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## State Board of Education Elects Officers

**MONTPELIER** – The State Board of Education elected officers at its March 15, 2011 meeting, the Department of Education announced today. Fayneese Miller of South Burlington was re-elected Board chair, and Kathy Larsen of Wilmington will continue serving as vice-chair.

Miller of South Burlington is the Dean of the College of Education and Social Services at University of Vermont. She came to Vermont after a 20-year career at Brown University where she was associate professor of education and human development and an internationally recognized expert on the social, academic and political development of adolescents. She led Brown's Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity and was the university's first coordinator and chair of ethnic studies. Her State Board term will expire in 2012.

Kathy Larsen of Wilmington spent her 33-year career teaching Vermont students. She spent one year as a paraprofessional, 24 years as a primary grade teacher, and eight as an elementary teaching principal. After one year in Williston, she spent the rest of her career at Deerfield Valley Elementary School, retiring in 2005. She also does mentoring and Formative Assessment Project trainings, as well as some substitute teaching to stay in touch with students and acting as interim principal. She serves as a member of the advisory board for the Wings Community Program afterschool program and the Deerfield Valley Health Care Volunteers local healthcare assistance program. Her term expires in 2013.

In addition, three new members, who were appointed by Governor Shumlin to the State Board of Education earlier this month, participated in their first meeting. Sean-Marie Oller of Bennington was appointed for a six-year term. William Mathis of Goshen was appointed to complete four years of a vacated term. Stephan Morse of Newfane was reappointed to the Board for six years after completing a previously vacated term.

More information about the State Board, including membership and meeting agendas, can be found at <http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/mainboard.html>.

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