



## MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on November 14, 2018 at Greely High School, 303 Main Street, Cumberland, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Wilson Hess; Vice Chair Jane Sexton; Wendy Ault; John Bird; Fern Desjardins; Martha Harris; Liberty Ladd; Jana Lapoint.

Excused: Amy Arata; and Jaylee Rice  
Vacant: One Member

Others Present: Mary Paine, Chief of Planning and Implementation; Angel Loreda, Director of Higher Education and Student Support Services; Jason Libby, Higher Education Specialist; and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Associate.

### **CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chair, Wilson Hess called the meeting to order at 1:50 PM. Wilson welcomed all guest and thanked them for their patience with the late start of the meeting. Wilson thanked the Superintendent, Principal and staff at Greely High School for hosting the Board's meeting.

### **VISION STATEMENT:**

Read by student member, Liberty Ladd: 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:**

#### ***Note:***

#### **Board Observers for Team Reviews**

*Beal College Degree Granting*

Martha Harris and John Bird

*Northern Vermont University Degree Granting Out-of-State Authority*

Jane Sexton and Wendy Ault

*Eastern Maine Community College*

Jana Lapoint and Fern Desjardins

MOVED by John Bird, seconded by Fern Desjardins, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the October 10, 2018 minutes as written.

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Vice Chair, Jane Sexton presented a card to Mary Becker for receiving the Governor's Service Award for Employee of the Year for 2018. The Board appreciates all she does and the award is well deserved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- No Public Comments

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

**Chair, Wilson Hess**

- In October, he attended the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Conference in Denver, CO., along with Jane Sexton and Martha Harris. Further discussion will be forthcoming. There will be a New Members Institute held in June or July of 2019 for new Board members. There will also be a Legislative Conference in the Spring of 2019. The Board was part of the delegation in recognizing Educate Maine with the NASBE Friend of Education Award for the work that they do in public/private partnerships advancing education in the State of Maine.
- On October 29, he attended a special announcement event at the Hall of Flags where Commissioner Hasson announced the Seal of Biliteracy that will be available to students upon graduation starting in June of 2019. The Seal of Biliteracy is awarded at graduation to students that studied and attained a high degree of skill in English and at least one other language by high school graduation.
- Board member, Amy Arata, was successful in her campaign to the Maine House of Representatives and will be sworn in to the Legislature on December 5. At that time, Amy will need to resign from the State Board. Amy is not available for today's meeting due to legislative training and orientation.

**Vice Chair, Jane Sexton**

- In October, Jane attended the NASBE Conference in Denver, CO, along with Wilson Hess and Martha Harris.
- She attended the Maine School Management Association (MSMA) Conference on October 25 and 26. She attended several sessions including a presentation on ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act), New Teacher Orientation session, and a Legal Year in Review session.
- She chaired the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting on October 31. She also met with Wilson Hess and Commissioner Hasson for the Agenda Review meeting.
- She participated in a Maine Education Policy Research Institute (MEPRI) meeting on November 8. Usually the group meets only during the Legislative session, however, last spring the group decided to meet prior to the start of

the 129<sup>th</sup> session to do some brainstorming of possible topics that the Education Committee of the Legislature may want them to work on.

- On November 13, she attended a meeting on issues with education fingerprinting.

### **AGENDA REVISIONS:**

MOTION by Jane Sexton, seconded by Martha Harris, and unanimously voted by those present to move Board Member Reports to follow New Business on the agenda.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### ***School Construction Committee (Martha Harris):***

The School Construction Committee did not meet on November 6, 2018, as scheduled.

The next School Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 30, 2018. 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 October 31, 2018, as scheduled.

- The Committee received a report updating the online certification process.
  - Number of online applications received, emails and phone calls received in the office each day. The wait time on the phones was previously up to an hour long but has decreased to 0 to 3 minutes per phone call.
  - Praxis Exams – the Committee is considering when ETS (Essential Testing Services) can present to the full Board and how to determine the Praxis test scores.
  - Higher Education – the Committee is suggesting that two people participate as Board Observers at each team review to give everyone on the Board experience. Experienced Board members as observers and new member observers.

The next Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 28, 2018. 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 October 25, 2018, as scheduled.

- The Committee reviewed the revised strategic plan from work over the summer and early fall - the Committee has four strategic priorities:
  - Funding instruction at the highest possible level

- Doubling enrollment in CTE programs
- Introducing CTE instruction into Middle Schools
- Better aligning secondary and post-secondary CTE offerings and programs

The big issue the Committee is working with is the alignment issue between K-12 and the Community College System. Jason Libby, Higher Education Specialist and the Department of Education is carrying the ball on the next phase which is talking with the Community College System. By the end of this calendar year, the Committee hopes to have an agreement in principle to move forward with harmony. The whole idea is to get equity with all students in Career and Technical Education so that no matter where they live in the State of Maine they have the same potential access.

The next Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 29, 2018. 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.

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

The Legislative Action Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 20 in room 538 (State Board conference room) at the Cross Office Building in Augusta.

Some Committee members will be calling into the meeting. All Board members are welcomed to call in to the meeting. The Committee will go through all the pending legislation and see what fits the Board. The Committee will be reviewing all of the Board's Strategic Plan they have been working on this year and look at the areas where they made a commitment of things they would like to do. The Committee will create a white paper – one pager - so if there is any legislation that comes before January, February or March the Board will be prepared and ready to speak in favor or opposition of. Mary Becker will be sending out a meeting wizard to show when all Committee members are available for a conference call.

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

A committee has not been convened.

***Student Voices (Martha Harris):***

The Committee has not met.

Both the National Department of Education and the National Association of State Boards of Education is very interested in having student members on their boards.

***Committee Announcements (Wilson Hess)***

With Amy Arata's election to the Legislature, her term on the Board will expire as of December 5th, when she is sworn in. The Board will then have seven adult members.

Both CTE and C&HE Committees currently have four members which is a quorum of the Board. Effective November 14, 2018, Chair, Wilson Hess will withdraw

himself from the Career and Technical Education Committee and the Certification and Higher Education Committee.

Amy Arata will be leaving the Construction Committee which will leave the Committee with just two members. Therefore, Wilson Hess will serve on the Construction Committee.

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

Maine Connections Academy was approved for a five-year contract at the Commission's last meeting.

The Commission gave final approval to the RFP. Anyone interested in forming a Charter School, this will be the application. The Commission should be issuing another application in January which will give six months to complete the application.

**UNFINISHED (OLD) BUSINESS:**

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF PREVIOUS APPROVAL OF PROPOSED REVISIONS FOR CHAPTER 115 AND FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS OF CHAPTER 115 REVISIONS.

BACKGROUND: At its October 10, 2018 meeting in Frenchville Maine, the Board approved the submission of the proposed revisions for Chapter 115 to be filed with the Secretary of State.

On October 31<sup>st</sup>, a notice from the Maine DOE regarding its unilateral withdrawal of the proposed changes for Rule 115 was posted by MDOE at noon. The Board was informed of this intention late that morning at its Certification and Higher Education (CHE) Committee meeting. At that time, it was clear that the Department was still sorting out unspecified issues that it felt represented imperfections in the proposed changes. At 1:00 PM that same day, during a regularly scheduled agenda review meeting with the Commissioner, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board were informed of the MDOE's decision.

On the advice of counsel, the Board's agenda for November 14th includes items to 1) consider affirming the withdrawal of the proposed Rule 115 revisions as originally submitted to the Secretary of State and 2) to begin a careful and deliberate Board review of Rule 115 changes, consistent with its Strategic Plan and the CHE Committee's agenda.

On Friday November 9th, the Board received a request from MDOE for time to make an explanatory presentation at the November Board meeting. On Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> a new, annotated draft of Pt. II revisions was made available by the Department.

RECOMMENDATION #1: That the State Board of Education vote to affirm the withdrawal of the previously approved proposed changes to Chapter 115.

RECOMMENDATION #2: That the following Resolution be approved:

Resolved: The Board remains desirous of completing its updates and revisions to Chapter 115. It instructs the Department at its earliest opportunity to submit to the Board's Certification and Higher Education (CHE) Committee its revised recommendations in a manner that gives the Board the time -- as well as access to Department personnel involved -- to carefully review and consider the substance of the proposed revisions. After a thorough review, the CHE Committee will bring recommendations to the full Board for its consideration prior to taking action on sending the revisions to Chapter 115 forward to the administrative review and legislative review processes.

MOVED by John Bird, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present to confirm the withdrawal of the previously approved proposed changes to Chapter 115.

PROPOSED RULE CHAPTER 115, "CREDENTIALING OF EDUCATION PERSONNEL"

BACKGROUND: After obtaining authorization from the State Board of Education, the Maine DOE proposed changes to Rule Chapter 115, Parts I and II on October 24, 2018 beginning the public comment period. Upon learning of numerous strong reactions to some of the proposed changes in Part II, the Commissioner took the matter under advisement and made the unusual decision to withdraw the proposed changes in order to make revisions. Because it was in the best interest of all stakeholders to act quickly if we were to withdraw, the Department sought and obtained authorization from the Certification and Higher Education Committee to withdraw the proposed changes on October 31, 2018. There are no revisions to Part I. There are eleven revisions, listed below, to the proposed changes to Part II, six of which the State Board has previously approved to take effect on July 1, 2019, four of which are new changes, not previously approved by the Board, and relatively minor in effect, and one error correction.

1. Restored 029, Early Elementary Teacher Endorsement
2. Restored Literacy Course work for Elementary Teacher Endorsement, Pathway 2
3. Restored Literacy Course work for Secondary Teacher Endorsement, Pathway 2
4. Restored Certificate Endorsement, 095: Mathematics Instructional Leader (Public preschool-12)
5. Restored Endorsement 093: School Psychologist (Specialist or Doctoral), Pathway 4
6. Clarified pathways for World Languages by restructuring existing content
7. Added American Sign Language to the list of endorsements for world languages
8. Aligned Secondary Social Studies example semester-hour content with actual course offerings (specifically, removed 'government' and added 'political science')

9. Added three total semester hours to the Literacy Specialist Endorsement in Educational/Instructional Leadership, Instructional Supervision, Adult Learning Theory or Instructional Coaching Practices, Pathway 2
10. Added three total semester hours to the Literacy Specialist Endorsement in Educational/Instructional Leadership, Instructional Supervision, Adult Learning Theory or Instructional Coaching Practices, Pathway 3
11. Replaced outdated semester-hours content for School Psychologist, Pathway 4, with content aligned with current National Association of School Psychologists standards and recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: A few revisions are significant and therefore best addressed now rather than later to allow us to stay within the filing deadline and avoid late filing. At the same time, these changes involve restoring some provisions that have been through APA before but have yet to take effect. It is the Department's determination that these provisions should only be eliminated if strong public sentiment compels such. It is for these reasons that the Department recommends that the State Board affirm the withdrawal of the proposed changes on October 31 and authorizes the proposed revisions for Chapter 115 to be filed with the Secretary of State.

MOVED by Martha Harris, seconded by Fern Desjardins, and voted six in favor with one member opposed (Wendy Ault) to refer Rule Chapter 115 back to the Certification and Higher Education Committee for review and bring as an agenda item to the full Board at the December 12, 2018 meeting.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UPDATING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLAN

BACKGROUND: At its Annual Retreat in August, 2018 the Board reflected on its 2016-2021 strategic plan. Reflecting on the theme "Refining Our Voice in the Midst of Change," the Board considered informed views from thoughtful statewide leaders on the core concepts that ought to be at the center of Maine's educational policy. The Board also reviewed the previous year's accomplishments from its strategic plan and brought forth suggestions for new policy initiatives and strategic plan modifications. This culminated with the collaborative development of an "action agenda" to help focus the Board's work in this important year of transition in State Government.

At subsequent Board meetings in Fryeburg and Frenchville the Board further considered and refined its action agenda. The Board's Committees were especially helpful in updating elements of the action agenda into the strategic plan.

The proposed 2019 revision to the strategic plan includes updates to Goal 1: Strengthening Career and Technical Education, Goal 2: Streamlining and Enhancing Teacher Certification and Preparation in Maine, and Goal 3: Oversight of Construction Projects.

In addition, the proposed revision adds three (3) appendices to help guide and benchmark the Board's work: 2019 Action Agenda Categories, 2019 Action Agenda, and Commissioner's Priority Agenda for FY 2019.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board adopt the 2019 proposed revisions to the "2016-2021: A Strategic Vision for Education in Maine" strategic plan.

MOVED by Jane Sexton, seconded by Martha Harris, and unanimously voted by those present to table the adoption of the the 2019 proposed revisions to the "2016-2021: A Strategic Vision for Education in Maine" strategic plan to a future Board meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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 first report for FY2019.

RECOMMENDATION: The State Board approve the Quarterly report for the period of July 1, 2018 through September 30, 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 Martha Harris, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the Quarterly report for the period of July 1, 2018 through September 30, 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)



**PRESENTATION FOR THE CERTIFICATION OFFICE STAFF:**

Vice Chair, Jane Sexton congratulated the Certification Office Staff for being awarded the Department of Education Team Award for their exemplary work. The Board presented to Angel Loreda for his office staff - bags of M&M's. At the October 31<sup>st</sup> (Halloween) Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting, the Certification Office Staff all wore different colored shirts with an M&M logo.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF UNIVERSITY OF MAINE FARMINGTON (UMF) CONTINUED AUTHORITY TO OFFER EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS BASED ON CAEP (COUNCIL FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION) REPORT OF FINDINGS AND STATE TEAM REPORT OF FINDINGS**

**BACKGROUND:** The state review team was chaired by Dr. Mary Mahoney-O'Neil of the University of Maine. The review took place from November 5-7, 2017 and reviewed Standards Five and Six of Chapter 114. The state review was conducted concurrently with the accreditation review by CAEP team. The CAEP Review Team was chaired by Dr. Malina K. Monaco of North Carolina State University. The CAEP team, per agreement with the State Board of Education and CAEP, reviewed all other Standards.

**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.

MOVED by Jane Sexton, seconded by John Bird, 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.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE PURDUE UNIVERSITY GLOBAL TO OFFER THE DEGREE OF BACHELORS OF NURSING BASED ON THE REPORT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE APPLICATION TO OFFER CREDIT BEARING COURSES IN THE STATE OF MAINE**

**BACKGROUND:** Purdue University Global acquired the former Kaplan University which possessed degree-granting authority in the state. On June 7, 2018, a review team interviewed representatives from the Purdue University Global personnel. The team was chaired by Dr. Lynne Coy-Ogan of Husson University. After the visit a report was generated and the Maine Department of Education mailed the document to Purdue University Global to determine if errors of fact were present. Upon the return of the document, the Certification and Higher Education Committee discussed the contents at the September 26, 2018 meeting and voted to forward the report and Purdue University Global addendum (dated September 14, 2018) to the State Board of Education.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education vote to approve Purdue University Global's degree-granting request to offer Nursing programs in the State of Maine

MOVED by Jane Sexton, seconded by Martha Harris, and unanimously voted by those present to approve Purdue University Global's degree-granting request to offer Nursing programs in the State of Maine.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

**Liberty Ladd**

- She is receiving a full scholarship from the Air Force and is taking part in ROTC (Reserve Officer's Training Corps).
- She has been named co-player of the year for SMMA.
- She has completed many interviews in the past two months.
- She attended a wedding in New Orleans.
- She attended and spoke at the National Blue Ribbon Ceremony in Washington DC.

**John Bird**

- No report

**Martha Harris**

- She attended the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Conference in Denver, CO with Wilson Hess and Jane Sexton. The NASBE Legislative Conference is scheduled for April 7 through April 9.
- She serves on the Government Affairs Committee (GAC) and will have comments to Board members by the end of the month.
- Martha briefed the Board on the Early Childhood work group at NASBE.
- She attended a Teacher of the Year meeting via conference call as she was out-of-state for her son's wedding.

**Fern Desjardins**

- She continues to serve as a Facilitator for Washington County Schools
- She attended the Charter School Commission meeting on November 6.

**Jana Lapoint**

- She attended the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting on October 31.
- She attended the Charter School Commission meeting on November 6.

**Wendy Ault**

- She attended the Career and Technical Education Committee meeting on October 25.
- She attended the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting on October 31.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Submit travel and expense account vouchers to Mary Becker at the end of this meeting.
- The next Board meeting will be held at Fairfield Primary School on December 12, 2018.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The November 14, 2018 State Board of Education meeting adjourned at 3:41 PM.