

February 6, 2017

Dear Fellow Members of the VSBPE,

Assuming I survive my trip to Washington later this week, I'm looking forward to the next meeting of the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators on Thursday, February 16, 2017, at the Agency of Education in Barre. Barring any winter driving difficulties, we will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.

I appreciate the time and energy invested by AOE staff, particularly Rebecca Gile, in their efforts to distribute the informational packet to us a bit earlier than in previous months, which will be especially helpful for next week's meeting. We have a fair bit of homework to do.

To use a cliché and an understatement in the same sentence, please note that we have a full plate for our next meeting. We will hear seven waiver requests, all of which seem to present their own complexities. Given the nature of the waiver requests, I believe we will **not** need to go into executive session.

There were some questions during our last meeting about the new Literacy Specialist endorsement. As you will see on the agenda, the very busy Professional Standards Committee will be addressing those issues and bringing the motion back to a vote by the full board.

In addition to the committee work, we will also discuss reciprocity outside of the NASDTEC agreement. This is a somewhat complicated matter which has posed some roadblocks to superintendents who have tried to hire personnel from New York. Debora Price has been doing some research on this issue and will present her findings.

At the time of this writing, we have received no word from Governor Scott's office regarding the community member vacancy.

Safe travels,



Donald Tinney, Chair

