

VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS

June 25, 2009

VT College, Montpelier

***D R A F T* MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Russell Agne, Sheryl Aliquo, Cassandra Major, Stephanie Taylor, Kathy Finck, Brian Howe, Heather McCollum, Bruce Richardson, Ronald Stahley, Janet Steward.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dolly Corkins, Judith Jones, Susan Jensen.

STAFF PRESENT: Marta Cambra, Bob Gross, Deb Giles, Marilyn Richardson, Rebecca Otis.

VISITORS/ OTHERS PRESENT: Sherry Gile, VT NEA.

CALL TO ORDER: B. Howe called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m.

B. Howe asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the May 18, 2009 meeting.

J. Steward amended the minutes on page 2. The 3rd bullet will read – Historical Relevance Piece.
J. Steward **moved that the VSBPE accept the minutes of the May 18, 2009 meeting with changes.** R. Agne seconded. **Motion passes.**

CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

B. Howe informed the Board that UVM sent him a letter thanking the HE Committee and VSBPE for meeting with them.

B. Howe's letter to the Commissioner regarding DOE staffing was distributed to members.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

There were no board member updates.

STAFF REPORT – Educator Quality Team

M. Cambra corrected two typos, the first paragraph's dates should read 2010 – 2015; and the third paragraph should read: developing more of a national presence through partnerships.

S. Aliquo asked how Provisional Licenses are being processed with the loss of J. Nicholson. B. Gross responded that he is processing the provisional licenses.

H. McCollum informed the Board on the Transformation Leadership meeting at the capitol plaza that she, J. Steward and B. Howe attended. The day was spent brainstorming ideas on leadership development that would be transformative. This past Monday she attended the SBE meeting Monday afternoon to discuss the VSBPE's role in the Transformation.

J. Steward commented that K. Charron came to her classroom to observe her students and instruction. She feels it is important to invite more DOE employees to observe the important work teachers are doing.

The Board broke for lunch at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 12:20 p.m.

Recommendations to Transformation Policy Commission

B. Howe reviewed item 10A with the Board. A. Bordonaro detailed the creation and design of this document. B. Howe informed the Board on the Transformation Policy Commission's meetings. He shared some of the Commission's working documents with the Board. The Board discussed what they should recommend to the Transformation Policy Commission.

S. Aliquo **moved to distribute this document to the Transformation Policy Commission.** H. McCollum seconded. **Motion passed.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Teacher & Administrator Relicensing Committee – C. Major reporting

C. Major summarized the committee's discussion on the L/RSB summer conferences and the relicensure process.

C. Major **moved that the VSBPE approve the Plans of Operation for the following local standards boards: Battenkill Valley and Grand Isle.** K. Finck seconded. **Motion passed.**

Higher Education Committee - H. McCollum, Chair reporting

H. McCollum summarized the committee's discussion on a request from Castleton State College to delay their visit for the Act II programs.

H. McCollum **moved that the full program review for Castleton State College's Act II program be postponed from November 2009 to coincide with the full program review for the new undergraduate program, in spring or fall of 2011.** S. Aliquo seconded. **Motion passed.**

H. McCollum **moved that the VSBPE approve the following educators to serve on the Program Approval Team for Goddard College: Mario Borunda, (chair) Dean of the College of Education, Lesley College; Bruce Richardson, VSBPE Member; Joyce Cunningham, Education Professor, Castleton State College and member of the ROPA Design Team; Judy Allard, National Board Certified Science Teacher (retired), former VSBPE member and seasoned ROPA team member; and Melissa Kristiansen, National Board Certified Art Teacher at Poultney High School.** J. Steward seconded. **Motion passed.** B. Richardson abstained.

Jeff Higgins from the VT Mentor Program came and spoke with the HE Committee about their recent ROPA Review. The committee reviewed their report and discussed it with J. Higgins.

H. McCollum **moved that the VSBPE accept the Report of the Visiting Team for the Vermont Mentor Program and grant a one-year conditional approval to its Career and Technical Education Teacher Preparation Program.** S. Aliquo seconded. **Motion passed.**

The continued approval of this program is contingent upon a one year report which addresses the stipulations and concerns from the Report of the Visiting Team and documents progress in meeting the seven ROPA Standards.

H. McCollum moved that the VSBPE accept Johnson State College's One-Year Update on the Secondary Programs. I further move that the VSBPE grant full approval for the following educator preparation programs: English/Language Arts (7-12), Social Studies (7-12) Mathematics (7-12) and Science (7-12). J. Steward seconded. Motion passed.

These approvals will be effective through the completion of the next ROPA Review of Johnson State College's educator preparation programs in 2012.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by consensus at 1:45 p.m.

Rebecca Otis, Administrative Assistant

Brian Howe, Chair