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 | 1 National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT

# Date: May 18, 2022

# Members Present:

Amy Minor, Brenda Seitz, Bill Clark, Ric Reardon, Jennifer Clement, Christine Kurucz, Ellen Emery, Amy Flannery, Amanda Garces, Bernadette Cleland, Shelby Quinn

# Members Absent:

Christie Martin

# Staff Present:

Patrick Halladay, Ron Ryan, Andrew Prowten, Deb Giles, Amy Scalabrini, Ellen Cairns, Ryan McCormick, Cathy Wilkins

# Members of the Public:

Katrina Antonovich, Randi Lowe, Stephanie Ratmeyer

# Call to Order:

A. Minor called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

# Approval of Agenda:

P. Halladay alerted the Board to an additional waiver request submitted by R. Neville.

B. Clark moved to approve the agenda.

Seconded by J. Clement.

Motion approved.

# Approval of Minutes:

B. Clark moved to approve the minutes of 4/19/22.

Seconded by C. Kurucz.

Motion approved.

# Public to be heard:

N/A

# Correspondence and announcements:

P. Halladay shared recent correspondence from educators expressing their gratitude for the expiration date extension. He also shared correspondence from an early childhood educator with a concern of being unable to transition to a Level II license due to not working in an SU/SD.

# Board Member Updates:

A. Garces shared the Act 1 working group finished the Education Quality Standards revisions to submit to the State Board of Education for approval.

# Staff Report:

The license expiration date extension has been well received by the field. The intent of the extension is for educators to have the extra time if they need it. The Office encourages educators to submit their renewal applications as soon as requirements are met.

# Superintendent Waiver Request: K. Stebenne

B. Clark moves to approve the waiver request for a Provisional License with a School Librarian endorsement for K. Stebenne. The license will be restricted to the North Country Supervisory Union.

Seconded by E. Emery.

Motion approved.

# Superintendent Waiver Request: A. Myotte

R. Reardon moves to approve a one-year provisional license for A. Myotte with an expectation that support of a licensed Social Studies educator is available when needed. The license shall be restricted to the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union.

Seconded by B. Clark.

Motion approved.

# Educator Waiver Request: S. Dufresne

The Board did not take any action on the waiver request for S. Dufresne. The recommendation is for the Office to contact the candidate to discuss pathways to licensure.

# Educator Waiver Request: R. Neville

The Board advised the Office to do additional research on the ASHA certifications in comparison to National Certified Board Teachers.

The Board took a 15-minute break.

# New Potential Endorsement Areas

P. Halladay presented new endorsement considerations based on what the Office has seen due to available ESSER funding. The Office will survey the field to collect various job descriptions across the state and make a recommendation to the Board on which new endorsements to pursue.

# Driver's Training In-class Only Endorsement

A. Minor moved to approve the VSBPE define educators who meet Knowledge Standards 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, and 1.6 and Performance Standards 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, and 2.5 as well as the Additional Requirements as eligible for an endorsement in-class only driver and traffic safety education.

This endorsement is eligible only to a “teacher” as defined in rule and requires demonstrated competency in the Core Teaching Standards.

Seconded by B. Clark.

Motion approved.

# Committee Reports and Motions

# **Licensing Committee**

D. Giles explained to the Board that many of the L/RSB’s have completed all renewals. To date, 1,700 potential renewal applications have yet to be submitted.

B. Clark moved the VSBPE adopt the revised language for endorsement 5440-40, Multilingual Learner (formerly English Language Learner).

Seconded by A. Minor.

Motion approved with one abstention.

**Program Approval Committee**

A. Garces moved the VSBPE accept the recommendation of the ROPA review team and grant conditional approval to UVM’s Education for Cultural and Linguistic Diversity Program to recommend candidates for additional licensure in English Language Learner at the undergraduate and postbac level.

Seconded by B. Clark.

Motion approved.

R. Reardon moved the VSBPE approve St. Michael’s Teach-Out Plan for their Special Education Consulting Teacher Program, with the final date for recommendation to be set at Aug. 31, 2023.

Seconded by B. Clark.

Motion approved.

# Proposed Rule Changes

B. Clark moved to file the proposed Rule Changes as approved in April with the new ML endorsement revisions and New Drivers Ed In-Class endorsement with ICAR.

Seconded by A. Minor.

Motion approved.

# July Agenda Items

* Waiver Requests

# August Agenda Items

* Board Reorganization
* New Board Member Orientation
* New endorsement area update
* Rule Changes

B. Clark moved to adjourn.

Seconded by A. Flannery.

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 12:47pm.

Minutes recorded by Amy Scalabrini.