



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on May 11, 2016 at the Cross State Office Building, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Martha Harris; Vice Chair Peter Geiger; John Bird; Nichi Farnham; Jana Lapoint; Heidi Sampson; Jane Sexton; Ande Smith; Gwendolyn Viles; and Noa Sreden.

Excused: Wilson Hess

Also present were: Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education.

CALLED TO ORDER:

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

VISION STATEMENT:

Read by student member, Gwendolyn Viles: 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 John Bird, seconded by Ande Smith, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the April 13, 2016 minutes as amended.

Note: Noa Sreden arrived at the meeting at 1:09 PM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Construction Committee (Peter Geiger):

The Construction Committee did not meet on April 29, 2016 as scheduled.

The next Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 3, 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 (Nichi Farnham):

The Certification and Higher Education Committee met on April 27, 2016, as scheduled.

The significance of the meeting was having a full team of DOE staff (Angel Loreda, Higher Education; Robert Hasson, Certification; and Charles Lomonte, Educator Effectiveness). This is the first time in a very long time that this has occurred. They had great updates for the committee.

The next Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25, 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 April 29, 2016, as scheduled. CTE Committee Report:

The Committee received an update on LD 1627: “An Act to Implement Certain Recommendations of the Maine Proficiency Education Council”, signed by the Governor and became Public Law on April 19, 2016. Heidi shared with the Board an update and a copy of the language.

The Committee reviewed the George Briggs Grant for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 awarded to Maine Association of Career and Technical Education for support of secondary CTE in Maine. The Board will vote to approve the grant on May 11, 2016.

The Committee reviewed the Perkins Financial Report for January 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016. The Board will vote to approve the report on May 11, 2016.

The next CTE Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 2, 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:

APPROVAL OF THE REVIEW TEAM FOR THE ENDICOTT COLLEGE OUT-OF-STATE INSTITUTION APPLICATION REVIEW TO OFFER CREDIT COURSES IN MAINE

BACKGROUND: Endicott College is an independent institution in Massachusetts accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Endicott College offers students a vibrant academic environment that remains true to its founding principle of integrating professional and liberal arts with experiential learning including internship opportunities across disciplines. The College fosters a spirit of excellence by creating a challenging yet supportive and inclusive environment in which students are encouraged to take intellectual risks, pursue scholarly and

creative interests, contribute to the community, and explore diverse career paths.

Endicott College has entered into a license arrangement with the Maine Educator’s Consortium (MEC). MEC will offer professional development opportunities to adult learners through both undergraduate and graduate course offerings and programs. MEC will provide, hybrid professional development opportunities to pre K-12 pre-service and in-service educators, marketing, and register students in Maine for Endicott College.

Endicott College has submitted an application for an out-of-state institution to offer credit courses in Maine. This application will need to be evaluated focusing primarily upon whether the applicant meets the Board’s course granting standards as found in Chapter 149. An interview with Endicott College is scheduled for May 18, 2016 via Skype.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education approves the list for potential State review team members for the Endicott College Out-of-State Institution Application Review and designate Dr. Bruno Hicks of University of Maine at Fort Kent as Chair.

Proposed State Review Team Membership

Chair	Bruno Hicks Professor of Education University of Maine at Fort Kent	Rhonda A. Waskiewicz Dean, College-Health and Education Husson University
	Joyce Rumery Dean of Libraries University of Maine	Robert Kuech Professor of Education University of Southern Maine

Non-Voting Participants

Observer	Jana Lapoint State Board of Education	State Consultant	Ángel Martínez Loredo MDOE Higher Education Specialist
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MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by John Bird, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the list for potential State review team members for the Endicott College Out-of-State Institution Application Review and designate Dr. Bruno Hicks of University of Maine at Fort Kent as Chair.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL GEORGE BRIGGS GRANT AWARD FOR FY17

The State Board of Education's Career and Technical Education Committee recommends to the State Board of Education any and all pertinent materials so that the State Board may perform its duties, including its fiduciary responsibilities, as the agency responsible for the administration and oversight of the state career and technical education (CTE) program.

The committee oversees the George M. Briggs Award. It reviews proposals to make recommendations for the approval of programs to enhance career and technical education to the State Board of Education.

Recommendation: The State Board approve the Annual \$30,000 George Briggs grant for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 awarded to Maine Association of Career and Technical Education for support of secondary CTE in Maine.

MOVED by Peter Geiger, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and voted seven in favor with one member opposed (Ande Smith) to approve the Annual \$30,000 George Briggs grant for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 awarded to Maine Association of Career and Technical Education for support of secondary CTE in Maine. Motion passed.

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 third report for FY2016.

RECOMMENDATION: The State Board approve the Quarterly report for the period of January 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016, 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 Peter Geiger, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the Quarterly report for the period of January 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016, 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).

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

At the April 13, 2016 Board meeting, Chair Martha Harris appointed Peter Geiger (Chair) along with Jane Sexton and Nichi Farnham to serve as the Nomination and Election Committee. They were tasked with presenting a slate of officers for the 2016 – 2017 year. The three conferenced and are putting forward the following:

Martha Harris - Chair
Jana Lapoint – Vice Chair

The Board’s procedure indicates that other members who wish to be placed on the ballot must obtain two supporting nominations from Board members and present them to the Nomination and Election committee chair at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting on June 15, 2016.

Peter thanked Nichi Farnham and Jane Sexton for their committee work. Officers will be elected at the June 15, 2016 Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board went into executive session at 1:20 PM with voting members only in attendance. The Board returned to the regular business meeting at 1:49 PM.

STUDENT TRANSFER APPEALS:

MOTION by Peter Geiger, seconded by John Bird, and voted seven in favor with one member opposed (Heidi Sampson) to uphold the Commissioner’s decision on the transfer of EI. The transfer is denied.

MOTION by Heidi Sampson, seconded by Jane Sexton, and voted seven in favor with one member opposed (Heidi Sampson) to uphold the Commissioner’s decision on the transfer of CS. The transfer is denied.

MOTION by Ande Smith, seconded by Jane Sexton, and unanimously voted by those present to uphold the Commissioner's decision on the transfer of KS. The transfer is denied.

MOTION by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Jane Sexton, and voted seven in favor with one member opposed (Heidi Sampson) to uphold the Commissioner's decision on the transfer of TH. The transfer is denied.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chair, Martha Harris

- On May 9, she participated in the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Governmental Affairs Committee telephonic conference with representatives of 10 other states. The agenda was ESSA Implementation, Requests for examples for guidance on the same, CTE Reauthorization.

The Department is moving ahead on Title I regulations. Congress has been doing its "negotiated rule making" and there should be MPRN by June or July at the latest. Title II (teacher effectiveness, etc.) will be put off until new administration takes over. State leadership is stressed and if Boards are working on rules, implementation guidelines, etc., NASBE would like exemplars. However, they are cautioning not to get into high stakes areas of Title I. State plans at least in regulatory arena need to mirror Federal DOE. Assessment work is being done at federal level – computer adaptive, advance math, and special education particularly. Other state boards have the responsibility for this, but Maine does not. Colorado and North Carolina are doing listening tours over their states to get public input in order to set long term goals.

Appropriations are difficult because if not done by August, it probably won't happen until after election.

Perkins reauthorization is a focus and there is belief that by the end of May there will be drafts from both Senate and House. Those will be sent to committee for feedback and Martha will send to Meg Harvey and Heidi Sampson for distribution as appropriate. Child nutrition reauthorization is also a priority. Senate passed a bill but the House is going in a weird way. Charter schools are not getting much on the national level. There is work being done with DC board re: accountability.

- On April 28, she attended the Maine Principals Association (MPA) Spring Conference which focused on mental health issues and their impact on student learning. She was sorry that she could not attend both days. It was a wonderful conference. Key note was a young woman who had suffered multiple Adverse Child experiences (ACE) who set forth her struggles and triumphs. There is a triangle that starts with Disruptive Neurodevelopment, increases to social, emotional and cognitive

impairment, then to adoption of health-risk behaviors, then to divorce, disability and social problems and finally to early death. Don't ask a student who is acting out "what's wrong with you?": rather "what has happened to you?"

Martha decided to go to the session called: Thorny Issues for elementary and middle level. This was an opportunity for these principals, teachers, guidance counselors and other specialists to discuss issues and get colleagues advice and assistance. Martha got three big policy take-aways from this.

- 1) Special Education is still a big issue with the new proficiency legislation. (this will be a hard one)
- 2) Public -private academies are not held to the same proficiency standards which makes it difficult for lower grades to prepare their students. (It seems to Martha that the state can do something about this as they did with Charter schools)
- 3) There is really no truancy enforcement and parents know it. DHHS will only get involved through 6th grade and there is no legal enforcement happening. (this is something Martha has heard in her own district and we all know if children don't attend school, they don't learn and succeed).

Martha provided Mary with the list of Professional Development opportunities the MPA has in 2016 -2017 and a card explaining the Maine Resilience Building network, should anyone be interested.

Peter Geiger has provided his report (he was able to attend both days) and some of the power points are available. If you are interested in receiving a copy, please contact Mary.

Vice Chair, Peter Geiger

- On April 26, he represented the State Board of Education (SBE) at the Excellence in Maine Visual and Performing Arts Education Ceremony at the Hall of Flags with Deputy Commissioner Beardsley and First Lady, Ann LePage doing the honors.
- On April 28 and 29, he attended the Maine Principals Association (MPA) Spring Conference. The topic was mental health and its impact on schools. This might be a topic for the Board's summer retreat. It was very interesting and Peter handed out a brief report.
- On April 29, he met with Deputy Commissioner Beardsley to map out the agenda for the May 11 meeting.
- On April 29, he attended *I Am a Tree Celebration* for the Tree Street Youth. Executive Director, Julia Sleeper spoke to the Board a few months ago. Julia has built a solid organization that is motivating young inner city children to grow both socially, academically and with leadership qualities. During the event, the students exhibited skills in dance and music. Thirty of Julia's students are going on to college.

- On April 29, he went to the world premiere of One Team – a movie build around the success of the Lewiston High School (LHS) Boys Soccer Team. The producer is Ian Clough who attended Montello School and was part of their Oscar Night celebrations in 1992 and 1994. Peter would like to take all the credit but will refrain. Coach McGraw won his first state title in 33 years and the film captured his impact on boys from literally all over the world. In a community that is newly diversified, it was powerfully honest.
- On May 2, twelve students from Lewiston Academy visited Geiger to get a feel for a business, careers and interviewing advice. It is something Peter does annually with Mr. Fortier and his class.
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BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Gwendolyn Viles:

- On April 27, she attended the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting via conference call.
- On May 3, 6, and 9, she will be taking her last AP exams.
- On May 4, she attended the KVAC Honors Banquet.
- She is gearing up for State Convention on June 17 and 18.
- She will be graduating on June 10 and will be speaking as valedictorian.

Noa Sreden:

- She attended the Career and Technical Education Committee meeting via conference call on April 29.
- She took her AP tests last Friday, yesterday and today.
- Lacrosse has started and they are currently 5-0.
- She attended the VEMA's for the Sunday Telegram which is an awards night for Maine athletes.
- She has been working with one of the high school teachers to establish a leadership program for all fifth graders in her school district. Today, she had her first session for training high school students to lead the sessions that will begin on June 20.
- On April 25, she attended her local school board meeting

Heidi Sampson:

- She attended the Career and Technical Education Committee meeting on April 29.
- She is in her last three weeks of her Government Civics Course. This Friday the students will be interviewing their local Representatives and Senators. Next week they will have a tour of the Blaine House and State House, and then complete their five to seven minute presentations for the Governor.

Jane Sexton:

- She attended the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting on April 27. It was nice to have everyone in attendance.
- She was in New Delhi and visited a school geared for math and technology. Their culture is totally different from ours and they do not have any female teachers.

- She attended the International Festival of Language and Culture with students ranging from age ten to eighteen. There are 160 countries that participate and some sing, some dance.

Ande Smith:

- He visited Medomak Valley High School in Waldoboro where they have an Heirloom Seed Project with a goal to teach students how to grow, collect, and save heirloom seeds. Students are involved in a Horticulture class that began in 1972. Ande shared with the Board the experience of his visit.

John Bird:

- He conducted an interview with Jana and Nichi for replacement of Ande Smith to the Charter School Commission.
- He is involved in the “Save the Birthplace of Edna St. Vincent Millay Home” in Rockland. The home is now owned by the Historical Society and money is being raised to restore the home.

Nichi Farnham:

- She has been busy with Charter School Commission work.
- She attended the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting on April 27.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Submit travel and expense account vouchers to Mary at the end of this meeting.
- The Board presented Gwen Viles with a gift and wished her luck following her graduation and the end of her two year term as a student representative on the State Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED by Nichi Farnham, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the May 11, 2016 State Board of Education meeting at 2:15 PM.