

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
DIVISION OF EDUCATOR SUPPORT AND HIGHER EDUCATION  
101 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301

**PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD**

**February 5, 2020**

**Room 15**

**12pm to 3:00 pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting:**

**Members Present:** Steve Appleby, Anne Wallace, Tom Laliberte, Beth McClure, Christie Sweeney, Jack Grube, Mary Murphy, Joe Crawford, Kimberly Yarlott, Kirk Beitler, Vincent Connelly, and Cynthia Lucero

**Members Absent:** Irv Richardson, Janine Casavant, Joanne Goezler, Page Tompkins, David Webster, and Joann Misra

**Department Staff:** Kimberly Wilson, Pam Comeau, and Laura Stoneking

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

A. Chair Anne Wallace called the meeting to order at 12:34 and asked that everyone take a moment to review the minutes.

**II. MINUTES:**

**MOTION** – Steve Appleby made a motion to approve the minutes from January 8, 2020. Jack Grube seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Abstained: Cynthia Lucero, Kim Yarlott, and Joe Crawford.

**III. RE-CHAIR OF SUBCOMMITTEES:**

Chair Anne Wallace informed the group that because Christine Christine Oskar-Poisson has had to step down as a member of the Professional Standards Board, there are two subcommittees that need to be re-chaired. Anne asked everyone to think about being chair or co-chair for either the Ed. 507.37 – Classical Languages Teacher committee or Ed. 507.21 – Library Media Specialist committee.

**IV. OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION:**

**A. Committee Updates**

1. Ed 507.11 and Ed 612.04 – Elementary Education Teacher – Chair, Anne Wallace

Beth McClure reported that the committee has decided to go to the K-6 endorsement and require a middle level endorsement for other grade ranges. They hope to get this message out to as many stakeholders as possible. The emergency option they had come up with is not a viable option, as they are unable to allow educators to keep the K-8 if the rules have changed.

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There was discussion regarding the possible issues thus change could cause in the field and the northern schools.

The committee is also going to recommend to the State Board that they take a look at the minor assignment rule again. In the nature of the K-8 removal, the minor assignment is another way that educators are in classrooms that they aren't licensed to teach. NH is the only state with wide open K-8 endorsement.

2. Ed 507.35 – Educational Interpreter/Transliterater for Children and Youth Ages 3 -21 – Kirk Beitler, Chair- State Board sent back to subcommittee

Kirk Beitler reported to the group that there nothing new to report at this time.

3. Ed 505.06 – General Education Requirements and Ed 609.01 Content – Co-Chairs: Kimberly Yarlott and Beth McClure

Beth McClure distributed their final draft to the group for review and a vote.

**MOTION** – Kirk Beitler made a motion to recommend the State Board approve the Ed. 505.06 General Education Certification Requirement changes. Cynthia Lucero seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Ed 505.07 and Ed 610.02 – Professional Education Requirements – Chair, Christie Sweeney

Christie Sweeney reported that the group have a meeting scheduled next week. Christie is hoping to have something to send out and share with the Board after their next meeting in March.

5. Master Teacher License – Co-Chairs: Irv Richards and Page Thompkins

Chair Anne Wallace gave a report in Irv and Page's absence. Anne informed everyone that the committee had their first meeting on Jan 30, 2020. They are going to do research on other states to see if they have any Master teacher options. The next meeting is scheduled for March 2.

6. Ed 506.01, Ed 506.02, Ed 506.04, Ed 506.06 and Ed 506.08 – Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Principal Instructional Leader, Associate Principal Instructional Leader, and District Administrator - Co-Chairs: Kimberly Yarlott and Joe Crawford

Kim Yarlott reported that the group has had one meeting and they are meeting again this afternoon after the PSB meeting.

There was discussion regarding the Associate Principal Endorsement requirements.

7. Ed 507.48 and Ed 507.49 – Comprehensive Marketing Educator and Comprehensive Business Educator – Co-Chairs: Anne Wallace and Mary Murphy

Mary Murphy informed everyone that the committee is meeting again tonight for a second meeting. They have agreed as a team and decided to try to merge the two endorsements. One of the disconcerting things that arose from some of the research is, it doesn't appear that any two high schools are teaching the same curriculum except for Accounting I. They feel that this will be one of the biggest challenges they have so far.

8. Ed 507.21 – Library Media Specialist – Chair, Christine Oskar-Poisson

Christine Oskar-Poisson has stepped down as a member of the Board. There is no report at this time.

9. Ed 507.35 and Ed 507.39 – Theater Teacher and Music Teacher – Co-Chair, Joanne Goelzer

Joanne Goelzer was absent and there was no report.

10. Ed 507.18 – Early Childhood Education Teacher – Co-Chairs: Joann Misra and Cynthia Lucero

Cynthia Lucero reported that they have met and are in the gathering stage.

11. Ed 507.37 – Classical Languages Teacher – Chair, Christine Oskar-Poisson

Christine Oskar-Poisson has stepped down as a member of the Board. There is no report at this time.

### **C. Social Studies Curriculum**

Janine Casavant was absent but she did email that there was nothing new to report at this time.

## **V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS - none**

## **VI. DEPARTMENT REPORT**

### **A. Update on Rulemaking – Steve Appleby**

Steve provided an update on rules and where they are in the process as follows:

1. *Ed 505.01 through Ed 505.05 Qualifying Methods for Obtaining a Teacher Credential – Interim rule approved September 20, 2019 – Will go to State Board in April 2020.*
2. *Ed 507.40 and 507.41 General Special Education Teacher and early Childhood Special Education Teacher – Interim rule approved September 20, 2019*
3. *Ed 500 Proposals Discussion – Initial Proposal, Vote by PSB to go to State Board on October 10, 2019*

Steve Appleby informed the group that the Bureau of Credentialing has a new Knowledge Base and Help Desk system. Steve reported that notification has been sent out to all Superintendents to be shared with their educators. Steve asked the group to forward him any feedback regarding the Knowledge Base Help Desk system.

**B. State Board of Education Update– Steve Appleby**

Steve provided the PSB with the upcoming meeting dates for State Board.

1. **Meeting Dates** – March 12, 2020, April 9, 2020, May 14, 2020, June 10, 2020

**C. Council for Teacher Education (CTE) – Laura Stoneking**

1. **Meeting Dates** –March 19, 2020, April 16, 2020, May 21, 2020, June 18, 2020

Laura Stoneking reported that CTE is finishing up program reviews for both Granite State College and the University of New Hampshire. Laura informed the group that the next program reviews will be for Plymouth State College and the University of New Hampshire. Laura informed the group that the CTE is always looking for reviewers to participate in upcoming program reviews. Participants receive between 35-40 hours of professional development.

Laura reported that paper test evaluations for comparable testing will be going away. All pre-service educators will now create their EIS accounts and submit their Test Evaluations electronically through EIS. Laura hopes that this will simplify the issues that institutions and the Department were having with instate graduates and their EIS accounts. Laura reported that she and Christine Zinkand will be holding a Test Evaluation tutorial session for all the IHE's.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**Paraeducators**

Last month Steve Appleby had asked the group if there was any interest in looking at the Paraeducator II rules for inconsistencies. Kim Wilson and Pam Comeau spoke to the group about the discrepancies in the ways to qualify for Para II licensure. Kim also informed the board of limitations regarding the Para Pro test. Kim reported that there is only one testing center/school in NH that offers the Para Pro test to the public. There are several schools who are registered testing centers for the Para Pro test but they only offer the test to their employees. Beth McClure stated that she is interested and willing to participate on a subcommittee to look at these issues.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** – Cynthia Lucero made a motion to adjourn (2:01 pm). Steve Appleby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Full meeting recording is available upon request.

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