

VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS

March 14, 2011

VT College, Noble Hall, Montpelier

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

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sheryl Aliquo, Cassandra Major.

STAFF PRESENT: Marta Cambra, Jenise Nicholson, Deb Giles, Marilyn Richardson, Mary Beth McNulty, Glenn Bailey, Anne Bordonaro, Rebecca Otis.

OTHERS PRESENT: Colleen Mackinnon, UVM; Brian Vachon, SBE Liaison; Sherry Gile, VT NEA; Martha Allen, VT NEA.

CALL TO ORDER: J. Steward called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

J. Steward asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the January 12, 2011 meeting.

D. Corkins **moved that the VSBPE accept the minutes of the January 12, 2011 meeting.** S. Jensen seconded. **Motion passed.**

Correspondence/Announcements

J. Steward sent a letter to Governor Shumlin inviting him to attend a VSBPE meeting to learn about the Board and the important work that they do.

J. Steward sent a congratulatory letter to Fayneese Miller, Chair of the State Board of Education as she was appointed to the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Committee. This committee will study preparation, evaluation, continuation, and compensation.

A letter was sent to the VSBPE from a Special Educator concerning confidentiality and portfolios with information concerning IEP's. This will be handled with the institution that the teacher had a concern with. We will review our expectation for that component of the portfolio.

M. Cambra and M. Allen sent invitational letters to join a task force for VT Teacher/Leader Effectiveness. If you are interested in joining, please let Marta know.

M. Cambra updated the Board on the hiring of the Consultant position. Administration at the DOE will be meeting with human resources to determine which positions the DOE can fill. Educator Quality continues to recruit for the VSBPE Consultant position. The Information Specialist position has been interviewed for and we are waiting to receive word whether this position can be filled.

The Interagency Committee on Administrative Rules (ICAR) meeting was held 2/14/11. The changes were approved.

Executive Committee Report

B. Howe gave a brief synopsis of the Executive Committee meeting that took place on March 3, 2011.

State Board of Education, Brian Vachon

B. Vachon gave a brief synopsis of the State Board Meeting that was held February 15, 2011.

Staff Report

J. Nicholson gave a summary of her testimony to the House Education Committee regarding principal mentoring and the effect this would have on licensing. The committee asked if it should be tied to licensure, M. Cambra and J. Nicholson stated they believe it should not be.

M. Richardson gave a brief synopsis of the ROPA Design Team meeting that was held on 2/17/11.

MB. McNulty gave a brief summary of her work as a review team member for Connecticut review of the Alternate Route to Certification Program (ARC) program. She also gave a synopsis of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) Annual Meeting that she attended.

Rae Ann Knopf, Deputy Commissioner of Education

RA. Knopf spoke to the Board about recent initiatives at the Vermont Department of Education including: the State Board of Education's recent work to implement rules for dual enrollment; the Vermont Task Force on Teacher/Leader Effectiveness; Implementation of the Common Core Standards; Vermont's involvement with the Smarter Balance Consortium; and the School Improvement Grant.

VT Task Force on Teacher/Leader Effectiveness

M. Cambra and M. Allen spoke to the Board about the Vermont Task Force on Teacher/Leader Effectiveness. Educational leaders throughout Vermont have been invited to participate on the task force. The purpose of the task force is to produce a research-based document that has suggested models for an effective teacher/leader evaluation system.

Mentoring Standards

M. Allen and S. Gile spoke to the Board about the VT NEA's involvement in developing new mentoring standards.

The Board broke for lunch at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened into Committees at 12:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

C. Major updated the Board on the committee's discussion regarding the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement. They also discussed the mentoring standards with M.Allen and S.Gile and developed guidance.

D. Corkins moved that the VSBPE approve the following: In accord with the powers and duties of the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators (VSBPE) as mandated by ACT 214 § 1694 effective July 1, 2007: The VSBPE in collaboration with the Vermont

State Board of Education (VTSBE) and the Vermont National Education Association (VTNEA) will develop program standards for teacher induction and mentoring. H. McCollum seconded. Motion passed.

Higher Education Committee (HEC) - H. McCollum Chair, reporting

H. McCollum moved that the VSBPE accept Castleton State College's request that the ACT II, post-baccalaureate program not be reviewed at the September 2011 full visit as it is on hiatus. Prior to enrolling new students in the ACT II program, it must undergo a ROPA Review. P. Coultas seconded. Motion passed.

H. McCollum moved that the VSBPE accept the Middlebury College two-year report and approve the following actions:

Continued full approval to the following undergraduate educator preparation programs:

Art, prek-12

Elementary Education, K-6

Modern and Classical Language: Spanish, 7-12

Modern and Classical Language: German, 7-12

Modern and Classical Language: Russian, 7-12

Modern and Classical Language: French, 7-12

Mathematics, 7-12

Science, 7-12

English, 7-12

Social Studies, 7-12

Computer Science, 7-12 L. Cravedi seconded. Motion passed.

Approval for these programs is effective until the full ROPA Review in 2014.

H. McCollum moved that the VSBPE accept Champlain College's one-year report. I further move that the VSBPE grant continued full approval to the following undergraduate educator preparation programs:

Elementary Education (K-6)

Middle Grades: English (5-9)

Middle Grades: Social Studies (5-9)

Social Studies (7-12)

English (7-12)

I also move that the Board grant full approval to the following undergraduate educator preparation program: Early Childhood (Birth-Grade 3). L. Cravedi seconded. Motion passed.

Approval for these programs is contingent upon a favorable review of a two-year report addressing noted stipulations and areas indicated as "concerns" in the team's report, as well as compliance with state standards and any conditions specified by the Vermont Standards Board.

H. McCollum moved that the VSBPE approve Johnson State College's substantive change to the post-baccalaureate and graduate K – age 21 program. L. Cravedi seconded. Motion passed.

At 2:30 p.m., Chair Steward declared the March 14, 2011 meeting of the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators adjourned.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Rebecca Otis