

Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators

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

Draft Meeting Minutes

Meeting Place: Virtual Meeting | Microsoft Teams

Date: July 12, 2021

Members Present:

Erik Remmers, Jennifer Fribush, Ric Reardon, Amy Flannery, Amy Minor, Cynthia Cole, Bernadette Cleland

Members Absent:

Shelby Quinn, Christine Latulippe, Amy McMullen, Christine Kurucz, Jennifer Clement, Cheryl Niedzwiecki

Staff Present:

Patrick Halladay, Amy Scalabrini

Members of the Public:

Andrea Wasson, Arthur Rafus, Bethann Pirie , Tom DeBalsi, Randi Lowe, Bethann Pirie, Brandy Guillette, Charleen McFarlane, Leslie Leff, Tim Trevithick, Tonya Kopeck

Call to Order:

E. Remmers called the meeting to order at 9:04am

Approval of Agenda:

J. Fribush moved to approve the agenda.

A. Flannery seconded.

Motion approved.

Waiver Requests:

Superintendent Waiver Request: A. Rafus

J. Fribush moved to waive the requirement of 21 credits in Special Education in order to apply for a provisional license for A. Rafus. Limited to the Hartford School District and requiring a detailed plan of mentorship overseen by a licensed special educator.

Seconded by C. Cole.

Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: J. Foster

J. Fribush moves to grant waiver request for J. Foster to have 21 credits in Special Education to hold a Special Education provisional. Limited to the requesting school district and contingent on a detailed plan for mentoring and supervision submitted to the AOE.

Seconded by A. Flannery.

Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: B. Turnbaugh

C. Cole moved to waive the requirement of 3 years of licensed teaching experience for B. Turnbaugh to obtain a provisional license as an administrator, pending her school counselor educator license. Limiting practice to Lamoille North SU with a detailed supervision program submitted to the AOE.

Seconded by R. Reardon.

Motion denied with one abstention.

Superintendent Waiver Request: T. Kopeck

J. Fribush motions to grant T. Kopeck a one year provisional license in Special Education limited to the school district in which she works with a mentorship plan submitted to the AOE.

Seconded by A. Minor.

Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: K. LaRoche

J. Fribush moves to waive the requirement for K. LaRoche to work for three years as a special educator in order to apply for a provisional license as a Director of Special Education limited to the school district in which she will teach and that a detailed mentoring program is submitted to the AOE. K. LaRoche must also earn her special educator endorsement before applying for a Level I Director of Special Education endorsement.

Seconded by A. Flannery.

Motion approved.

Educator Waiver Request: T. Trevithick

J. Fribush moves to waive requirement for T. Trevithick to have three years of teaching under a licensed VT teaching endorsement to apply for his Level I Principal endorsement.

Seconded by R. Reardon

Motion approved.

Educator Waiver Request: L. Leff

J. Fribush moves that the requirement for L. Leff to do transcript review for the supervised internship experience and the 60 hours in social work in the two grade levels (PK-6 and 7-12) in order to apply for a school social worker license. In lieu of a transcript, a letter from a supervisor documenting the 600 hours must be submitted to the AOE that the internship and both practicums have been completed under the supervision of a licensed social worker or the school-based equivalent.

Seconded by A. Minor.

Motion approved.

Educator Waiver Request: B. Guillette

J. Fribush moves that in lieu of transcribed credit for each of the 60-hour practicums in social work in PK-6 and 7-12 and instead use letters from supervisors to detail that they have been completed.

Seconded by B. Cleland.

Motion approved.

J. Fribush motioned to adjourn.

Seconded by A. Minor.

Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:36am.

Minutes recorded by Amy Scalabrini.