



## **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 January 8, 2024, 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; Denham Ward; and Ryan Hafener.

Absent with Excuse: Phat Thai

Others Present: Deputy Commissioner Chuhta; Erin Reinhard, Certification Coordinator; Jonathan Moody; Gerry Durgin; Cynthia Alexander; Holly Blair; Gert Nesin; Eileen King; Jon Doty; MK. Jurovcik; Andrew Dolloff; Matt Nelson; Jeremy Ray; and Sandra Bourget, State Board of Education Office Specialist.

### **CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chair Fern Desjardins called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

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

### **VISION STATEMENT:**

Read by student member, Ryan Hafener: 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: Jon Doty; Gerry Durgin; Eileen King; Jonathan Moody; Matt Nelson; and Andrew Dolloff.

Comments centered around the middle level endorsement and K-8 certification, reciprocity, AD certification, and recruitment and retention.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

The State Board of Education continued conversations on the report per L.D. 485 (version 12 21 2023) and making changes to the draft document. Deputy Commissioner Chuhta was in attendance and was 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 continue working on the draft report at the January 10 State Board of Education meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The next regular State Board business meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 1:00 PM at the Burton Cross State Office Building and virtually via Zoom.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM.

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

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