

**TO:** Program Approval Committee

**SUBMITTED BY:** Linda McSweeney – ROPA Consultant

**ITEM FOR ACTION:** University of Vermont –Proposed Review Team

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

That the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators votes to accept the proposed team members for the March 2017 University of Vermont ROPA Review.

**MOTION:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, move that the VSBPE approve the following team members for the Norwich University ROPA visit in March 2017. The team members are: Glenn Giles (Team Chair), Mary Reardon, and Nicole Johnson will join Jennifer Fribush, VSBPE member and Linda McSweeney to represent the AOE.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Glenn Giles**, Professor of Music, Director of Instrumental Music at Castleton University, has teaching assignments which include: Conducting, Low Brass Instructor, Foundations of Music Education, Music Appreciation, Global Music, and graduate Current Issues and Philosophies in Music Education. He has taught in the Rutland area for 44 years, and has directed the Rutland City Band; Proctor Community Chorus; and the Lakes Region Youth Orchestra Junior Winds. Mr. Giles was Fine Arts Supervisor for the Rutland City Schools for 14 years until his retirement in 2007, under his leadership the Rutland Schools were designate one of the “Best 100 Music Education Communities” by the American Music Conference in 2002 and were named one of twelve Model Music Programs in the United States by NAFME in 2006. Mr. Giles received a Bachelor of Science in Music Education degree from Castleton University and a Master of Music Degree in instrumental conducting at the University of Maine. Additionally, Glenn has been a guest conductor/clinician in the three Northern New England States. As an active member of the Vermont Music Educators Association, he has adjudicated for the Vermont All-State Music Festival and Green Mountain District Festival and is a past president of the association. Mr. Giles' other professional organizations and honors fraternities include the National Association for Music Education, College Band Directors Association, American Choral Directors Association, National Federation Interscholastic Music Association and Pi Kappa Lambda National Music Honor Society.

**Mary Reardon** has worked at Spaulding High School for twenty-five years. She attended Burlington public schools from K-12 where her art teacher changed the course of her life. She attended the Art Institute of Boston, completed coursework at a few different Vermont colleges and universities, and graduated from Johnson State College with a B.A. in Art Education, and is

in her 15<sup>th</sup> year of teaching art to students at Spaulding. Over the course of her teaching career she has supervised two teaching interns and hosted numerous art education majors as observers in her classroom. She has recently also begun teaching youth and adults at Studio Place Arts in Barre, Vermont.

**Nicole Johnson** is a certified Vermont Special Educator with ten years of experience teaching grades 5-12. She received her education from Fitchburg State University, with a dual major in Elementary Education and Special Education. Nicole graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor's Degree in 2005. She began her teaching career teaching fifth and sixth grade students at Wallace Elementary School in Parker, Arizona. A school with equal parts Native American, Mexican, and Caucasian students living in high poverty. After three years she returned to her home state of Vermont and began teaching at Chelsea Middle/High School as a special educator for students in grades 6-12, while beginning work on her masters in Special Education at Johnson State College. After Four years Nicole had the opportunity to work at Randolph Union High School as a Special Educator for grades 9-12. RUHS has a strong focus on co-teaching and the inclusion of students with special needs into the general education environment. More recently, Nicole participated in the Integrated Field Review for schools participating in the pilot program for the Education Quality Review. The experience was eye opening and gave insight into how different schools and Supervisory Unions are tackling changes to Vermont's education system.

**AOE Staff:**

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Jennifer Fribush