



## MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on March 13, 2019 at the Burton Cross State Office Building, 111 Sewall Street, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Wilson Hess; Vice Chair Jane Sexton; Wendy Ault; John Bird; Fern Desjardins; Liberty Ladd; Jana Lapoint; and Jaylee Rice.

Excused: Martha Harris

Vacant: Two Members

Others Present: Jason Libby, Higher Education Specialists; and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Specialist.

### **CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chair, Wilson Hess called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM.

### **VISION STATEMENT:**

Read by student member, 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 Jane Sexton, seconded by John Bird, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the January 9 and February 27, 2019 minutes as written.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comment

### **OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

#### **Chair, Wilson Hess**

- He testified before the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee in January for the appointment of Pender Makin for Commissioner of Education.

- Due to being under the weather for a few days, on Monday, March 11, the Commissioner presented testimony for the State Board of Education before the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The Board has one initiative that provides an appropriation in FY20 and FY21 for the approved reclassification of a Secretary Associate to a Secretary Specialist which is Mary Becker's position.
- He worked with Elaine Babb at the Department of Education on the Fiscal Estimate for LD 176: An Act to Enhance the Participation on the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education would be responsible for the costs of a substitute teacher when a teacher is granted release to serve on the State Board of Education. There is no fiscal impact on the Department of Education or the SAUs. Based on 33 days dedicated to the Board at 3 meetings per month for 10 months, plus an additional 3 days for other duties, estimated at \$150.00 per day. If the Board filled 3 vacancies with teachers, the cost could be \$4,950.00 per teacher member, per year.
- He and Jane Sexton met with President Jeremy Anderson and Kate Wolff, Assistant Director from Education Commission of the States following the February Board meeting. All Board members were invited to attend the meeting.
- Jane Sexton has agreed to participate on the ELA steering committee for review of Maine's ELA Standards.
- He participated in the Maine Visual and Performing Arts Education Showcase at the Hall of Flags on January 16. Musicians from Belfast Area High School performed and the artists from RSU #71 were recognized for their art work displayed throughout the Department of Education since October of 2018.
- On February 7, he attended the MEPRI (Maine Education Policy Research Institute) Steering Committee meeting.
- He has been providing testimony and attending work shop sessions before the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee.

**Vice Chair, Jane Sexton**

- She previously served on the MEPRI Steering Committee and attended a meeting in the fall of 2018. She attended the MEPRI meeting on February 7 along with Wilson.
- She chaired the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting on February 27, 2019.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

**Liberty Ladd**

- She has had a very busy month at school.
- On March 4, she, Wendy Ault and Fern Desjardins met to review student applications and they will meet again following the Board meeting today, to review the remainder of applications and select six semi-finalists for interviews.
- Her Robotics Team went to Breakwater, MA for competition this past weekend. They received the judges spirit of design award and their robot did fantastic.

- Spring sports are starting on Monday, March 18.
- SAIL is up and running and sessions have been assigned to students. “Student Adventures in Learning” is a program where students can propose their own ideas and lead their own sessions on things they are passionate about and teach to other students in a way that is not traditionally communicated in the classroom.

### **Jaylee Rice**

- Her school has a similar program to Falmouth High School’s SAIL Program. It is called LCA “Lights Camera Action”. It is students that have a passion about the arts and they teach workshops. It spans over many kinds of art – photography, singing, instruments, show chorus and many other things. She taught kindergarteners show chorus. A professor from Berkley College of Music came to work with the students.
- She sang a Jazz song by Ella Fitzgerald and won the competition. They have regional competition for both vocal and instrumental and she is heavily involved in both. She is the leader of combo. The vocal group has about fifteen students. Nokomis has many great musicians and they received a 97 at States. States this weekend in South Portland for instrumental, then vocals in two weeks. She is involved in both.
- She will be attending the National Honor Society Convention at Orono on March 21 and 22.
- She is participating at the Maine State Science Fair at Bowdoin College next weekend. She also presented at her Schools Science Fair.
- She already has enough credits to graduate.

### **Fern Desjardins**

- She attended the Charter School Commission meeting on March 5.
- She attended the School Construction Committee meeting on March 5.
- On March 4, she reviewed student applications with Wendy Ault and Liberty Ladd. She will meet with Wendy and Liberty following the SBE meeting to finish reviewing the applications and select six semi-finalists to interview.
- She is participating in the Math Standards Review. The group has met once and will meet again in two weeks. The group consists of many Teachers, Superintendents, a Charter School Teacher, Curriculum Coordinators and four staff people from the Department of Education. Math is her passion so she is enjoying serving on this review team.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### ***School Construction Committee (Fern Desjardins for Martha Harris):***

The School Construction Committee met on March 5, 2019, as scheduled.

It was a very productive meeting with updates from Scott Brown:

- Received an update on the sixteen Major Capital School Construction Projects from the 2010-2011 rating cycle.
- Received an update on the three concept approval projects for 2019 that should come before the Board for approval – one in April, one in May, and one in June.
  - Edward Little High School in Auburn

- RSU 24 Middle/High School in Sullivan
  - South Portland Middle School
- Discussion on the Integrated Consolidated High School at St. John Valley.
  - At the point of site selection
  - Chosen an Architect
- Discussion on recent Legislation – Scott updated the Committee on bills related to School Construction and Revolving Renovation Funds.
- She and Wilson attended the meeting as Martha was away.

The next School Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2019. 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 27, 2019, as scheduled.

- Reviewed Chapter 115: “The Credentialing of Education Personnel”. The Committee made a recommendation for the full Board to approve the Provisional Adoption of Chapter 115 to be filed with the Secretary of State, then the Legislative Council.
- Stephanie Fyfe presented her monthly Certification Office update.
- Jason Libby submitted an exhibit with clarification of the question regarding the University of Maine Farmington’s accreditation status timeline. The Committee is recommending that the full Board approve granting the University of Maine Farmington educator preparation program approval from Fall 2018 to Fall 2024.

The next Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 29, 2019. 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 (John Bird):***

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee met on February 28, 2019, as scheduled.

- The Board approved Strategic Plan for CTE has four priorities in place:
  1. Direct a greater portion of CTE funds towards instruction and instructionally related services
  2. Double enrollment in CTE programs by 2020
  3. Introduce CTE instruction into Maine’s middle schools
  4. Better align secondary and post-secondary CTE offerings and programs
    - MOU between the DOE and Community College
    - Will receive a mid-year report
- The Committee had a discussion on Briggs Funds:
  1. Last year - \$30, to MACTE and \$50, to Summer Programs for middle schools
  2. Briggs - \$166, spending \$80, with \$50, targeted to 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade

- programs
- 3. Exploring options on who should manage the funds as a coordinator – hire a facilitator to work with the schools
- 4. Requesting a proposal from MACTE that is targeted towards the Board’s Strategic Priorities
- Perkins Carryover Funds for FY20
  1. Board needs to focus on how they want to use the funds
  2. Will be around \$300,
  3. Targeted reserve – may know by June
  4. Funds need to be disbursed by June 30
  5. Possible ninth and tenth grade programs
  6. Bring constituents together to talk with a pathway to work together
  7. More to report next month with formal proposals to present to the Board at that time

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***Legislative Action (Jana Lapoint):***

The Legislative Action Committee meets weekly (Friday) with Karen Kusiak, Legislative Director at the Department of Education. Update below:

- Wilson Hess has been working overtime with the Legislature.
- Next week there is going to be legislation that the Board should be taking a position on.
  1. LD 307: An Act To Limit the Number of Charter Schools in Maine – Sponsor is Representative Brennan
  2. LD 438: An Act To Allow the Creation of New Innovative School Models by Removing the Cap on the Number of Authorized Charter Schools – Sponsor is Senator Pouliot
  3. LD 513: An Act To Limit the Number of Students and Prevent the Addition of Grade Levels at Virtual Public Charter Schools – Sponsor is Representative Brennan
  4. LD 714: An Act To Prohibit Public Charter Schools From Expending Funds for Advertising – Sponsor is Representative Handy

Wilson Hess reported out on this morning’s work session:

- LD 375: “An Act To Promote the Forest Products Industry in School Construction and Renovation Involving Heating Systems” - this bill relates to school construction and it was asking for a consideration and a preference for wood heating systems in the construction or renovation schools. The statute and the rule involved has very specific and detailed requirements around cost benefit analysis and energy efficient standards and most energy efficient design provisions that need to be dealt with. The Board testified neither for nor against but there was concern expressed with the preference provision. The sponsor, removed the word “preference” and it will move ahead and all it will require from construction is that any proposal will need

to show that they have considered wood products.

- The Board is in favor of high speed internet and bond bills.
- Neither for nor against on all other bills.

***Nomination and Election (Wilson Hess):***

A committee has been appointed one month ahead of schedule.  
Martha Harris will Chair the Nominations and Election Committee.  
Wendy Ault and Fern Desjardins have agreed to serve on the committee.

***Student Voices (Wilson Hess for Martha Harris):***

The Committee has not met.

***Charter Commission Representatives (Jana Lapoint):***

The Charter School Commission:

1. Intent to Apply: 4 applicants and dates are set for meetings with applicants
2. March 7 NEWA training for all schools – 2 to 3 teachers attending from each school, “train the trainer”. Another session will be held in May.
3. Joe Drago gave a very professional update on how to review financial statements
4. Enrollment dates for upcoming year announces for lottery. Only one held so far at Baxter with 265 applying for 65 slots.
5. A dinner meeting was held at the Daniel Stone Inn in Brunswick for all Charter Schools. It was hosted by Harpswell, with guest speaker Commissioner Pender Makin. She truly touched out hearts with her own story of coming into the world of teaching. It represented her journey into teaching with students looking to seek an education that fit their style of learning.
6. Jim Rier has been duly sworn in for the Charter Commission.

**UNFINISHED (OLD) BUSINESS:**

ERRATA CONSIDERATIONS OF DATES LISTED REGARDING THE BOARD’S  
NOVEMBER 14, 2018 APPROVAL OF UNIVERSITY OF MAINE FARMINGTON’S  
CONTINUED AUTHORITY TO OFFER EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS

At the January 9, 2019 State Board of Education meeting a question arose about the accreditation timeline listed in each of the pertinent review documents. This should provide the necessary clarification. The timeline listed by CAEP provides the seven-year term as noted in the agreement between CAEP and the State Board of Education.

From the Team Report of Findings for the Maine State Board of Education

VI. Recommendation to the State Board of Education

The Review Team recommends that the University of Maine at Farmington Teacher Education Program, be granted full seven-year approval by the Maine State Board of Education from Fall 2018 to Fall 2024.

From the Exhibit as presented to the State Board

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education vote to grant the University of Maine Farmington's educator preparation programs approval by the Maine State Board of Education from Fall 2018 to Fall 2024.

From the Accreditation Action Report filed by CAEP

Accreditation is granted at the initial-licensure level. This Accreditation status is effective between Spring 2018 and Spring 2025. The next site visit will take place in Fall 2024.

MOVED by Jane Sexton, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present to grant the University of Maine Farmington's educator preparation programs approval by the Maine State Board of Education from Fall 2018 to Fall 2024.

PROVISIONAL ADOPTION REGULATION CHAPTER 115, "CREDENTIALING OF EDUCATION PERSONNEL"

BACKGROUND: The rule was revised for the Proposed rulemaking as follows:

- The Department has updated the rules consistent with recent statutory changes and removed redundancy and unnecessary language. The format is being refined to be clear and concise.
- Defines a pathway to become a teacher based upon work experience. A person will be able to use substantive work experience in place of courses in content area knowledge required for an endorsement.
- Part I was revised to correspond with Part II. Part II was revised to enhance and streamline the endorsements areas.

The State Board received 30 sets of comments, many of which were asking clarification or to correct terminology or numbering of endorsements in Part II. There were three changes made to be clearer on the intent. The refinements were as follows:

- Reword the sentence on the Interstate Agreement to be clearer.
- Include language from the former Part I to allow Ed Tech IIs and IIIs who had not fully met the criteria when the Ed Techs were originally put in the rule to continue their credential under certain circumstances.
- The sunset provision in Part II for the 093 School Psychologist in Pathway 4 was taken out as a transcript analysis will continue to be needed.

RECOMMENDATION: The recommendation is for the State Board to approve the Provisional Adoption of Chapter 115 to be filed with the Secretary of State and then with the Legislative Council.

MOVED by Jane Sexton, seconded by John Bird, and voted five in favor with one member opposed (Wilson Hess) for the State Board of Education to approve the Provisional Adoption of Chapter 115 to be filed with the Secretary of State and then with the Legislative Council.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CONSIDERATION 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 has requested, in accordance with Title 20-A, Section 405, 7, that the Career and Technical Education (CTE) team submits a quarterly financial report to the Board and in response to this request we are submitting this report as the second report for FY2019.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The State Board approve the Quarterly report for the period of October 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, of the State of Maine Plan for Career and Technical Education under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L.109-270)

MOVED by John Bird, seconded by Wendy Ault, and unanimously voted by those present for the State Board of Education to approve the Quarterly report for the period of October 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, of the State of Maine Plan for Career and Technical Education under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L.109-270)

**CONSIDERATION OF THE ALLOCATION OF THE CARL D. PERKINS ACT OF 2006 (P.L. 109-270) FY18 CARRYOVER FUNDS, TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN THE FY19 PERKINS GRANT YEAR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FY19 REVISED PERKINS STATE PLAN EXTENSION WHICH ALIGNED FUNDS WITH THE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES OF THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

The State Board of Education’s Career and Technical Education Committee recommends to the State Board of Education the designation of carryover monies from FY18 Perkins grant funds to be allocated during the FY19 grant year as follows:

Award the remainder of the FY18 carryover Reserve and Leadership Fund balances, of \$238,950, for grant opportunities to allow CTE secondary programs



to strengthen alignment with like postsecondary programs through the acquisition of updated equipment, supplies, teacher certifications, and student certifications. All approved activities must conclude prior to the end of the FY19 school year.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The State Board Education approve the allocation of the remaining Carl D. Perkins Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270) FY18 Carryover Funds of \$238,950 to be distributed in the FY19 Perkins Grant year in Accordance with the Revised Perkins State Plan Extension which aligned funds with the Strategic Priorities of the Maine State Board of Education.

MOVED by John Bird, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present for the State Board of Education to approve the allocation of the remaining Carl D. Perkins Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270) FY18 Carryover Funds of \$238,950 to be distributed in the FY19 Perkins Grant year in Accordance with the Revised Perkins State Plan Extension which aligned funds with the Strategic Priorities of the Maine State Board of Education.

CONSIDERATION OF PROVISIONAL ADOPTION OF REVISED STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL SEC. VIII “CONDUCTING BOARD BUSINESS”

MOVED by John Bird, seconded by Jane Sexton, and unanimously voted by those present to provisionally adopt the Revised State Board of Education Policy and Procedures Manual Sec. VIII “Conducting Board Business”.

**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 in Augusta on April 10, 2019.
- The Annual Board Retreat will be held for two days and the dates will be determined soon. Jane Sexton asked Board members to hold the dates pf Monday, August 12, Tuesday, August 13, and Wednesday, August 14.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The March 13, 2019 State Board of Education meeting adjourned at 2:19 PM.