



Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators

VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS

June 16, 2016 AOE Offices, Barre

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

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steven John, Charlie Phillips, Roberta Baker, Donald Tinney, Thomas Young, Luisa Millington, Steve Owens, Jennifer Fribush, Eric Remmers, Helen Lanthier, Patti Coultas, Claudine Bedell.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Amy McMullen.

STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT: Debora Price, Susan Yesalonia, Deborah Giles, Nancy Reid, Rebecca Gile.

CALL TO ORDER: S. John called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Approval of minutes

S. John asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the May 4, 2016 meeting.

J. Fribush **moved that the VSBPE accept the minutes of the May 4, 2016 meeting.** C. Phillips seconded. **Motion passed.**

State Board of Education Report

D. Price updated the Board on the most recent meeting of the SBE on May 17, 2016 at Hazen Union High School.

Staff Report

D. Price gave a brief update on the staff report.

Correspondence / Announcements

S. John read his letter of resignation from the VSBPE, effective June 24, 2016.

J. Fribush participated in an Integrate Field Review with the Agency of Education. She recounted a conversation regarding teacher licensure with other participants.

T. Young's daughter received the VT Scholar of the year award recently. He will also be traveling to Bangalor, India with 30 other teachers from around the world to review their education system.

Waiver Requests

The Board spoke with Jay Nichols, Superintendent Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union and Jamie McAllister, Human Resources Coord., Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union, regarding their request for a waiver of *VSBPE Rule 5951 B Level II Professional Educator's License*, for Daniel Rico.

The Board then spoke with Matthew Martyn regarding his request for a waiver of *VSBPE Rule 5440-90, Superintendent Endorsement requirements, part 4.b. "two or more years of educational experience"*.

The Board then spoke with Heather Bellrose regarding her request for a waiver of *VSBPE Rule 5242 and the Praxis II requirement*.

The Board broke into committees at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened after lunch at 12:45 p.m.

Licensure Committee - R. Baker reporting

The committee discussed: *VSBPE Policy H2 – Activities that Qualify for Professional Learning Credit* and *VSBPE Policy E1- Financial Grants to Local & Regional Standards Boards*. They also discussed the Agency's policy regarding official transcripts.

R.Baker moved that the VSBPE adopt Policy H2-Activities that Qualify for Professional Learning Credit and Policy E1-Financial Grants to Local & Regional Standards Boards. H. Lanthier seconded. Motion passed.

Professional Standards Committee - P. Coultas reporting

The committee discussed: *Praxis Policy – Clarification on how many times Praxis must be taken when identified disability; Endorsement Revisions & Timeline Update; Middle & Secondary Science - public comment; and the School Nurse Standards Revisions – public comment.*

Program Approval Committee - L. Millington reporting

L.Millington moved that the VSBPE accept Castleton University's response to the stipulations resulting from the ROPA visit last July allowing them to start a new post baccalaureate program. This approval is with the understanding that the AOE will focus on the original four stipulations addressed with the two-year report. This program will grant recommendation for initial licensure in the following areas:



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Elementary Education; English (7-12); Social Studies (7-12); Science (7-12); Math (7-12).
C. Bedell seconded. **Motion passed.** D. Tinney abstained.

L. Millington moved that the VSBPE accept the proposed changes to the VT Licensure Portfolio (VLP) as presented by EPIC in a letter dated 6/9/16. J. Fribush seconded. **Motion passed.** C. Bedell abstained.

Executive Session - Waiver Requests

P. Coultas moved to enter into executive session at 1:18 p.m. to discuss all waiver requests. The Board invited D. Price to join them and provide input. H. Lanthier seconded. **Motion passed.**

The Board unanimously agreed to conclude executive session at 2:00 p.m.

P. Coultas moved that the VSBPE grant a waiver to Matthew Martyn for a waiver of VSBPE Rule 5440-90, Superintendent Endorsement requirements, part 4.b. "two or more years of educational experience". T. Young seconded. **Motion denied.** (2 yes, 9 no, 1 recusal)

J. Fribush moved that the VSBPE grant a waiver of VSBPE Rule 5951 B Level II Professional Educator's License, for Daniel Rico. H. Lanthier seconded. **Motion passed.** (2 recusals)

The VSBPE agreed to waive the requirement for the individual to "have a major or the equivalent in the content area of the provisional endorsement sought". The Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union may move forward with an online application for a provisional license for Mr. Rico.

The Board did not take any action on the waiver of VSBPE Rule 5242 and the Praxis II requirement, requested by Heather Bellrose. The Board directed Debora Price to contact the educator and advise her how she may proceed towards full licensure.

Agenda Items - August 12, 2016

The Board discussed potential agenda items for their next meeting.

At 2:10 p.m., Chair John declared the June 16, 2016 meeting of the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators adjourned.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Rebecca Gile