

VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS
October 19, 2011
Capitol Plaza, Ethan Allen Room, Montpelier

A G E N D A

- 8:30 a.m. New Appointee Orientation
- 9:30 a.m. Refreshments
- 9:45 a.m. Call to Order
Approval of Minutes **1(A)** Action
Correspondence/Announcements
Public to be Heard
Board Member Updates
• Executive Committee
State Board of Education Report
Staff Report **2(A)**
- 10:15 a.m. Deputy Commissioner Rae Ann Knopf
- 11:15 a.m. InTASC Update **3(A)** Discussion
- 12:15 p.m. *Lunch*
- 1:00 p.m. **Committee Work**
- Higher Education Committee**
Champlain College Proposal – Secondary Education English Program **4(HE)** Discussion
Union Institute Substantive Change Letter **5(HE)** Discussion
Proposed Policies on: Program Approval Extensions; Licensure Officers and Student Teaching
and Practicum Requirements for Secondary Candidates **6(HE)** Vote
InTASC Follow-up Discussion
- Teacher/Administrator Relicensing Committee**
Professional Development – Policy H2, Activities **7(T/ARC)** Discussion
Online Licensure System – LRSB Input meetings Discussion
Praxis Reading Test Update **8(T/ARC)** Vote
InTASC Follow-up Discussion
- 2:15 p.m. Committee Reports and Motions - **6(HE), 8(T/ARC)** Discussion/Vote
- 2:30 p.m. Adjourn

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*VSBPE: Ensuring a Caring, Competent, Highly Effective Educator in Every Vermont Classroom
to Improve Student Learning.*

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sheryl Aliquo, Penny Chamberlin, Dolly Corkins, Patti Coultas, Jill Cramer, Lia Cravedi, Emily Hausman, Steven John, Carol Meyer, Luisa Millington, Scott Mosher, Bruce Richardson, Janet Steward

STAFF PRESENT: Marta Cambra, Deb Giles, Jenise Nicholson, Mary Beth McNulty, Marilyn Richardson, Glenn Bailey, Pearl Bugbee

OTHERS PRESENT: Colleen Mackinnon, UVM; Sherry Gile, VT NEA; Brian Vachon, State Board Liaison; Kathy Owens-Oliver, ETS representative

CALL TO ORDER: J. Steward called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m., following an orientation program for the new Board members, which was held from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.

J. Steward asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the September 26, 2011 meeting.

Jill Cramer **moved that the VSBPE accept the minutes of the September 26, 2011 meeting. P.** Coultas seconded. **Motion passed with corrections.**

Correspondence/Announcements

J. Steward reported that she had attended the special assembly to announce the Vermont Teacher of the Year, Tong Chen, from Leland & Gray Union Middle/High School. Janet had an opportunity to meet with Ms. Chen, and asked her if she would be interested in coming to speak to the Board – an invitation will be discussed at the next Executive Board meeting.

Marta announced that she had attended the presentation of the Milken Educator Award to Maria Ung, a science teacher at Essex High School. The award was presented at a whole school assembly and was attended by school board members and legislators, as well as students and teachers. Maria is a former Essex High School student.

Board Member Updates

Janet announced the dates for the VSBPE meetings through June, 2012. They are: November 29, 2011, March 14, 2012, December 13, 2011, April 11, 2012, January 30, 2012, May 9, 2012, February 16, 2012, June 12, 2012.

Marta reported that the meetings through December will be held at the Capitol Plaza, but the locations for the January - June meetings still have to be arranged. The availability of the Capitol Plaza has not been explored.

At the November 29th meeting, the former members of the Board will be recognized for their years of service to the VSBPE. They will be invited to join us for lunch for a formal farewell.

Executive Committee Meeting

J. Steward reported on the meeting of the Executive Committee held on October 12, 2011. Items discussed were the Deputy Commissioner's visit to update the Board on the waiver process. Also discussed were the upcoming ROPA visits and the team configuration; and the InTasc update.

State Board of Education

Brian Vachon reported on the State Board of Education meeting held in Chester. Commissioner Vilaseca announced that the DOE had applied for a grant for \$50 million dollars for Early Education Programs and for a Longitudinal Data System grant.

The candidates for the Presidential Awards in Math and Science were presented to the Board.

Also discussed was the issue of consolidation of supervisory unions when a Superintendent leaves. Most notably were the Montpelier/Washington Central SU. There were quite a few people from those two supervisory unions in attendance who were opposed to any proposal of consolidation. After much discussion, a motion was called for and was voted down.

Staff Report

Janet introduced Kathy Owens-Oliver, ETS representative. Marta announced that there is a Regional ETS meeting that Jenise will be attending dealing with the Praxis tests. A New England meeting is scheduled for those states that use the Praxis tests to explore having a regional alignment of the tests.

Deputy Commissioner Rae Ann Knopf:

The Deputy Commissioner presented an update and explanation of the NCLB waiver process that the DOE is working on. A committee will be working on formulating the proposals for the waiver and will be asking for input from school districts. The timeline for receiving input has been moved from a November deadline to a date in December. The review of States' waiver proposals could take up to 60 days for approval.

InTASC Update

An activity to look at the InTASC standards generated much discussion about what the participants found to be impressive and meaningful. The participants also shared their ideas for implementation of the standards. It was announced that there will be a national meeting to address the standards, and a continuum of the evaluation of teachers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Teacher & Administrator Relicensing Committee (T/ARC) – D. Corkins Chair, reporting

M. Corkins reported that the committee discussed updating the "Apple Book" and need to get a consensus from the Board to continue with this task. The committee also asked Janet if she would report to the Vermont Task Force for Teacher/Leader Effectiveness what the committee is undertaking.

Another item that was discussed was the creation of a “common language” when talking about the standards and the changes; emphasizing that these are not new standards, but they have been refined, evolved and enhanced. Also to be explored is connecting to Danielson.

Professional Development – Policy H2, Activities

M. Corkins moved that the VSBPE amend Professional Development Policy H2, Activity 14 to read, “Participation in Mentoring Program as a Mentor or a Mentee (does not include PreK to 12 students).” Seconded, by E. Hausman.
This motion was amended on a motion by S. Johns to delete the reference to Pre-K to 12 students. Seconded, by E. Hausman. **The amended motion passed.**

Online Licensure System – Update on the on-line Licensure System project – there will be a series of meetings for gathering input from the LRSB.

Recommendation for Praxis II Reading Specialist (0301)

M. Corkins moved that the VSBPE accept the recommended score of the standard setting panel. The passing score on the Praxis II assessment for Reading Specialist (0301) will be 164.

Please note that this score will take effect in the fall of 2012 as ETS is phasing out the current test. L. Cravedi, seconded. **Motion passed.**

InTASC follow-up

M. Corkins reported that the committee had many questions about InTASC - Will CCSSO allow the use of their standards in a booklet that has Vermont on it. Another question was how the connection with Danielson works, especially in regards to evaluations. What is the timeline for getting this through the “regs”?

Higher Education Committee (HEC) – S. Aliquo, Chair, reporting

Champlain College Proposal

S. Aliquo reported on the Committee’s discussion regarding the letter from Champlain College and their proposal to change their Secondary Education English program. This information was a response to a concern of their ROPA review about the English staff and courses. They will be asked for additional information in their 1-year report on how their program is linked to the Common Core.

Union Institute Substantive Change letter

Union Institute sent a letter informing the Board that they will no longer be offering a program in Masters in Education. They do plan to continue with those students who are currently in the program. They will be asked, as part of their ROPA review in January, to continue to provide information that staff and financial resources will be available to support those students who are continuing in the program. They will also be asked to respond to the ROPA standard 7, which was a concern from a previous review.

Adoption of VSBPE Policies

S. Aliquo moved that the VSBPE adopt the Policy on Student Teaching and Practicum Requirements for Secondary Candidates (SB/N17), and the Policy on Program Approval Extension (SB/N18) S. John, seconded. Motion passed.

The policy on Licensure Officers, SB/N19, will be presented and discussed at a future meeting.

InTASC Follow-up

S. Aliquo reported that the Committee identified some concerns that need to be explored relative to InTASC. The first is a need to ensure alignment with Danielson. P. Coultas was charged with calling Danielson and asking if there could be an alignment check.

The next concern was a need to develop a timeline for implementation.

Also to be explored is how many other states have modeled their career continuum. P. Chamberlin will follow-up on this issue.

At 2:55 p.m., Chair Steward declared the October 19, 2011 meeting of the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators adjourned, on a motion by B. Richardson

Minutes recorded and prepared by Pearl Bugbee