Home Education Advisory Council NH DOE Meeting of April 23, 2020

In attendance: K. Michelotti (presiding), F.Fraser, M. Koski, J. Pereira, S. Marsh, G. D'Orazio, Rep. G. Cordelli, Sen. R. Ward, M. Levell, C. Bond, C. McLaughlin

3:35 pm - Meeting called to order online

SM moves to approve minutes of Jan. 23, 2020, FF seconds

Chairman's report from KM: GSHS has a new blog "coronavirus and school closings: unexpectedly homeschooling"; KM and ML are hearing from parents of public school children, especially regarding their IEP's; the stipulation that a child's portfolio is the possession of his parents must remain in the HEAC rules.

Rules Update from CB: invitation to HEAC to contact CB regarding the Commissioner's request for a waiver from standardized testing and/or assessment; the waiver/postponement of assessment will be announced on the DOE website in the next few days. CB may be reached at Christopher.bond@doe.nh.gov or 603.931.2241

Discussion follows

- GC: anticipate a baseline assessment in Fall 2020
- KM: sending PDF of Gov.'s exec. order 17 as it applies to remote instruction

Updates and Reports:

- JP: Catholic homeschoolers have a new website: cuhenh.org
- SM: remote learning/crisis learning is different from homeschooling

Discussion follows

Old Business: KM - it is expected that the rules for HEAC will be voted on in May - respond to KM privately with any comments on the annual HEAC report

New Business: FF nominated and voted secretary of HEAC

Announcements: Next meeting will be on May 28.

Meeting adjourned at 4:41pm

Minutes taken by FF