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VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS

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

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Erik Remmers, Bernadette Cleland, Ric Reardon, Tom Young, Jennifer Fribush, Roberta Baker, Cindy Cole, Shelby Quinn, Christine Latulippe

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeremy Hill, Amy McMullen, Beth-Ann Repchick, David Younce

STAFF PRESENT: Patrick Halladay, Ron Ryan, Deborah Giles, Terry Reilly, Amy Scalabrini, Ellen Cairns, Catherine Wilkins

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Lindsay Townsend; Lyle Jepson, VTC; Malik McKinley, ETS.

CALL TO ORDER: E. Remmers called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion made by C. Cole to amend the agenda to add a Superintendent waiver request for Lynn Cota. Seconded by T. Young.

Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by R. Baker to approve the minutes. Seconded by C. Cole.

Motion approved.

CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

R. Baker now holds a School Librarian endorsement.

T. Young was awarded Coach of the Year for DII basketball.

Board Chair, E. Remmers shared correspondence from a member of the public regarding identified disabilities and waiver requests. P. Halladay confirmed with General Counsel Emily Simmons that a decision to not consider the waiver was consistent with existing Rules.

E. Remmers will respond on behalf of the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lindsay Townsend shared his thoughts on Bachelor's Degree requirement for Driver and Traffic Safety Education.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES:

Two new board members:

Shelby Quinn, Second Grade teacher at Union Elementary School.

Bernadette Cleland, public member, former teacher and administrator.

STAFF REPORT:

R. Ryan gave the Board an update on the positive transition with interim Director, Patrick Halladay.

WAIVER REQUESTS:

Educator Waiver Request – B. Chandler

Motion made by C. Cole to approve the waiver request for B. Chandler to accept his non-transcript course for his transcript review. Seconded by J. Fribush.

Motion denied. The Board recommends to go through Peer Review or to take the original course approved by the Agency for previous applicants.

Superintendent Waiver Request – S. Bentley

E. Remmers recused himself.

Motion made by R. Baker to approve a 22-day extension for S. Bentley to continue to substitute. Seconded by C. Cole. Motion approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND MOTIONS:

Licensing Committee: T. Young, Chair, reporting:

T. Young moved that the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators adopts the revised version of Policy F2, Recency of Study, to include additional professional learning when the Level I License has been lapsed more than ten (10) years. The revised Policy F2 will go into effect starting on July 1, 2019. Seconded by R Baker. Motion approved.

T. Young moved that the VSBPE update the SAT equivalency for Praxis Core for educator licensure and grant the office the authority to update the ACT equivalency upon receiving requested information. The SAT test was changed in 2016, and ETS defined College Readiness as having an SAT score of: Verbal 480, Math 530. Seconded by R. Baker. Motion approved.

T. Young moved that the VSBPE adopt the endorsement revisions for Health Education, Elementary Education and Associate School Nurse. Seconded by R. Baker. Motion approved.

T. Young moved that the VSBPE approve endorsement revisions for administrators that include Superintendent, Principal, Director of Special Education, Director of Curriculum, Assistant Director of Adult Education, and Career Technical Education Director be approved with the amended language below:

A 60-hour practicum is required when 60 hours of professional experience in the endorsement area is not documented within the original 300-hour internship that is required for an initial administrator license. Test Code: 6011 is required for all educators seeking any administrator endorsement unless they have completed a post-Baccalaureate degree in educational leadership, completed a ROPA-approved teacher leadership program, or hold a current administrator endorsement.

The additional 60-hour practicum is not applicable when adding the Superintendent endorsement.

Seconded by R. Baker.
Motion approved.

Break for lunch at 12:35pm.
Reconvene at 1:00pm.

Draft 2019-2020 Meeting Schedule:

Motion made by R. Baker to approved draft meeting schedule. Seconded by R. Reardon. Motion approved.

Rule Changes

The Board reviewed, revised and approved the proposed Rule changes.

Motion made by J. Fribush to accept the proposed changes to the Rules. Seconded by R. Reardon. Motion approved.

Bachelor's Degree Requirements:

The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding the Bachelor's Degree requirement pertaining to the in-vehicle instruction segment of the Driver and Traffic Safety Education endorsement. The Board chose not to act at this time. There will be a broader review of the Driver and Traffic Safety Education endorsement in the future.

Proficiency Based Renewal:

J. Fribush would like to research what other states are doing relating to proficiency-based renewal. Discussion regarding how this might tie in to micro credentialing.

P. Halladay will bring a white paper to the next meeting. R. Reardon will present at the April meeting.

Action Plan:

The Board reviewed the Action Plan.

Act 173:

The Board agreed that on or before November 1, 2019, they will review all of the special educator endorsement requirements and initiate rulemaking to ensure that these requirements do not serve as a barrier to satisfying statewide demands for licensed special educators.

April Agenda Items:

Driver and Traffic Safety Education endorsement

P. Halladay, R. Reardon: Micro credentialing

LC:

- E-SLP and School Psychologist, RE: Teaching experience
- Praxis Core, Math
- Provisional and Emergency licenses report
- Computer Science instructional level expansion
- Discussion: Education Technology Specialist revision – Jay Ramsey

PAC:

- ROPA committee go over Section 7
- ROPA Alternate Route to licensure
- Review policies N11, N12 and N19
- Action Plan: Technical Assistance
- Standards Revision update
- Middlebury ROPA Report and Seven Year Plan

- UVM Report and Seven Year Plan
- SMC Report and Seven Year Plan
- Spark's non-compliance and change of status per Policy N2; report submitted 3/11/19
- UVM request for CAEP approval to be used in lieu of ROPA for 2025
- VCFA Teach-Out Plan
- SNHU new program application
- Approval of Castleton University ROPA Review team
- Question from CU Psych Dept – would Policy N17 apply to a new program approval or only an already approved one?
- Policy updates

Motion made by J. Fribush to adjourn, Seconded by C. Cole.

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 3:01 pm.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Amy Scalabrini.