



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on July 15, 2020 at the Burton Cross State Office Building, 111 Sewall Street, Augusta, Maine and virtually via Zoom. The following members were present: Chair Wilson Hess; John Bird; Peter Geiger; Martha Harris; Jana Lapoint; Casey Maddock; and Jaylee Rice. Vice Chair Jane Sexton; Wendy Ault and Fern Desjardins attended virtually via Zoom.

Vacant: One Member

Others Present: Deputy Commissioner Daniel Chuhta; Angel Loreda, Director of Higher Education and Educator Support Services; Jason Libby, Postsecondary and Educator Preparation Coordinator; Scott Brown, Director of School Construction Programs and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Specialist.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair, Wilson Hess called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM.

The meeting was conducted in accordance with Sec. G-1. 1 MRSA §403-A, Public proceedings through remote access during declaration of state of emergency due to COVID-19. Whereas the meeting is open to the public, all votes will be taken by roll call. Three Board members attended virtually.

Roll call was taken by Mary Becker, Secretary Specialist. The chair declared a quorum present.

VISION STATEMENT:

Read by Jaylee Rice: 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 Peter Geiger, seconded by Martha Harris, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the June 10, 2020 minutes as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment was offered.

COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE:

Deputy Commissioner Chuhta sent greetings and regards from Commissioner Makin who had a conflict today. He gave an update from the Department of Education.

1) *Letter from Governor Mills to Chairman Hess:*

Deputy Commissioner Chuhta read a letter from Governor Mills expressing her strong support for the Roux Institute at Northeastern University. Governor Mills thanked Wilson Hess for his consideration and for the work the Board does to maintain a high standard of excellence for education in the State of Maine. The State of Maine has a long and proud tradition of world-class education institutions, and she knows that Northeastern University will build upon it.

- 2) ***Chapter 115 Rule:*** A group of about 25 people continues to work with the Department on the consensus-based rule-making of Chapter 115. A new member has joined the group this past week. that represents the black community and people of color community. During the next few weeks representatives of career and technical education, the Maine Library Association, and school psychologists will be invited to share their thoughts.
- 3) ***Framework for Returning to In Classroom Instruction:*** The Department of Education (DOE) has been working with the Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (MCDC) to identify public health benchmarks to be utilized to determine when it will be advisable to return to classroom instruction.
- 4) ***Superintendents and Leadership Teams Meeting:*** The DOE has invited superintendents and members of their leadership teams to share their ideas. There will be topic-based breakout sessions. Registrations have gone out for next week's meetings.
- 5) ***Student Cabinet Update:*** Getting student input for planning for the fall is important input. Work is being done to include student voices in public service announcement videos.
- 6) ***Other Planning – Fall 2020 Survey:*** Last week the DOE put out a survey on safely returning to classroom instruction. It received 44,103 responses. Four different topics were surveyed – Family Survey, Educator Survey, Student Support Provider Survey and School and District Leader Survey.
- 7) ***MOOSE – “Maine Online Opportunities for Student Education”.*** This online learning platform with resources and modules will be integrated activity-based, project-based across content standards and founded on the Maine Learning Results. The modules are being designed by 300 Maine volunteer educators. DOE content specialists are included in this work. It is progressing very well with hopes of one quarter's worth of materials being ready by the start of the school year. The group will continue working until there is a year's worth of materials available online.

Wilson Hess thanked Deputy Commissioner Chuhta and his colleagues for all the hard work they have been doing over the last few months to prepare for school openings in the fall.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chair, Wilson Hess

- Wilson thanked Mary Becker for arranging the joint in-person and virtual meeting of the Board. He also thanked Sean Landry from the DOE for assisting Mary with setting up the technical portion of the meeting.
- Wilson briefly reviewed the business agenda for the meeting and the four action items for Board member's consideration.

Vice Chair, Jane Sexton

- She has been working on the agenda for the Board's annual retreat, communicating with a variety of people. Room 103 has been reserved for the retreat on August 10 and business meeting on August 11. Jane has requested input from student members regarding social emotional learning and mental health. She has received input and that information will be forwarded on to the presenter. The Maine Teacher of the Year will also be presenting. Wendy Ault suggested getting input from teachers and Educate Maine regarding virtual learning.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Fern Desjardins

- Fern attended four NASBE Office Hours Zoom meetings. Mary Becker forwards topics of the Office Hours meetings to the full Board each week. Fern takes notes and shares them with the Board and welcomes questions from members.
- She attended two NASBE webinars – 1) “Promoting Whole Child Development Amid Pandemic Recovery” and 2) “Designing Effective Remote Learning for Young Students” which was a great session. Fern encourages everyone to go to NASBE's website and listen to the webinar.
- She listened to the NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) Virtual Global Forum for the reopening of schools in New England. This was a conversation with representatives of five New England states. She commended Dan Chuhta for his fine representation of the State of Maine for that session.
- She attended the School Construction Committee meeting on July 26.
- She attended two Certification and Higher Education Committee Special meetings on July 1 and July 8 for the review of Northeastern University's team report.
- She, Wendy and Jaylee conducted interviews of six students for membership to the State Board. They completed the task on June 15 and sent a letter of recommendation to the Governor for the three finalists.
- Being the Liaison for Fiddlehead School of Arts and Sciences, she attended two of their school board meetings. It is a very impressive board.

- The Charter Commission is currently extremely busy. She, John Bird and Shelley Reed have been appointed as a search Committee for an executive director for the Charter School Commission. They are looking at the needs of the Commission, as the current Executive Director will be retiring. Fern is chairing the search committee and they are progressing well.
- She attended her first graduation at a drive-in theatre for a local high school and was invited to take part in the ceremony.
- The NASBE convention will be held virtually in October. Fern spoke about the NASBE awards and recognitions for dedication. Fern briefly reviewed a list of the awards listed on the NASBE website.

Wendy Ault

- Wendy served as the Board Observer on the Northeastern University Team Review. It was an incredible experience for her, and she thanked Chair Hess for appointing her to represent the State Board.
- She attended the virtual Student Cabinet meeting. She gives the Commissioner many kudos for convening a student cabinet. The students feel so valued and they appreciate the opportunity to advise the Commissioner and the Department of Education at a high-level regarding education matters. She attended a breakout session and wanted to give a shout out to Dan Chuhta for his masterful guidance with student questions.

Jaylee Rice

- Jaylee has been working full time and prepping for college. It has been hard to do as a lot of information is just broadcast through the news and not communicated directly to students. It has been difficult to know what a student's boundaries are or what they need to do to prepare specifically, especially for a freshman.
- She participated in the student interview process on June 15.

Casey Maddock:

- She has been getting ready for her senior year.
- She has been invited by a group of Scarborough Alumni to join the newly formed Scarborough Anti-Racism Coalition. The Coalition aims to defend and advocate for students of color, to amplify their voices, and to secure a more tolerant and equitable community through comprehensive educational reform. They recently drafted a letter supporting racial awareness and educational reform in the Scarborough public schools and collected over 100 signatures. The letter will go to the superintendent and high school administration in Scarborough.
- The Scarborough school budget recently passed.
- She received the Brandeis Book Award.

Peter Geiger

- He attended the School Construction Committee meeting on June 26.

- He attended the July 1 Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting that reviewed the Northeastern University team report.
- He attends the weekly Chapter 115 meetings. Dan Chuhta does a great job facilitating the meetings and every week you can see how it is making progress. Dan is a master at moving things along.

Martha Harris

- She attended and chaired the School Construction Committee meeting on June 26.
- She participates on the Visual and Performing Arts Standards Steering Committee. The last meeting will be this coming week.
- She serves on the NASBE Government Affairs Committee. The Committee has had a conversation on what will happen if teachers do not return to school in the fall. This is an issue throughout the country.

John Bird

- John has been working with Fern Desjardins and Shelly Reed on a Charter School Commission project.
- He spoke to members of the Board regarding COVID-19 and students being away from school for the past three months, missing needed educational content and falling behind. John hopes things will turn around to get as many children as possible back in school this fall.

Jana Lapoint

- She attended three Certification and Higher Education Committee meetings reviewing the Northeastern University review team report. She is very excited to see them get up and running in Maine.
- She listened to a two-hour session with Commissioner Makin and the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee. This was an opportunity to hear from each Legislator on their thoughts on how to get students back to school.
- She attended Baxter Academy’s graduation at the Saco drive-in theatre.
- Charter Schools hold a “Head of School” meeting every Tuesday morning. They are hoping that all their teachers will be at the school even if students are attending virtually. The goal is to get all younger children in school five days a week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

School Construction Committee (Martha Harris):

The School Construction Committee met on June 26, 2020 as scheduled.

- The School Construction Committee had a presentation via Zoom from representatives for the RSU 24 construction project. The Committee was impressed and voted to recommend that the State Board grant Design and Funding Approval to RSU 24 for a new grade 6-12 school construction project as presented.
- The Committee had discussion on the integrated, consolidated projects list.

The next School Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 7, 2020. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. 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 June 24, 2020 as scheduled and held special meetings on July 1 and July 8, 2020.

- The Committee held three meetings that focused on the review of Northeastern University's review team report. Wendy Ault was the Board Observer. Chris Mallett from Northeastern University attended one of the meetings and answered questions from the Committee.
- The University of Maine Augusta (UMA) EPP team report is on the business meeting agenda for approval.

The next Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, 2020. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

Career and Technical Education (John Bird):

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee did not meet on June 25, 2020 as scheduled.

- The Committee will hold a meeting in July via Zoom.
- The Educate Maine/Hart Consulting evaluation project for Perkins funded Grade 9-10 CTE grant will be discussed with Pat Hart.
- The Perkins financial fourth quarter report YTD will be reviewed by the Committee.

The next Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 23, 2020. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

Legislative Action (Peter Geiger):

The Legislative Action Committee last met on Friday March 6, 2020. There has been no action since that meeting. Peter and Wilson Hess received a letter from the co-chairs of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee regarding the Professional Standards Board.

Student Voices (Jaylee Rice, Casey Maddock and Wendy Ault):

A meeting was held on June 30, 2020. Neither Jaylee or Casey were available to attend the meeting. The topic of the meeting was regarding public service announcements for the Department. One was about encouraging youth to take care of their mental health and the most effective way to do so, while practicing social distancing which can be hard due to a lack of resources. Another focused-on youth taking care of their physical health over the summer.

Wendy Ault thanked Jaylee and Casey for their participation on the Student Cabinet. Wendy expressed her appreciation for the amount of time and energy Jaylee has dedicated, specifically to the Student Cabinet. From its creation to the ongoing advisory role it provides to the Commissioner, Jaylee has been an enthusiastic participant. On behalf of the State Board of Education, she stated that Jaylee has left a lasting legacy and will be missed (but not forgotten!).

Student Membership (Fern Desjardins):

Wendy Ault, Fern Desjardins and Jaylee Rice were previously appointed by Chair Hess to serve on the ad-hoc committee reviewing student applications, to select six semi-finalists for interviews and following the interviews sending the names of three finalists to the Governor for an appointment to the Board.

Six semi-finalists were interviewed on Monday, June 15th. A letter has been sent to Governor Mills with the three finalists names and the Governor will make a nomination of a new student representative to serve on the State Board for a two-year term. The Committee's work is complete.

Charter Commission Representatives (Jana Lapoint):

The Charter School Commission did not meet on July 14, 2020 as scheduled.

Professional Standards Board (Peter Geiger):

The Professional Standards Board has not met.

- Governor Mills appointed 22 members and 2 ex-officio members to serve on the Professional Standards Board. The Board is charged by statute to meet five times a year. The Board will appoint a chair at its initial meeting. Peter is working on a meeting date where a majority of members can attend.

UNFINISHED (OLD) BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT AUGUSTA EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM REVIEW TEAM REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 114

BACKGROUND: The review team was chaired by Dr. Pamela Thompson of Thomas College. The review took place December 1-3, 2019. The review team reviewed the institution's self-study using Chapter 114 standards.

The following programs were reviewed for initial certification:

- A minor in Early Elementary Education (029), undergraduate
- A minor in Elementary Education (020), undergraduate
- A minor in Secondary Education with concentrations in: English (100), Life (395), Physical Science (350), Social Studies (200), Mathematics (300), undergraduate
- A certificate of study in Early Elementary Education (029), post-baccalaureate

- A certificate of study in Elementary Education (020), post-baccalaureate
- A certificate of study in Secondary Education in the areas of: English (100), Life (395) or Physical Science (350), Social Studies (200), or Mathematics (300), post-baccalaureate

The team recommends a full five-year approval from Fall 2019 to Fall 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education receive and approve the University of Maine at Augusta Review Team report of findings that the institution’s educator preparation program be granted initial program approval by the Maine State Board of Education from Fall 2019 to Fall 2024.

MOTION by Jane Sexton, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present for the State Board of Education to receive and approve the University of Maine at Augusta Review Team report of findings and that the institution’s educator preparation program be granted initial program approval by the Maine State Board of Education from Fall 2019 to Fall 2024.

FINAL ADOPTION REGULATION CHAPTER 112, PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

BACKGROUND: The PROPOSED Professional Standards Board Regulation was filed with the Secretary of State on March 13, 2020 and noticed in the newspaper on March 25, 2020. There was no hearing. The comment period ended on April 24, 2020. There were no comments, so the final adoption is the same as the proposed.

RECOMMENDATION: The State Board authorize the Department to file Chapter 112 as the Final Adoption to the Secretary of State.

MOTION by Peter Geiger, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present for the State Board of Education to authorize the Department to file Chapter 112 as the Final Adoption to the Secretary of State.

NEW BUSINESS:

RECEIPT AND APPROVAL OF THE NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY (ROUX INSTITUTE) REVIEW TEAM REPORT’S RECOMMENDATION FOR DEGREE-GRANTING AUTHORITY

BACKGROUND: Dr. Joan Ferrini-Mundy of The University of Maine chaired the review team which included Dr. Glenn Cummings of the University of Southern Maine, Dr. Ellen Beaulieu of the University of New England, Dr. Josh McIntosh of Bates College, and Mr. Matthew Orlando of Bowdoin College. State Board of Education member Wendy Ault served as the State Board’s observer. The review team reviewed the institution’s self-study using Chapter 149 and Chapter 170 standards and held a virtual visit with the institution on June 2, 2020.

The following graduate-level academic programs were recommended for approval:

Program Approval	
Agile Project Management	Certificate
Analytics	MPS
Applied Analytics	Certificate
Artificial Intelligence	MS
Bioengineering	MS
Bioinformatics	MS, Certificate
Biopharmaceutical Regulatory Affairs	Certificate
Biotechnology	MS, Certificate
Cloud Software Development	Certificate
Cloud Computing Application and Management	Certificate
Computer Engineering – Systems and Software Concentration	MS
Computer Engineering – Networks and Security Concentration	MS
Computer Engineering – Machine Learning and Algorithms Concentration	MS
Computer Science	MS
Computer Science - ALIGN	MS
Cybersecurity	MS
Data Science	MS
Data Analytics	Certificate
Enterprise Intelligence	MPS
Geospatial Services	MPS
Health Data Analytics	MS
Health Informatics	MS
Project Management	MS
Technical Project Management	Certificate

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education receive and approve the Northeastern University Review Team report of findings that the institution’s graduate degree programs as listed in the exhibit be granted initial approval under Chapter 409: MRSA 20-A, §10705 §§3 from Fall 2020 to Fall 2024. Additionally, the State Board of Education requests an onsite visit of the Roux Institute in 2021 when operations are fully underway to confirm that plans as described in Spring 2020 are materializing effectively.

MOTION by Jane Sexton, seconded by John Bird, and unanimously voted by those present to receive and approve the Northeastern University Review Team report of findings that the institution’s graduate degree programs as listed in the exhibit be granted initial approval under Chapter 409: MRSA 20-A, §10705 §§3 from Fall 2020 to Fall 2024. Additionally, the State Board of Education requests an onsite visit of the Roux Institute in 2021 when operations are fully underway to confirm that plans as described in Spring 2020 are materializing effectively.

MAJOR CAPITAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM; DESIGN AND FUNDING APPROVAL CONSIDERATION; RSU 24 NEW GRADES 6-12 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

STATEMENT OF FACT: Superintendent Michael Eastman requests that the State Board of Education grant Design and Funding Approval for a new grades 6-12, 500 student Middle/High school to be located in Sullivan. The Sumner Memorial High School rated 15th on the 2010-2011 Rating Cycle and was placed on the Approved Projects List at the September 14, 2016 State Board of Education meeting.

RSU 24 hired CHA Architects (formally PDT Architects) to conduct a New vs. Renovations analysis of the existing Sumner Memorial High School and conduct a regional analysis of the four K-8 buildings in the RSU. The analyses resulted in a recommendation of new construction that would include grades 6-8. This would allow the elimination of 6 portable classrooms and provide space to enhance Pre-K programming in the district. The combining and inclusion of grades 6-8 in the project will also facilitate educational equity for middle school programming in the district.

The proposed new grades 6-12 school will be built on the existing site. The site will allow the new school to be constructed while the existing school remains operational. The project received State Board of Education Site Approval on December 12, 2018 and Concept Approval on April 10, 2019. The project was approved by local referendum vote on June 11, 2019.

The Department of Education's construction staff is currently working with the architect in finalizing the construction documents for bidding. There have only been minor modifications to the building and site design through the review processes since Concept Approval. The new building has been designed to meet the Department of Education school construction standards and is in the final stages of receiving all required approvals.

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

Project Information:

Project: RSU 24 New Grades 6-12 Construction Project

Superintendent: Michael Eastman

Architect: CHA Architecture – Kathryn Cogan

Schools to be closed: Existing Sumner Memorial High School to be demolished

Project Budget Information:

Total Project Cost: \$44,147,166.

Local Only (no State participation): \$1,055,797.

Approved for State/Local Debt Service Subsidy: \$43,091,369.

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION: The Commissioner of the Department of Education recommends that the State Board of Education grant Design and Funding Approval to RSU 24 for a new grades 6-12 school construction project as presented.

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On June 26, 2020 the School Construction Committee voted to recommend that this exhibit be placed on the July 15, 2020 State Board meeting agenda and that the State Board grant Design and Funding Approval to RSU 24 for a new grades 6-12 school construction project as presented.

MOTION by Martha Harris, seconded by Peter Geiger, and unanimously voted by those present to grant Design and Funding Approval to RSU 24 for a new grades 6-12 school construction project as presented.

RECOGNITION:

The Board conveyed tokens of appreciation to Jaylee Rice (student member) along with a certificate recognizing her for her service to the State Board of Education over the past two years.

PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING REQUESTS FOR REVIEW OF COMMISSIONER DECISIONS ON STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS

Wilson Hess, Chair of the Board, read a procedure for the Board when going into executive session to review requests for review of the Commissioner's decisions on student transfer requests.

The Board will be considering requests for Board review of the Commissioner's decision regarding requested transfers of students to another school district, pursuant to Title 20-A, section 5205(6)(F). The Board will be going into executive session to consider the request because each one involves reviewing and discussing information contained in student records made confidential by the federal law known as FERPA, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. The parents and any attorney representing a parent are welcome to attend the executive session for the discussion of their particular student's transfer, as are the Superintendents of the school districts involved in that requested transfer. The Board will review each of the transfer requests in separate executive sessions. Today the Board has six.

After the Board comes out of executive session, the Board will entertain a motion and take a vote on the disposition of the requests in public session.

The Board's role in these proceedings is to review the Commissioner's decision based on the record that was before her at the time she made the decision. Although the statute directs the Board to "communicate with" the parties involved, which the Board has done, the Board cannot accept any new evidence pertaining to a transfer request that was not considered or not available in the record at the time of the Commissioner's decision.

The Board provides for public comment which was explained earlier in the meeting. In the executive session the same rules apply for public comment and there will be a three-minute time limit for comment. This is not a time for debate or a time to introduce new evidence. It is a time for families to highlight the things they want the Board to consider in the record.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION by Wilson Hess, seconded by John Bird, and unanimously voted by those present for the Board to go into Executive Session, pursuant to Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes, section 405, subsection 6, paragraph F, to discuss information contained in records that are confidential under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Title 20 of the United States Code, section 1232g relating to a request from TD to review the Commissioner's decision to approve or disapprove a request for a student transfer, pursuant to Title 20-A, section 5205, subsection 6, paragraph F at 3:24 PM.

The Board returned to the regular business meeting at 3:45 PM.

MOTION by Peter Geiger, seconded by John Bird, and unanimously voted by those present to overturn the Deputy Commissioner's decision in the denial of a transfer for TD. Motion Carries and the transfer is granted.

MOTION by Wilson Hess, seconded by John Bird, and unanimously voted by those present for the Board to go into Executive Session, pursuant to Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes, section 405, subsection 6, paragraph F, to discuss information contained in records that are confidential under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Title 20 of the United States Code, section 1232g relating to a request from GD to review the Commissioner's decision to approve or disapprove a request for a student transfer, pursuant to Title 20-A, section 5205, subsection 6, paragraph F at 3:47 PM.

The Board returned to the regular business meeting at 4:09 PM.

MOTION by Wendy Ault, seconded by Martha Harris, and voted seven in favor with one member opposed (Wilson Hess) to uphold the Deputy Commissioner's decision in the denial of a transfer for GD. Motion Carries and the transfer is denied.

MOTION by Wilson Hess, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present for the Board to go into Executive Session, pursuant to Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes, section 405, subsection 6, paragraph F, to discuss information contained in records that are confidential under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Title 20 of the United States Code, section 1232g relating to a request from PP and BP to review the Commissioner's decision to approve or disapprove a request for a student transfer, pursuant to Title 20-A, section 5205, subsection 6, paragraph F at 4:12 PM.

The Board returned to the regular business meeting at 4:22 PM.

MOTION by Martha Harris, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present to overturn the Deputy Commissioner's decision in the denial of a transfer for PP. Motion Carries and the transfer is granted.

MOTION by Martha Harris, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present to overturn the Deputy Commissioner's decision in the denial of a transfer for BP. Motion Carries and the transfer is granted.

MOTION by Wilson Hess, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present for the Board to go into Executive Session, pursuant to Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes, section 405, subsection 6, paragraph F, to discuss information contained in records that are confidential under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Title 20 of the United States Code, section 1232g relating to a request from PH to review the Commissioner's decision to approve or disapprove a request for a student transfer, pursuant to Title 20-A, section 5205, subsection 6, paragraph F at 4:26 PM.

The Board returned to the regular business meeting at 4:44 PM.

MOTION by Jana Lapoint, seconded by John Bird, and unanimously voted by those present to uphold the Deputy Commissioner's decision in the denial of a transfer for PH. Motion Carries and the transfer is denied.

MOTION by Wilson Hess, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present for the Board to go into Executive Session, pursuant to Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes, section 405, subsection 6, paragraph F, to discuss information contained in records that are confidential under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Title 20 of the United States Code, section 1232g relating to a request from BB to review the Commissioner's decision to approve or disapprove a request for a student transfer, pursuant to Title 20-A, section 5205, subsection 6, paragraph F at 4:47 PM.

The Board returned to the regular business meeting at 4:55 PM.

MOTION by John Bird, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and voted four in favor with four members opposed (Peter Geiger, Martha Harris, Jana Lapoint and Jane Sexton) to overturn the Deputy Commissioner's decision in the denial of a transfer for BB. By Board procedure, in a tie vote the original decision stands. The transfer is denied.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Submit travel and expense account vouchers to Mary Becker at the end of this meeting.
- The next Board meeting will be held at the Cross State Office Building or virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 9:00 AM. The Board's annual retreat will be held on Monday, August 10, 2020 – time to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Martha Harris, seconded by John Bird, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the State Board of Education meeting at 5:00 PM.