

State Board of Education

Rules Series 2200 Subcommittee Meeting

Draft Meeting Minutes

Meeting Place: Virtual Teams Meeting/Video/Teleconference

Call in #: 1-802-552-8456, Conference ID: 463 085 980#

One National Life Drive, Room #532

Montpelier, VT 05602

Date: February 1, 2022

Present:

State Board of Education (SBE) Subcommittee Members: Jennifer Deck Samuelson, Chair; Tom Lovett, Kim Gleason

Agency of Education (AOE): Emily Simmons, Suzanne Sprague

Others: Mill Moore, Vermont Independent Schools Association; Sue Ceglowski, Vermont School Boards Association; Mat Forest, Council of Independent Schools; Marilyn Mahusky and Cammie Naylor, Vermont Legal Aid, Disability Law Project.

Call to Order/Amendments to the Agenda

Chair Samuelson called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m. Moore indicated that he had a presentation regarding the provisions of Act 173 with regard to independent schools that intend to accept public tuition dollars, and he offered to present it when the Subcommittee considered proposed revisions to Rule 2229.

Approval of the January 13, 2022, Minutes

Lovett moved to approve the draft minutes. Gleason seconded. There was no discussion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Public to be Heard

Ceglowski, speaking on behalf of the Vermont School Boards Association (VSBA), the Vermont Principals Association (VPA), and the Vermont Superintendents Association (VSA), observed that the draft that Mahusky circulated did not include all of the changes that had been provisionally approved and indicated that all three organizations wanted to see the most up to date copy of the rules. Mahusky explained that her draft only reflected the revisions jointly offered by Moore, Forest, Meagan Roy (on behalf of the Vermont Council of Special Education Administrators), and her in response to public comments received pertaining to non-discriminatory enrollment practices; no other changes were included in her draft. Samuelson reminded the group that the Act 173 Advisory Group, of which the VSBA, VSA, and VPA were members, had been invited to review all public comments

received that pertained to their consensus language to determine whether any of the proposed language needed to be amended to better reflect the Advisory Group's intent; thus, VSBA, VSA, and VPA were privy to all language relating to Act 173 that had been revised in light of public comment. With regard to public comment that was not related to Act 173, Samuelson observed that Ceglowski had attended most, if not all, of the 2200 Subcommittee's meetings where any new language had been discussed and recommended for approval. Samuelson reminded the group that, with the exception of those public comments that pertained to non-discriminatory enrollment practices, the 2200 Subcommittee had processed all public comments received and the Subcommittee's recommendations had been provisionally approved by the full State Board of Education at its January 19, 2022 meeting.

Working Session to Respond to Public Comment to Rule Series 2200

The Subcommittee focused the remainder of the meeting on discussing the procedures for publicly funded students receiving special education services to enroll in an approved independent school.

Adjourn

Lovett moved to adjourn, Gleason seconded, and the motion passed. Chair Samuelson adjourned the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Jennifer Deck Samuelson.