

VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS

May 25, 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, Patti Coultas, Brian Howe, Ronald Stahley, Janet Steward, Jill Cramer, Susan Jensen, Penny Chamberlin, Sheryl Aliquo, Cassandra Major, Lia Cravedi.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce Richardson.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Colleen Mackinnon, UVM; Brian Vachon, SBE Liaison; Sherry Gile, 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 April 26, 2011 meeting.

P. Chamberlin **moved that the VSBE accept the minutes of the April 26, 2011 meeting.** H. McCollum seconded. **Motion passed.**

Correspondence/Announcements

J. Steward updated the Board regarding a letter from the VT NEA with comments on the proposed changes to the Licensing Rules.

A second letter details topics the VT NEA would like the VSBE to address and more specifically collaborate with them on. The Executive Committee will review these letters at their next meeting.

Board Member Updates

J. Cramer updated the Board on the Common Core policy committee meeting that she attended.

Executive Committee Report

L. Cravedi gave a brief synopsis of the Executive Committee meeting that took place on May 16, 2011.

State Board of Education

B. Vachon and B. Howe gave a brief synopsis of the State Board Meeting that was held May 17, 2011.

Staff Report

M. Cambra updated the Board on the addendum to the staff report.

A. Bordonaro updated the Board on a Consolidated Federal Program (CFP) meeting she attended. Governor Shumlin spoke on the issue of consolidation and how he did not support this endeavor.

Armando Vilaseca, Commissioner of DOE

The Board spoke to Commissioner Vilaseca about recent initiatives at the Vermont Department of Education, which included: The work being done on Bill H.430; The VSBPE Consultant position and budget issues; The Individual Professional Development Plan (IPDP); and Legislation that is being developed to require licensure for Business Managers in Supervisory Unions.

Rulemaking Process, Mark Oettinger, VT DOE

M. Oettinger spoke to the Board about comments received during the rulemaking process. He detailed the next steps to continue with the process.

Failing any additional comments received during the public comment period; B. Howe **moved to move the rules forward into the rulemaking process as currently written.** D. Corkins seconded. **Motion passed.**

Praxis I Waiver Request, Southwest Vermont SU

M. Oettinger briefly detailed the criteria of the VSBPE's Praxis Waiver rule.

B. Howe **moved to enter into executive session at 11:08 a.m. M. Cambra was invited to stay.** C. Major seconded. **Motion passed.**

D. Corkins **moved to exit executive session at 11:25 p.m.** L. Cravedi seconded. **Motion passed.** No action was taken.

B. Howe **moved that the VSBPE finds that the candidate is otherwise qualified; the VSBPE will instruct the Educator Quality Division's Licensing Office to issue a license that is restricted to teaching in the school building of the district making the waiver request.** R. Stahley seconded. **Motion passed.**

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

Action Plan Revisions

The Board reviewed the components of the action plan that they placed into separate categories at the May meeting. Each category divided the work the Board felt has been completed, is ongoing, has not yet been completed and they included suggestions for the future action plan.

The Board will review their work at the June 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 InTASC (The Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium) Standards. They also discussed Policy H2, they will bring this to the full Board for a vote at the June meeting.

For future meetings, the committee would like to discuss: the InTASC Standards; the possibility of a Business Manager endorsement; and review the REL presentation on Administrator Endorsements.

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

H. McCollum updated the Board on the committee's discussion on the Green Mountain College (GMC) Report of the Full Program Review Team, Rejoinder and 5-Year Plan. They also met with representatives from Lyndon State College to discuss their request for a visit delay. The discussion regarding the Recommendations for Student Teaching at the Secondary Level will continue to be held at the June meeting.

**H. McCollum moved that the VSBPE accept the Green Mountain College Report of the Full Program Review Team, Rejoinder and 5-Year Plan and grant full approval to the following undergraduate programs:
Social Studies (7-12)
English (7-12)**

**I also move that the VSBPE grant conditional approval to the following undergraduate programs:
Art Education (PK-12)
Elementary Education (K-6)
Dual Elementary/ Special Education (K-6)**

Finally, I move that the VSBPE grant continued conditional approval to the new undergraduate science program (7-12). L. Cravedi seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of these programs is contingent upon a favorable review of both a one-year and a two-year report addressing noted stipulations and areas indicated as "concerns" in the team's report, documentation that all candidates are meeting the requirements of the Level I Licensure Portfolio, and continued compliance with state standards and any conditions specified by the VSBPE.

H. McCollum moved that the VSBPE grant Lyndon State College's request for a visit delay to the spring of 2012 with a regulation check to occur in the fall of 2011. S. Jensen seconded. Motion passed.

At 3:21 p.m., Chair Steward declared the May 25, 2011 meeting of the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators adjourned.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Rebecca Otis