

VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS
December 17, 2010
Vermont College, Noble Reading Room, Montpelier

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| 8:30 a.m. | Call to Order
Approval of Minutes 1(A)
Correspondence/Announcements
Board Member Updates
• Executive Committee
Staff Report 2(A) | Action |
| 9:00 a.m. | Committee Work
Higher Education Committee
Upper Valley Educator's Institute: Two-Year Report 3(HE)
Johnson State College: SPED Program Revisions 4(HE) | Discussion/Rec.
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| | Teacher/Administrator Relicensing Committee
Individual Professional Development Plan (IPDP) | Discussion/Rec. |
| 10:00 a.m. | ROPA: Roles and Responsibilities 5(A) | Discussion |
| 10:45 a.m. | VSBE Annual Report 2010 6(A) | Discussion |
| 11:30 p.m. | Lunch | |
| 12:15 p.m. | Review Action Plan and next steps | |
| 1:00 p.m. | State Board of Education Meeting, collaboration topics | Discussion |
| 1:30 p.m. | Committee Reports and Motions | Discussion/Vote |
| 1:45 p.m. | Adjourn | |

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December 17, 2010
VT State House, Montpelier

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

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Howe, Heather McCollum, Dolly Corkins, Bruce Richardson, Lia Cravedi, Janet Steward, Jill Cramer, Sheryl Aliquo, Penny Chamberlin, Susan Jensen, Ronald Stahley, Cassandra Major, Patti Coultas.

STAFF PRESENT: Marta Cambra, Deb Giles, Marilyn Richardson, Mary Beth McNulty, Rebecca Otis.

CALL TO ORDER: J. Steward, Chair called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

J. Steward asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the November 22, 2010 meeting.

D. Corkins **moved that the VSBPE accept the minutes of the November 22, 2010 meeting.** J. Cramer seconded. **Motion passed.**

Board Member Updates

Brian Vachon, State Board of Education (SBE) liaison; was introduced to the VSBPE.

J. Steward attended a meeting regarding the Common Core Standards and their implementation in Vermont. Vermont has signed on with 42 other states to accept the Common Core Standards. This was done in part to accept financial assistance from the federal government via the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF). The Board would like to review these standards as they relate to the ROPA process, endorsements, and grade level expectations.

Jill Remick at the DOE will be taking over the Teacher of the Year project. Former teachers of the year asked that this program continue and offered to assist with this process. The VSBPE will be a part of the selection and recognition process. The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) is in charge of the timeline for this.

S.Gile suggested that the Teacher of the Year appointee sit on the SBE for one year.

Executive Committee Report

L. Cravedi gave a brief synopsis of the Executive Committee meeting that took place on December 7, 2010.

Staff Report

Educator license renewal forms are being formatted and will be distributed to educators who are up for renewal in 2011.

Martha Allen, President of VT-NEA and Marta Cambra were invited to attend the New Hampshire Task

Force Meeting in November to hear of the work that they are doing on Effective Teaching. M. Allen and M. Cambra will be attending the next meeting On December 14th where we have been asked by the NH Commissioner of Education to share our draft definitions of Effective Teacher and Effective Leader. We are grateful for the invitation that New Hampshire has provided us in being a part of these task force meetings as Vermont works toward the process of developing a statewide evaluation system.

The Board broke into committees at 9:10 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

ROPA: Roles and Responsibilities

The Board discussed the ROPA process and gave suggestions for improvement in the future. They also discussed their role as team members during ROPA reviews.

VSBEPE Annual Report 2010

The Board reviewed the Annual Report and made edits. The report will be posted online and distributed via the weekly field memo.

Review Action Plan and next steps

The Board reviewed their action plan as it expires in June 2011. A “parking lot” was developed that included possible revisions to the action plan. The Board will continue to review the action plan and make changes.

State Board of Education Meeting, collaboration topics

J. Steward summarized her meeting with Fayneese Miller, Chair of the SBE. They discussed and reviewed areas that were under the SBE and VSBPE’s purview. The VSBPE Executive Committee will meet with the SBE at their December 21st meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

D. Corkins updated the Board on the committee’s discussion regarding the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement. They will continue to review the template at future meetings.

The committee also discussed the current Individual Professional Development Plan (IPDP) and formulated questions to send to NASDTEC regarding what other states are doing with their educator portfolio.

1. How does your relicensure process directly align to student outcomes?
2. What are the commonalities between your process and ours?
3. What are the average years between relicensure periods?
4. What are the levels of licensure and what are the responsibilities between each level?
5. What responsibility do IHE’s have for making sure that people applying for initial licensure understand the process for moving to the next level of licensure?
6. How does your IPDP connect to state district and school goals?
7. What type of support services do you give to teachers going through the process?
8. How do you show evidence or accountability for your process?

M. Cambra is following up with the Regional Educational Laboratory (REL) to confirm that their research on this topic is ready for public distribution. REL sent the Commissioner a draft response to the two questions that he posed regarding teacher portfolio and educator licensing. The questions were: What other states use a portfolio process for educator relicensing? and What research exists regarding the connection between a portfolio relicensure process and improved student achievement?

Higher Education Committee (HEC) - H. McCollum reporting

H. McCollum updated the Board on the committee's discussion regarding the Johnson State College: SPED Program Revisions. A letter will be sent asking JSC to resubmit this request as a substantive change for approval by the VSBPE.

The HEC committee also discussed the Upper Valley Educator's Institute: Two-Year Report.

H. McCollum moved that the VSBPE accept Upper Valley Educator Institute's Two-Year Report. I further move that, based on the Report and its accompanying documentation, the VSBPE grant full approval to the alternate route program for principals. S. Aliquo seconded. Motion passed.

This approval will be effective through the completion of the next ROPA Review of Upper Valley Educator Institute's administrator preparation program.

R. Stahley moved to adjourn the meeting. S. Jensen seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.