



## **MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

23 State House Station  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

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The State Board of Education held a special meeting on December 18, 2023, at the Burton Cross State Office Building and virtually via Zoom. The following members were present: Chair Fern Desjardins; Vice Chair Paulette Bonneau; Wendy Ault; Kristin Bishop; James Ford; Thomas Keller; Victoria Kornfield; Edmond Morin; and Denham Ward.

Absent with Excuse: Ryan Hafener and Phat Thai

Others Present: Deputy Commissioner Chuhta; Michael Perry, Director of the Office of Higher Education and Educator Support Services; Jonathan Moody; Hiram Sibley; Gerry Durgin; Sarah Holmes; Michael Burnham; Gert Nesin; James Anastasio; Penny Bishop; Eileen King; MK. Jurovcik; Jeff Hart; Andrew Dolloff; Christian Elkington; Jay Charette; Michael Eastman; R. Hersom, Troy Smith; Alyssa Dickinson; Peter Thiboutot; Peter Hallen; Shawn Carlson; Stephen Marquis; Todd Sampson; S. Desateaux; Matt West; Jeremie Sirois; Michael Legage; Mike Tracy; and Sandra Bourget, State Board of Education Office Specialist.

### **CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chair Fern Desjardins called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

Roll call was taken by Sandra Bourget. Chair Desjardins declared a quorum present.

### **VISION STATEMENT:**

Read by member, Kristin Bishop: The vision of the Maine State Board of Education is that all students will receive a high-quality education leading to graduation with the skills, knowledge, and principles to be prepared for future learning, careers, and life.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The following individuals provided public comment: Eileen King; Christian Elkington; Jonathan Moody; Peter Thiboutot; and Penny Bishop.

Comments centered around the middle level endorsement and K-8 certification; reciprocity; AD certification, SRO certification; having less and avoiding new limitations/restrictions; and maintaining emergency certification.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**L.D. 485, RESOLVE, 2023, CHAPTER 54**

The State Board of Education had substantial and significant conversations on the report per L.D. 485 (version 12142023) - going line by line and making changes to the draft document. Deputy Commissioner Chuhta and Michael Perry, MDOE, were in attendance and were asked for the department's opinions, ideas, and to provide clarification, as well as educators and organizational representatives. After much discussion, the Board decided to have a special meeting on January 8, 2024, at 8:00 AM to continue working on the report.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The next special State Board meeting will be held on Monday, January 8, 2024, 8:00 AM at the Burton Cross State Office Building and virtually via Zoom.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:44 AM.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Sandra Bourget, Office Specialist  
State Board of Education

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