

New Hampshire
State Board of Education
Minutes of the November 18, 2015 Meeting

Chairman Raffio asked for a moment of silence for the Paris tragedy.

AGENDA ITEM I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the State Board of Education was convened at 9:10 a.m. at the Department of Education. Tom Raffio presided as Chairman.

Members present: Tom Raffio, Cindy C. Chagnon, Bill Duncan, Gary Groleau, Helen G. Honorow, and Emma Rous. Gregory Odell was unable to attend due to another commitment. Paul K. Leather, Deputy Commissioner of Education, was also present. Virginia M. Barry, Commissioner of Education, was unable to be present due to another commitment.

AGENDA ITEM II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cindy Chagnon led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment at this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM IV. OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

Chairman Raffio mentioned the event offered by the NH House Education Committee as part of their continuing education for colleagues. It was a panel discussion responding to Marc Tucker's address on "Education Through an International Lens." The Chairman said that Commissioner Barry, Bill, and Cindy also attended. Bill Duncan said that the overarching framework was good and the recommendations from New Hampshire shows great progress made. Chairman Raffio said there needs to be a cultural change in order for this to happen. Bill Duncan said that the State Board and Department oversee teacher education but in some states this does not happen.

Emma Rous said there should be more master teachers.

Chairman Raffio indicated that while he understands Marc's point about a holistic approach, that initiatives such as 65/25, early learning and the Scholar's Program are important and that to garner business support, you have to get into specifics so businesses understand what they are supporting.

Helen Honorow said she is a representative on the CEEDAR Committee and she will help in anyway she can to help the legislature to understand the IHEs.

Chairman Raffio said that the Science Standards would be on the agenda for the next few months.

Chairman Raffio said that he had done an Op-Ed on the 65/25 goals.

Chairman Raffio said that today is Education Day at the Monarchs Game.

AGENDA ITEM V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Motion for Rehearing – Student/Greenland School Board – SB-FY-15-10-004 – The parents, Patrick O’Day, Attorney for the Parents; Salvatore Petralia, Superintendent of Schools; Sandra Tague, School Board Chair; Ann Mayer, School Board Member; Sara Huestis, School Board Member; and Peter Smith, Greenland Central School Principal, were present. Chairman Raffio asked the parties if they would like the hearing held in public or nonpublic session. They elected to hold it in nonpublic session.

MOTION: Emma Rous made the motion, seconded by Cindy Chagnon, to go into nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3.

VOTE: This was done by a roll call vote: Emma Rous – Yes; Gary Groleau – Yes; Cindy Chagnon – Abstained; Tom Raffio – Yes; Bill Duncan – Yes; Helen Honorow – Yes.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Emma Rous, to come out of nonpublic session.

VOTE: This was done by a roll call vote: Emma Rous – Yes; Gary Groleau – Yes; Cindy Chagnon – Abstained; Tom Raffio – Yes; Bill Duncan – Yes; Helen Honorow – Yes.

MOTION: Emma Rous made the motion, seconded by Bill Duncan, that the State Board of Education voted that in accordance with Ed 213.02(c), the Board in considering a Motion for Rehearing denied the Motion.

VOTE: This was done by a roll call vote: Emma Rous – Yes; Gary Groleau – Yes; Cindy Chagnon – Abstained; Tom Raffio – Yes; Bill Duncan – Yes; Helen Honorow – Yes.

B. Student/Merrimack Valley School Board – SB-FY-16-07-000 – (Withdrawal) – The parents requested their appeal regarding Manifest Educational Hardship be withdrawn without prejudice.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Helen Honorow, that the State Board of Education adopt the Hearing Officer's Recommendation.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board present, with the Chairman voting.

C. NAEP Results – Tim Eccleston, NAEP Program Administrator, met with Board members and presented the NAEP Results. Mr. Eccleston did a power point presentation explaining the 2015 Reading Report for Grade 4 and Grade 8 and the Mathematics Report for Grade 4 and Grade 8. The average score for students in New Hampshire was not significantly different from their average score in 2013 and was higher than their average score in 1998.

D. Newport School District Plan for Withdrawal from SAU #43 – Cindy Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools and Terry Wiggin, Business Administrator for SAU #43, were present. On October 15, 2015 the Newport School District Withdrawal Committee submitted a Plan to Withdraw from SAU #43. The statutory requirement of RSA 194-C:2 identifying the number and makeup of the members of the planning committee was not followed. The Board did not have the authority to waive this statutory requirement and therefore could not accept the withdrawal plan. It was suggested that the parties work directly with the new Attorney for the Department who will be starting on November 30th.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon, made the motion, seconded by Bill Duncan, that the State Board of Education declines to accept the Newport School District Plan for Withdrawal from SAU #43 for procedural issues under RSA 194-C:2.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board present, with the Chairman voting.

E. Discussion on Science Standards – Doug Earick, Administrator for Science Education, Assessment, and Innovative Learning, met with the Board and presented a power point. Mr. Earick said that in 2014 the NH Science Teachers Association indicated that 83% of New Hampshire teachers support the adoption of New Generation Science Standards. More and more schools are moving to these standards on their own. There is a greater emphasis on College and Career Readiness. There is a movement toward personalized learning through competency-based education and performance assessments. The Governor’s STEM Task Force Report recommends the science standards be reviewed and updated. The plan was approved by the State Board of Education in July 2015. A ten member strategic leadership team to provide guidance to the process needs to be created to review existing frameworks and other state standards. A draft will be presented to a Committee of Reviewers to create a final draft that will then be presented to the Board for adoption.

F. Public Hearing – Initial Proposal – Ed 505.07 Professional Education Requirements: Alternatives 3, 4, and 5 and Ed 610.02 Professional Education Requirements – Chairman Raffio opened the hearing at 11:30 a.m. Ed 505.07 contains the professional education certification requirements for Alternatives 3, 4, and 5 and Ed 610.02 contains the professional education requirements for each professional educator preparation program. The rules are being updated to include an incorporation by reference to ethical principles and professional norms of the profession as outlined in the Model Code of Educator Ethics, NASDTEC, 2015. The amended rule would provide a code of ethics for educators that is currently missing from the education administrative rules. There are references to “adhering to ethical conduct” within current administrative rules but no standards by which to measure if the behavioral standard is met. Adding this reference would provide a standard by which to measure ethical conduct. John Fabrizio, Chairman of the Professional Standards Board, presented testimony regarding a professional code of ethics for the state’s teaching population. Laura Hainey of the AFT-NH and also a member of the PSB, presented testimony. She is concerned that the process was not followed and teachers were not heard. Chairman Raffio closed the hearing at noontime.

AGENDA ITEM VI. NEW DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

There was no New Department Business at this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM VII. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

A. Initial Proposal – Ed 506.07 Special Education Administrator and Ed 614.14 Special Education Administrator – Ginny Clifford, Administrator, Bureau of Credentialing, and Erin McIntyre, Attorney for the Department, met with the Board. A vote is needed by the Board to enter the rulemaking process to adopt the Initial Proposal for Special Education Administrator Ed 506.07 and Ed 614.15. The special education administrator rules are being updated to reflect current standards and practices. The current expiration date is July 1, 2018. Ed 614.15 is being created to reflect parallel rules for programs at institutes of higher education. If the Board adopts the initial proposal, the Department will enter the rulemaking process by filing it with the Office of Legislative Services along with a request for a fiscal impact statement. The Board will hold a public hearing at its January meeting. This information will be published in rulemaking next month.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Bill Duncan, that the State Board of Education adopt the Initial Proposal for Ed 506.07 and Ed 614.15 Special Education Administrator. The Board will hold a public hearing on this rulemaking filing on January 7, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board present, with the Chairman voting.

B. Various Items and Related Bills – Helen Honorow would like the Charter Dashboard to be on the December 14th agenda for discussion.

Mr. Leather said that there are several LSRs coming forward. The Interim Study Committees have completed their work this fall. There will be new bills submitted in December.

Bill Duncan said that the Board will follow the same process on the Board's position on the new bills coming forward.

AGENDA ITEM VIII. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Deputy Commissioner Leather reported on the following topics:

- The test results for Smarter Balanced were released last week during the press conference. There is a new base line and new assessment. There is a letter going out to parents to explain the new set of standards for assessment.
- We have had inquiries about the reports for NECAP.
- Dr. Scott Mantie could come to the next Board meeting to talk about the results and what they mean. Dr. Mantie did a tremendous job.
- New Hampshire is close to the top with sixteen states that took Smarter Balanced.
- The contract with the College Board regarding SAT testing is before Governor and Council today and was approved.
- The Department is hiring another attorney to work with Erin. She will be involved in rulemaking, legislation, and school district matters.
- Amy Clark started work here this week. She will be working with school building issues.
- Assessments have moved from NECAP in the fall to Smarter Balanced in the spring. We are not sure of the potential impact. We need to look at the AP assessment and College Board assessment as we have moved to SAT in the high school level.

AGENDA ITEM IX. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business at this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM X. CONSENT AGENDAA. Minutes of October 19, 2015 Meeting

MOTION: Helen Honorow made the motion, seconded by Bill Duncan, to approve the Minutes of October 19, 2015.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board present, with the Chairman voting.

B. Sandown Withdrawal Study from Timberlane Regional School District – Not feasible at this time

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Bill Duncan, that the State Board of Education voted to acknowledge that it accepts the decision made by the committee that it is not feasible or suitable for the Town of Sandown to withdraw from the Timberlane Regional School District and they will not be filing a minority report with the Department of Education. This information will be kept on file at the Department.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board present, with the Chairman voting.

C. Tuition Agreement – Candia School District and Pinkerton Academy

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Bill Duncan, that the State Board of Education approve the Tuition Agreement between the Candia School District and Pinkerton Academy for a period of twenty years commencing July 1, 2018.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board present, with the Chairman voting.

AGENDA ITEM XI. NONPUBLIC SESSION

The Board went into Nonpublic Session during Special Presentations.

AGENDA ITEM XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Bill Duncan, to adjourn the meeting at noontime.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board present, with the Chairman voting.

Virginia M. Barry

Secretary