

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: September 15, 2022

Members Present:

Amy Minor, Brenda Seitz, Bill Clark, Jennifer Clement, Christine Kurucz, Ellen Emery, Amy Flannery, Amanda Garces, Katie Revelle, William Lucci, Kate Fay

Members Absent:

Bernadette Cleland, Shelby Quinn

Staff Present:

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

Members of the Public:

Brian Bloomfield, Margaret Hayward

Call to Order:

A. Minor called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Approval of Agenda:

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

B. Clark moved to approve the agenda.

Seconded by W. Lucci.

Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes:

B. Seitz moved to approve the minutes of 8/11/22.

Seconded by J. Clement.

Motion approved.

Public to be heard:

N/A

Correspondence and announcements:

N/A

Board Member Updates:

New board member introductions:

Katie Revelle is the Director of Community Collaboration at UVM.

William Lucci is the Assistant Director for Stafford Technical Center.

Kate Fay is a licensed early childhood special educator and Peer Review panelist.

Act 28:

The Literacy Committee met over the Summer. Aligning blueprint with MTSS and exposing more of educator family to blueprint. See email from Bill.

Staff Report:

The licensing team is excited to welcome Jessica Monahan to the team.

Educator Waiver Request: B. Bloomfield

B. Clark moved to approve the waiver for B. Bloomfield and allow him to apply for an administrative endorsement without the required three years of licensed teaching experience. Seconded by C. Kurucz.

Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: S. Carpenter

B. Clark moved to accept the waiver request for S. Carpenter to allow Slate Valley UUSD to submit a one-year temporary license application with a Special Educator endorsement. The license shall be restricted to the Slate Valley UUSD.

Seconded by A. Flannery.

Motion approved with one abstention.

Superintendent Waiver Request: S. Santaw-Wright

W. Lucci moved to allow North Country SU to apply for a two-year provisional license for S. Santaw-Wright with a Special Educator endorsement. The license shall be limited to the North Country SU.

Seconded by A. Garces.

Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: H. Cummings-Washburn

A. Minor moved to grant an Emergency license limited to BUUSD to expire on 1/31/2023, contingent upon a submission of a mentoring plan including proposed meeting dates and curriculum support along with a plan for weekly supervision by a building-based supervisor and submission of their college preparatory observation dates.

Seconded by W. Lucci.

Motion approved.

Committee Reports and Motions

Licensing Committee

In-Car Driver and Traffic Safety Education endorsement without a BA/BS

J. Clement moved that the VSBPE not require a bachelor's degree for the in-vehicle only portion of the Driver and Traffic Safety Education endorsement and have five years experience as a licensed operator and be at least 21 years of age on date of application.

Seconded by B. Clark.

Motion approved.

Renewal Update

Approximately 90% of the expected renewal applications have been submitted. Applications have been submitted slowly over the summer. D. Giles has been communicating with the Local and Regional Standards Board regarding incomplete applications that have been approved by Boards this past Spring.

Special Educator Provisional Update

There are currently 45 Special Educator Provisional waiver applications in the work queue. This is an increase of 15 over last month. There are currently over 300 temporary applications in the work queue. Temporary applications include emergency, provisional and apprenticeship applications.

Program Approval Committee

SPARK ROPA Review Team

B. Clark moved that the VSBPE approve the team for the ROPA review of Spark's teacher preparation program which is scheduled for Dec. 1-2.

Seconded by K. Revelle.

Motion approved.

Middlebury College Approval Status

B. Clark moved that the VSBPE extend Middlebury's full program approval status pending review of their annual report.

Seconded by J. Clement.

Motion approved.

There has been a challenge with scheduling panel interviews for Peer Review candidates in specific endorsement areas. Candidates who have a temporary license and a completed portfolio are at risk of their license expiring.

The Board directed the Office to extend Provisional license expiration dates of affected educators to 12/31/22 to allow time for interviews to be completed as needed. The Office will notify the Board of the number of candidates in the upcoming Staff Report.

The Board broke for a 15-minute recess.

Grow Your Own Proposal

P. Halladay presented a [draft Grow Your Own proposal](#) to address some of the teacher shortage areas and received feedback from the Board.

New endorsement area discussion

A. Minor moved to give the Office permission to develop a new Specialized Math Professional endorsement.

Seconded by B. Clark.

Motion approved.

Waiver Request Form

A new waiver request form was presented to the Board for review and feedback.

October Agenda Items

Secondary to Middle Grades route to licensure

Middlebury College Approval Status

Waiver request form

Praxis II discussion

Vermont State University

Peer Review update

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 12:22 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Amy Scalabrini.