

June 28, 2018

- Strategic Goals: (1) Ensure that Vermont's public education system operates within the framework of high expectations for every learner and ensure that there is equity in opportunity for all.*
- (2) Ensure that the public education system is stable, efficient, and responsive to changes and ever-changing population needs, economic and 21st century issues.*

Approved Minutes – Retreat Day 2

Present:

State Board of Education (SBE): Krista Huling, Chair; William Mathis, Vice Chair; Connor Solimano; Mark Perrin; Peter Peltz; John Carroll; Stacy Weinberger; Callahan Beck; Heather Bouchey

Agency of Education (AOE): Amy Fowler, Donna Russo-Savage; Emily Simmons; Emily Byrne; Haley Jones; Suzanne Sprague

Others: Kristen Amundson, NASBE; Robert Hull, NASBE

Chair Huling welcomed the members to day 2 of the retreat at 8:13 a.m.

Item A: Equity Discussion (School vs. Student)

Deputy Secretary Fowler gave an equity presentation. Discussion followed regarding the power of convening, achieving success, parent involvement, outcomes, teachers making an impact, staff and administrative turnover, and focusing on continued improvement.

Item B: Strategic Vision Statement

Deputy Secretary Fowler reviewed national data for state to state comparisons. She explained the pros and cons of each for the State Board to determine which measures would be most useful in understanding if the state is achieving the goals relative to excellence, equity and sustainability. Chair Huling said it would be good to review the data annually.

Chair Huling called for a recess at 10:00 a.m. The retreat reconvened at 10:18 a.m.

Item C: NASBE: Review of national metrics

Kristen Amundson, President/CEO of National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) and Robert Hull, Executive Vice President of National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE), presented to the State Board a review of national metrics and reviewed strategic plans for other state plans.

Deputy Secretary Fowler reviewed the Vermont Annual Snapshot: Multiple Measures handout as well as the State Accountability: All Measures handout. She identified the measures that are available now and the ones that will be available in 2019. Chair Huling asked each State Board

member to identify the measures that are available now to be considered as measures for the State Board's strategic plan.

Chair Huling called for lunch at 12:28 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Carroll reviewed the measures selected by the State Board members for consideration on the State Board's strategic plan.

Item F: Legislative Debrief

Jones gave a legislative update and explained how, through rulemaking, Act 173 of 2018 (Special Education Funding) would impact the work of the State Board. She explained the purpose and gave a brief background of the bill as well as shared a timeline for rulemaking. Discussion followed on the rulemaking process. Carroll asked for more detail to be noted in the timeline.

Byrne gave a budget review. Discussion followed regarding having more of a voice in the State House during the legislative session. Chair Huling asked that the Legislative Subcommittee start back up and begin to plan how the State Board can be more effective and available in the new session. Discussion followed regarding conference calls and State Board positions on topics being addressed by the Legislature.

Item G: Regional Meetings – Outline Plan and participation

Russo-Savage asked the State Board to review a draft memo to be sent to superintendents to share with School Districts that submitted a section 9 proposal. Discussion followed regarding having a dedicated e-mail as well as suggestions to the memo. Russo-Savage shared a draft proposal for the State Board's schedule at the upcoming meetings in Newark, Montpelier and Chester. Chair Huling gave reading assignments to the State Board members for the upcoming meeting in Newark.

Item H: Calendar Review

Chair Huling reviewed the calendar for the State Board. She asked the State Board members to be thinking about how it would like the final State Plan to be structured and presented.

Russo-Savage said she is working on the first draft of the articles of agreement and that decisions will need to be made regarding them. Jones said that a web page is being built that will ultimately house the final State Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Suzanne Sprague
