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VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS

June 5, 2018 AOE Offices, Barre

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

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Tinney, J. Fribush, E. Remmers, R. Reardon, R. Baker, W. Hillmuth, H. Lanthier, D. Younce, C. Cole, T. Young

MEMBERS ABSENT: J. Hill, A. McMullen

STAFF PRESENT: Debora Price, Deborah Giles, Terry Reilly, Amy Scalabrini, Ron Ryan, Ellen Cairns

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Claudine Bedell, St. Michael's College; David McGough, Northern VT University; Maureen Hebert, VTC; Lyle Jepson, VTC; Katy Culpo, Castleton University; Margaret Bledsoe, St. Johnsbury School; Otho Thompson, St. Johnsbury School; Christine Tate, Otter Valley Unified Union; Jeanne Collins, Otter Valley Unified Union; Steve Owens, Albany Town School District; Beverly Davis, Albany Town School District; Trina Newland, Albany Town School District.

CALL TO ORDER: D. Tinney called the meeting to order at 8:30am

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**Motion made by H. Lanthier to approve the agenda. Seconded by R. Baker.
Motion approved.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Motion made by R. Reardon to approve the minutes from 5/8/18.
Seconded by T. Young. Motion approved.**

CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

D. Tinney received a letter of concern from the Chair of the Regional Advisory Board for the Stafford Technical Center, James Eckhardt. CTE teachers not passing Praxis. AOE will respond in an email regarding next year's work regarding educator licensure.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

N/A

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES:

Board members shared personal updates.

STAFF REPORT:

We have hired a temp, Walter Earle who is on a Local Standards Board. He is scheduled to start on June 18th to help with the influx of renewals we are expecting. As of last Friday, Chittenden East is the first Standards Board to be fully complete. All of their educator's licenses have been renewed.

The Agency has 6 people who are trained to process renewals. Superintendents will be notified that educators are not licensed after June 30th.

J. Fribush commented how the Agency is turning over applications quickly.

VERMONT LICENSURE PORTFOLIO REPORT:

C. Bedell and D. McGough presented the VLP Annual Report.

D. Tinney asked if there is anything the VSBPE can do to support their work. C. Bedell and D. McGough expressed their interest in all 16 Educator Preparation Programs (EPP) participating in the calibration sessions and also would like a VSBPE member on the PAC Committee to attend.

D. McGough shared that EPIC is a 501c3 member organization, made up of professors and staff members of EPP's. EPIC currently manages the actual text of the VLP and is happy to continue to manage. EPIC work is used to support the VT Licensure Portfolio.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND MOTIONS:

R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE accept recommendations and revisions in the VLP as substantiated in the EPIC report dated June 5 and presented on the same day. The VSBPE will encourage each EPP to use the current VLP as amended and will support their efforts to collect data from EPPs that will allow EPIC to continue with reliability and validity studies.

Seconded by J. Fribush.

Motion approved.

R. Reardon moved that the VSPBE accept proposed ROPA review team members for St. Michael's College (SMC) for ROPA Review in Fall 2018. Seconded by H. Lanthier. Motion approved.

H. Lanthier moved that the VSBPE accept the proposed ROPA Review team members for review of SMC Early Childhood Education program scheduled for October 2018. Seconded by Jennifer.
Motion approved with one abstention.

R. Reardon moved that at this time the VSBPE does not accept the College of St. Joseph (CSJ) ROPA report from the ROPA review team, and that the VSBPE grant conditional approval to CSJ until August 1, 2018 for recommendation of licensure. At that time, they must demonstrate they are in a position structurally to support their Educator Preparation Program moving forward. Will review status of the program at the August meeting.
Seconded by J. Fribush.
Motion approved.

R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE accept Vermont Technical College's (VTC) two year report and grants continuing approval until next ROPA review in 2023. Include questions from Office's review in report to be answered at next report due in May of next year.
Seconded by Helen.
Motion approved.

R. Baker moved that the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators adopts the revised document, *A Vision for Teaching Leading, and Learning – Core Teaching and Leadership Standards for Vermont Educators* and that the revised document continue to serve as a resource for educators, leaders, districts, professional organizations, teacher education programs, and others.
Seconded by C. Cole.
Motion approved.

Summer Conferences – VSBPE members encouraged to attend.

WAIVER REQUESTS:

AOE Waiver Request – S. Gravel

Educator was notified in writing to take Praxis II test vs the Praxis Core. She was incorrectly given the wrong testing codes. Educator has passed Praxis II, Elementary Education which includes math, reading, social studies and science. She also took and passed the Praxis Core writing. AOE believes she has met content basic skills requirement. Asking VSBPE to waive the Praxis Core requirement.

R. Baker moved that the VSBPE accept the passing Praxis II test scores vs Praxis Core.
Seconded by T. Young.
Motion approved.

**H. Lanthier moved to go into executive session to discuss personal information that is exempt from public disclosure.
Seconded by J. Fribush
Motion approved.**

Educator Waiver Request: Executive Session – J. Bendick

Out of executive session.

**J. Fribush moved to grant J. Bendick a waiver on the 3.0 requirement for initial licensure.
Seconded by H. Lanthier.
Motion approved.**

**H. Lanthier moved to go into executive session to discuss personal information that is exempt from public disclosure.
Seconded by T. Young
Motion approved.**

Castleton University Waiver Request: M. Young

Out of executive session.

**C. Cole moved for the VSBPE to authorize Castleton University to recommend M. Young for licensure in Physical Education and Health on her transcripts based on the 3.0 GPA.
Seconded by H. Lanthier.
Motion approved with one abstention.**

Superintendent Waiver Request – St. Johnsbury School District, M. Bledsoe

**Motion made by J. Fribush to waive the requirements for 3 years PK-12 under a VT teaching license for L. Cochrane based on the requirement that she demonstrate 3 years of teaching experience without a teaching license and a acquires a VT Teaching license.
Seconded by T. Young.
Motion approved.**

**Recess for lunch at 12:28
Reconvene at 1:00**

Superintendent Waiver Request - Otter Valley Unified Union School District, J. Collins

J. Fribush moved that the VSBPE waive the 5351 requirement that C. Tate have a major or the equivalent in content for a restricted Provisional License, limited to Otter Valley Unified Union.

Seconded by D. Younce.

Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request - South Burlington School District, D. Young

J. Fribush moved to approve the request by D. Young to waive the requirement for the 30 days sub rule for K. Quinn in the South Burlington School District until the end of the current school year.

Seconded by T Young.

Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request - Orleans Central Supervisory Union, B, Davis

Motion made by J. Fribush to waive Bachelor's degree requirement for an Emergency License for T. Newland restricted to the Albany Town school district.

Seconded by Helen Lanthier.

3 in favor, 6 opposed.

Motion denied.

Legislative Work Group and Timeline:

As S257 is currently written, VSBPE will need to submit a report to House and Senate Education Committees on December 1st. The Agency anticipates that the reappointments and appointments will be finalized prior to the July work group sessions.

J. Fribush moved the following people to be members of the Legislative Report work group: W. Hillmuth, R. Baker, R. Reardon, D. Younce, J. Fribush, C. Cole

Seconded by D. Younce.

Motion approved.

Review of Public Comment for Rule Revisions and LCAR Submission:

The Board reviewed the Public Comment and supported the Agency's recommendations. No changes were made.

Motion made by H. Lanthier to submit the Rules to LCAR.

Seconded by D Younce.

Motion approved.

AUGUST AGENDA ITEMS:

- Board Reorganization/Orientation
- Legislative Work Group report
- PAC – EPP Waiver Requests
- PAC – CSJ ROPA
- Micro credentials – R. Reardon to facilitate
- Special Ed Teacher Shortage discussion

D. Tinney thanked H. Lanthier for her six years of service on the Board.

T. Young thanked D. Tinney for his service on the board.

Motion to adjourn made by H. Lanthier.

Seconded by J. Fribush.

Motion approved.

Adjourned by consensus at 3:10pm.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Amy Scalabrini.