



Certification and Higher Education Committee

Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the August 26, 2015 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, August 26, 2015, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nichi Farnham; Jane Sexton; and William Beardsley (Board Members) Student Board Member Gwen Viles by phone. Angel Martinez Loredo, Higher Education Specialist; and Kathy Hollicker, Certification Coordinator (Department of Education); and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Associate.

Guest: Richard Durost, Executive Director; and Holly Couturier, Assistant Executive Director, Maine Principals Association (MPA); and Jill Adams, Executive Director, Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities (MADSEC)

Nichi Farnham called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

MOVED by William Beardsley, seconded by Jane Sexton and unanimously voted by those present to approve the June 17, 2015 minutes as written.

SARA Update:

Angel Loredo updated the Committee on the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA). Angel has completed the application and Anita Bernhardt is reviewing it. The application will go to the Certification and Higher Education Committee next for recommendation of approval to the full State Board.

CAEP Update:

Angel updated the Committee on the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Partnership. There are three CAEP Partnerships in the State of Maine. They are the University of Maine, University of Southern Maine (USM); and University of Maine at Farmington.

NEW CREDENTIALING COMPUTER SYSTEM Update:

Kathy updated the Committee on the new credentialing computer system. Hupp Technologies of Springfield, Illinois has been selected for development of a new automated online teacher initial and renewal certification program. Hupp Technologies has implemented online credentialing systems in eight other states. The Department plans to have the new system online by July 2016.

Rule Updates:

- Chapter 13: Qualifying Examinations for Teachers, Educational Specialists and Administrators (*Kathy Hollicker*)
 - Chapter 13 was amended in 2015.
- Chapter 114: Purpose, Standards and Procedures for the Review and Approval of Preparation Programs for Education Personnel (*Angel Loredo*)

- The Bates Team Review is at the end of September. Peter Geiger is the Board Observer. Student Board members Gwen Viles and Noa Sreden will attend on Monday, September 28th.
- The University of New England Team Review will be held October 25 to October 28. Jane Sexton will be the Board Observer.
- Chapter 149: Procedures for Obtaining Authorization for Institutions of Higher Education to Offer Degree Courses/Programs in the State of Maine (*Angel Loredó*)
 - The Review Team for the Circus of the Conservatory of America Degree-granting application review to offer a Bachelors of Arts and Bachelors of Fine Arts degree in the Circus Arts was approved by the State Board. The review will be held at Thompson Point in Portland on September 20 to 22, 2015. Jane Sexton will be the Board Observer and Dr. Wilson Hess has agreed to chair the review team.
 - Chapter 149 was amended in November 2008.
- Chapter 170: Standards for Evaluating Request for Degree-Granting Authorizations and for Out-of-State Post-Secondary Institutions Seeking to Offer Academic Credit Courses/Programs in Maine (*Angel Loredó*)
 - Chapter 170 was amended in November of 2008.
- Chapter 115: Certification, Authorization and Approval of Education Personnel (*Kathy Hollicker*)
 - The DOE has a three week contract with people who are reviewing the statute and rule chapter 115 to see how the two align with each other. Kathy will receive a written summarized report at the end of the three weeks. The next step will be to receive comments and concerns from stakeholders.
- Chapter 118: Purposes, Standards and Procedures for Educational Personnel Support Systems
 - She will be attending a conference with other states in October.
 - The training materials need to be updated and mentors need training.

Legislation: – The Committee had a discussion on LD 1370: An Act to Improve the Quality of Teachers

Handouts:

- LD 1370: An Act to Improve the Quality of Teachers
- Center for Educational Leadership University of Washington – College of Education “5D+ TM Teacher Evaluation Rubric (shared by Jane Sexton)

The next Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at 9:30 AM. The meeting will be held in room 538 of the Cross State Office Building.

Adjournment:

The Certification Committee meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.