaluation and ranking of Maine's teacher prep policies/laws, etc. in comparison with other States, carried out by the National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ) based on review of Chapter 114, etc. It is based on what our policies do/don't say.
- He reviewed the 2014 evaluation of 1600 teacher prep programs at 850 institutions also by NCTQ.
- He reviewed the proposed Maine Career and Technical Education (CTE) Plan for Peter and the CTE Committee.
- He attended the Maine STEM Council quarterly meeting and reviewed their new workforce plan.
- He attended the Skills USA Championship at the CTE United Technology Center.
- He wrote an editorial for the Ellsworth American on positive steps/possible tipping points for UMS.
- He is prepping for the Valparaiso's single course in Maine.

Gwendolyn Viles:

- Prior to the Board's March meeting, she had sent out an email to all Board members concerning the large amount of testing juniors in high school are scheduled to undergo. She spoke a little more about her position at the meeting today, answering the questions Peter had asked in his reply back to her such as whether or not the testing schedule at Nokomis plans to adhere to its similar to surrounding districts.
- She has been accepted to attend the New England Young Writer's Conference at Middlebury this spring.
- She had taken the National Latin Exam earlier this morning, and is preparing to take the National Spanish exam in the following weeks.
- She will be attending the Maine FBLA conference this coming weekend.

Alyssa Wardwell:

- The new Student Athletic Leaders Group at her school has been renamed Student Activities Committee. She has been chosen as the student advisor to communicate between the Athletic Director and the committee itself to set up and organize things.
- She attended the Career and Technical Committee meeting via conference call on February 27.
- She has been applying for scholarships and most of the deadlines are March 1st.
- She received another \$1000.00 from the University of Maine for being a select engineer.
- She attended another student advisory meeting at her school. There are 10 students from different grades that meet with the principal to discuss what is going on in the school. A big problem they are having is getting teachers on the same page in regards to the retake policy. Currently students have ten days to retake a test and a lot of teachers are saying you can't retake and others are saying you have all the time you want.

Jane Sexton:

- She would like to see a presentation on a workshop agenda regarding the Board Observer role at a higher education program review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Submit travel and expense account vouchers to Mary at the end of the meeting.
- Peter distributed the Board's expenditures to all Board members.
- The public hearing for LD 428 – "An Act to Amend the Powers and Duties of the State Board of Education" is scheduled for March 16 and the workshop session is scheduled for March 23. Peter will be testifying in support of LD 428 on behalf of the Board.
- April is the month to appoint a nominating committee for chair and vice chair of the Board.
- Heidi, Alyssa and Peter will be reviewing student applications and conducting interviews.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT:

The State Board of Education March 11, 2015 meeting adjourned at 2:37 PM.