

Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators

The VSBPE is a thirteen member teacher majority board appointed by the Governor.

Member List for 2010 - 2011

- ◆ **Janet Steward, Chair; Retired Teacher**[^] **
- ◆ **Brian Howe, Vice-Chair; Teacher**
Arlington Memorial High School
- ◆ **Sheryl Aliquo, Teacher**
St. Albans City Elementary School
- ◆ **Patti Coultas, Higher Education**
Vermont Technical College
- ◆ **Penny Chamberlin, Career & Technical Center Director**, Barre Technical Center
- ◆ **Jill Cramer, Teacher**
John F. Kennedy Elementary School
- ◆ **Marilyn Corkins, Teacher**
Newport Town Elementary School
- ◆ **Lia Cravedi, School Board Member**
Champlain Valley UHSD
- ◆ **Susan Jensen, Teacher** *
Barnet Elementary School
- ◆ **Cassandra Major, Teacher** *
Barre Town Middle & Elementary School
- ◆ **Heather McCollum, Higher Education**
Union Institute & University
- ◆ **Bruce Richardson, Public Member**
- ◆ **Ronald Stahley, Administrator**
Windham Southeast Supervisory Union

[^] Former Vermont Teacher of the Year

* National Board Certified Teachers

** Appointed to Board as a teacher, completing her term

Code of Professional Ethics for Vermont Educators

The essential qualities of the competent and caring educator include moral integrity, humane attitudes, reflective practice, and a sound understanding of academic content and pedagogy. The public vests educators with trust and responsibility for educating the children of Vermont. We believe that fulfilling this charge requires educators to demonstrate the highest standards of professional conduct. We, as professional educators, respect the dignity and individuality of every human being. We are committed to, and model for our students, the lifelong pursuit of learning and academic excellence. We are dedicated to effective scholarly practice, further enhanced by collaboration with colleagues and with those in the greater educational community. Furthermore, we are dedicated to compassionate service on behalf of our students and their families, and we advocate for them in the school and community settings. We recognize and accept both the public trust and the magnitude of responsibility inherent in our profession.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

For meeting dates, Board agendas, the Policy Manual, and the Action Plan, please visit our website at:
http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_prostandards/vsbpe/vsbpe.html

For information on educator preparation, initial licensure, relicensing, and regulations visit our website at:
<http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/maincert.html>

VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS



*Student Success
through
Quality Educators*

A Message from the VSBPE Chair

On July 1, 2007, Act 214 of the Vermont Legislature created a new Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators. We can be proud that we are now a self-regulating profession creating high standards for Vermont educators. The high standards we set for ourselves ensure the highest quality education for our students.

I encourage you to become involved with your Local and Regional Standards Board. The Professional Standards Board meetings are open to the public and the Board encourages and welcomes your participation in this vital process that impacts Vermont educators and ultimately Vermont students.

These are exciting times as Vermont moves forward to transform its educational system.



Janet Steward



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Board Authority

The Board has been empowered by the Legislature of the State of Vermont to:

- ◆ Establish standards, to promote quality and effectiveness across the educator career continuum
- ◆ Approve educator preparation programs and alternate routes that meet the standards
- ◆ Oversee and monitor the application and licensing process
- ◆ Develop a code of professional ethics and act as advisors regarding its interpretation
- ◆ Adopt regulations and policies

In order to manage its major functions, the VSBPE has established two permanent standing committees: Teacher / Administrator Relicensing Committee and Higher Education Committee.

The work of the VSBPE is supported by the services of the Educator Quality Division of the State Department of Education.



VSBPE Vision

Ensuring a caring, competent, highly effective educator in every Vermont classroom to improve student learning.

GOALS:

Goal 1: Ensure that all routes to initial licensure and additional endorsements prepare teachers and administrators who demonstrate effectiveness in improving student learning.

Goal 2: Develop a continuum of career-long educator development that is efficient, innovative, and responsive to the needs of Vermont's students and educators, and sustain, through high quality mentoring and induction, professional development, evaluation, and relicensure processes, a community of educators who are knowledgeable, reflective, life-long learners.

Goal 3: Ensure that every professional position in a Vermont public school is staffed by a properly credentialed educator who exemplifies behavior that maintains the dignity and integrity of the profession.

Goal 4: Provide leadership to improve education, increase professionalism, and raise the recognition of education as a profession.