

VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS

September 26, 2011
Capitol Plaza, Montpelier

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

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brian Howe, Lia Cravedi, Susan Jensen.

STAFF PRESENT: Marta Cambra, Deb Giles, Mary Beth McNulty, Marilyn Richardson, Pearl Bugbee.

OTHERS PRESENT: Colleen Mackinnon, UVM; 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 August 19, 2011 meeting.

P. Chamberlin **moved that the VSBPE accept the minutes of the August 19, 2011 meeting.** C. Major seconded. **Motion passed.**

Correspondence/Announcements

J. Steward updated the Board regarding a letter she received from Green Mountain College expressing concern about the VSBPE's acceptance of the recent ROPA team's determination of findings.

B. Vachon sent a letter reporting on the State Board of Education meeting.

Board Member Updates

J. Steward represented the VSBPE on the selection committee for Teacher of the Year.

Executive Committee Meeting

J. Steward reported to the Board about the September 14, 2011 meeting of the Executive Committee.

Deputy Commissioner Rae Ann Knopf attended and shared some of the education initiatives that are in the works at the State level. She also spoke about the NCLB waiver request being prepared for presentation to Secretary Duncan. Rae Ann has been invited to attend the October meeting to update the Board on the progress of the waiver request and other issues.

The Executive committee will extend an invitation to the members of the House Education and Senate Education committees to join the VSBPE for breakfast at the October 19, 2011 meeting.

State Board of Education

J. Steward read Brian Vachon's letter reporting on the State Board of Education meeting. The major item of discussion was a letter Gov. Shumlin wrote to Secretary Arne Duncan requesting a "level of flexibility" of the existing mandates in the NCLB requirements. Specifically, to roll back the numbers to the 2009 expectations. .

Staff Report

M. Cambra updated the Board on the status of the Licensing Office announcing that license renewals for those currently working in the schools have been mailed out.

The Transcript Reviews are 6-8 weeks behind, but if they cannot be completed by October, the applicants will be advised to apply for a provisional license.

Lynne Eyberg has been hired as the DOE project manager for the On-line Licensing program, and has been meeting with EQT staff to hear what they would like to see in the program. She will be meeting with the LNSRB's in October to get their input. She will also attend a future meeting of the VSBPE to hear their ideas.

Update of Mentoring Committee

Heather McCollum updated the Board on the work of the committee which has met twice a month. They are trying to determine what the charge of Act 20 is. They are also looking at the Standards of Mentoring and their Goals, and where VT ranks relative to those standards and goals.

DOE Website/VSBPE Link

Travis VanAlstyn gave a lively and very informative presentation on what is being done to update the DOE webpage, and demonstrated how user-friendly links to information can be set up. There were many questions and a lot of discussion.

The Board broke into Committees at 10:30 a.m. adjourned for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and resumed Committee work at 1:15 p.m.

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) Standard, and the next steps in regard to implementation. The committee also discussed responsibilities of an administrator and the upcoming revisions of the administrator endorsements. They also looked at the suggested membership composition for the committee that will be convened to work on the revisions to the administrator revisions.

Higher Education Committee (HEC) – S. Aliquo, Chair, reporting

S. Aliquo reported on the Committee's discussion regarding the request to approve the Pilot program for the ROPA visit for Bennington College. The proposal would allow the institution to submit more information in advance of the visit, resulting in a modified on-site visit. This visit would be more focused, with fewer days and fewer people involved.

S. Aliquo moved that the VSBPE accept the Pilot Visit proposal and allow Bennington College to complete a modified ROPA process for full program review in 2012. H. McCollum seconded. Motion passed.

Proposed ROPA Review Team Members for full ROPA review at St. Michael's College

S. Aliquo moved that the VSBPE approve the following educators to serve on the ROPA Review Team for St. Michael's College:

- **Katrina Arndt, Chair;** Associate Professor of Education, St. John Fisher College, Rochester, NY
- **Susan Chiefsky;** Nationally Board Certified Social Studies and English Teacher, Special Education Coordinator, Springfield and Windsor Correctional Facilities
- **Julie Theoret;** Education Professor, Mathematics Department Chair, Johnson State College
- **Sheryl Aliquo;** VSBPE Member, Elementary Teacher, St. Albans City Elementary School
- (a fifth member to be approved by the Executive Committee, by e-mail)

H. McCollum, seconded. **Motion passed**

Castleton State College Health Education Teacher Education Design Document for New Program Approval

S. Aliquo moved that the VSBPE approve the Castleton State College design for Health Education Program approval and authorize a new program review. R. Stahley seconded. Motion passed.

Union Institute Substantive Change letter – moved to October meeting

Entry 2: Accommodating Students Identified as Having Special Needs

S. Aliquo reported on the discussion about Student Teachers' access to IEP's and the need for the institutions having a Memorandum of Understanding with the schools/student teacher they are working with.

S. Aliquo reported on the proposed policies on Program Approval Extensions – there have been a couple of requests to change the ROPA visits to a later date than scheduled; Policy on Student Teaching and Practicum Requirements for Secondary Candidates; and Policy on Licensure Officers. These will be brought to the Board for approval at the October meeting.

Two-Year Report: Career and Technical Teacher Education Program

P. Coultas gave a report to the committee on the new and exciting happenings in the Technical Teacher Education Program.

S. Aliquo moved that the VSBPE accept the Career and Technical Teacher Education Program Two-Year Review Report, and grant full approval to the Career and Technical program and the substantive changes to the program. R. Stahley, seconded. Motion passed

Revised Teacher Apprenticeship Program motion:

S. Aliquo moved that the VSBPE accept the One-Year Report of the Teacher Apprenticeship Program, Report of the Full Program Review Team, Rejoinder and Five-Year Plan and grant two-year conditional approval to the following programs:

Middle Grades: English (5-9)	English as a Second Language (preK-12)
Middle Grades: Social Studies (5-9)	Business Education (5-12)
Middle Grades: Science (5-9)	Art (preK-12)
Middle Grades: Math (5-9)	Music (preK-12)
Science (7-12)	Physical Education (preK-12)
Social Studies (7-12)	Health Education (preK-12)
English (7-12)	Theatre (preK-12)
Math (7-12)	Educational Technology Specialist (preK-12)
Family and Consumer Science (5-12)	Modern and Classical Languages (7-12)

J. Steward seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of 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, demonstrating growth in meeting the seven ROPA standards, and continued compliance with state standards and any conditions specified by the VSBPES.

At 2:00 p.m., Chair Steward declared the September 26, 2011 meeting of the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators adjourned.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Pearl Bugbee