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VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS

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

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: R. Reardon, C. Cole, R. Baker, J. Fribush, E Remmers, T. Young, D. Younce, B. Repchick, C. Latulippe

MEMBERS ABSENT: J. Hill, A. McMullen

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Lyle Jepson, VTC; Gabrielle Malina, Vermont Independent Schools Association; Toby Howe, St. Johnsbury Academy

CALL TO ORDER: E. Remmers called the meeting to order at 9:02.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Correction to the agenda. The Vermont Licensure Portfolio agenda item will be a discussion only.

Motion made by J. Fribush to approve the agenda. Seconded by T. Young.

Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by J. Fribush to approve the minutes. Seconded by R. Reardon.

Motion approved.

CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

E. Remmers received a call late Monday afternoon regarding licensing requirements for Driver's Education.

E. Remmers spoke about the interview with Molly Walsh of Seven Days relating to the forthcoming Legislative Report and understanding needs around Teacher shortage areas and how they relate to CTE, barriers to CTE teachers getting certified based on current standards.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

N/A

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES:

T. Young spoke about his attendance at the State Championship cross country track meet.

STAFF REPORT:

The Educator Quality Division has a new name and new programs! On October 11th the Educator Quality Division became the Education Quality Division. Still housing the In-Service and Pre-Service Educator Quality Teams with responsibilities for licensing, professional standards, ROPA and Peer Review we have added the Education Quality Assurance Team with responsibilities for Integrated Field Reviews, Continuous Improvement including School Improvement Grants and Independent School Approval Reviews. There will be additional changes within the division based off of the reorganization.

Currently, Peer Review does not have any Early Childhood Educators in the queue. Early Childhood Educator Peer Review candidates have decreased. This may reflect that the surge of applicants resulting from Act 166 has passed.

3.0 GPA:

The Board discussed the 3.0 GPA requirements for educator licensure. Are there other ways a student can demonstrate they are a high-quality educator other than a 3.0 GPA? The Board identified five areas for additional conversation:

1. Maintain current practice
2. Reduce the GPA requirement
3. Combination of demonstrated competencies (Praxis, Letter of recommendation, GPA)
4. Eliminate the GPA requirement
5. Analyze the upcoming ROPA redesign

Board members R. Reardon and C. Latulippe will report back on the Higher Ed perspective in November.

Break at 10:06am

Reconvene at 10:15am

LEGISLATIVE REPORT WORK GROUP:

D. Younce distributed the draft report that the Agency developed based on the Legislative Report Work Group's suggestions from their October 2nd meeting.

The Board divided the Legislative Report into three sections with a small group reviewing and providing edits to each section. In regards to the CTE licensure requirements, specifically

testing, Lyle Jepson Director of the CTE Educator Preparation Program at VTC presented to the Board a copy of the [email](#) he had sent to CTE Directors and their response.

Summary: "The Directors do not support exempting technical education teacher candidates from the process. If a different test or process is implemented, then all teachers (sic) candidates regardless of the endorsement they are seeking must be eligible for the new test or process."

Break for lunch at 11:46am

Reconvene at 12:45pm.

J. Fribush moved to amend the agenda to allow time for the Board to complete the Legislative Report draft. Seconded by B. Repchick.

Motion approved.

CONTINUATION OF THE DRAFT LEGISLATIVE REPORT WORK:

Following section presentations, C. Cole moved to recommend the draft be reviewed by the Agency of Education for formatting, branding and alignment with regulations and requirements. Seconded by B. Repchick.

Motion approved.

NOVEMBER AGENDA ITEMS:

- Bachelor's Degree requirements
 - Driver's Ed
 - Online Teaching Specialist
- Legislative Report review
- Vermont Licensure Portfolio
- 3.0 GPA
- ICAR submittal by February
- LC:
 - Relicensure handbook
 - Recency of study
 - Transition rule
 - Provisional requirements
- Endorsement Review

- PAC:
 - Review policies for ROPA programs not meeting deadlines & requirements
 - New program approval policy
 - Draft ROPA revision timeline
 - Peer Review ROPA report
 - UVEI revised 7-year plan
 - SMC Early Childhood Education new program ROPA report
 - SMC full program ROPA report

Motion to adjourn by T. Young. Seconded by B. Repchick. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 2:51 pm.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Amy Scalabrini.