



STATE OF VERMONT
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VERMONT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Via Conference Call

The State Board of Education shall sustain a vision of high skills, creative thinking, and love of knowledge and learning for every student by setting education policy that ensures student achievement in a safe and healthy learning environment.

Approved Minutes – October 3, 2007

Present: Board Members: Tom James, Chair; Ruth Stokes, Vice-Chair; Brian Vachon; Kathy Larsen; Susan Schill; Chris Robbins

DOE: Richard Cate, Commissioner; Mark Oettinger; Carol King; Brian O'Regan

Others: Rep. Kitty Oxholm

Item A: Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

Tom James, chair called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. Board members in attendance identified themselves.

Item B: Proposed Desired State Document: How Are the Children? A Step Toward the Transformation of Education in Vermont

Document(s): *How Are the Children? A Step Toward the Transformation of Education in Vermont*

Discussion: Chair James asked for comments from members on the current version of the document. Edits discussed included

Page 2, Student Centered Education: 6th Bullet – add 21st Century Skills (after Vermont Standards and Grade Expectations)

Page 2, Smart Learning Environments: Change to “Flexible Learning Environments”

Page 3, Engaged Community Partners: 3rd Bullet – change “needed for the future” to read “that future workers need to be successful.”

Page 3, 2nd to last paragraph: 3rd sentence- change “if the Vermont community is” to read “if Vermont is”

Pages 2 and 3, Bullets: change bullets to letters

Motion: Stokes moved, Larsen seconded, that the State Board of Education adopt the desired state document titled *How Are the Children? A Step Toward the Transformation of Education in Vermont* as amended at its meeting on October 3, 2007. Further, said document will serve as the basis for a public engagement process to gather the opinions of stakeholders in order to develop a consensus about the content of the desired state of education in Vermont for the 21st Century. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Item C: Other

James referenced an email he had sent to Board members following a meeting with Governor Douglas, noting that he had unintentionally used the word “reform” and asked Board members to not use that terminology when speaking about the transformation initiative.

Adjourn

Motion: At 12:07 p.m. Robbins moved, Schill seconded, to adjourn the October 3rd special meeting of the State Board of Education, The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Minutes prepared by Carol King