



Certification and Higher Education Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the February 27, 2012 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on Monday, February 27, 2012, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nancy Perkins; and Jana Lapoint (Board Members); Dottie Martin (by phone - Board Member); Mark Cyr (DOE Staff) and Mary Becker State Board of Education Secretary Associate

Guest: David Patterson, Department of Education; and Dan Conley, Pearson

Nancy Perkins called the meeting to order at 9:17 AM.

Approval of Minutes:

MOVED by Dottie Martin, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and voted unanimously by those present to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2011 meeting as written.

Updates

➤ Certification (Mark Cyr):

- The Certification office issued 22,000 certificates in 2011 and the department is averaging 1,600 certificates a month in 2012.
- Mark discussed the language in LD 1775 “Resolve Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 115: Certification, Authorization and Approval of Education Personnel, Parts I and II, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education and the State Board of Education”, concerning the fourth pathway in the section on school psychologists. The changes in the wording will make the process clearer and the final filing of Chapter 115 will be in the near future.

➤ Higher Education (Harry Osgood):

- No Report (absent)

➤ InTASC Rubrics Update (Dan Conley, Pearson):

- Dan brought the committee up to date on the work that is being done with the InTASC rubrics. Phase one of creating the rubrics has been completed by the group that was charged with the work. The phase one work was given to four people and they will be

reporting back to the group with a refinement of the document in mid March for further review. The rubrics will be in the form of learning progressions that will describe practice at three levels. This will align with the concept of the InTASC model which is the belief that the document needs to show the continuing development of the educator across his/her career.

- Online Learning (David Patterson, Department of Education):
 - David joined the committee to continue discussion around the status of technology and its use within the State of Maine. David will continue to meet with the committee to discuss the needs of pre-service teachers and in-service teachers as the committee looks forward to the role of technology in furthering the goal of the career/college ready student.

The next Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 26, 2012 at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held in room 541 of the Cross State Office Building.

Adjournment

The Certification Committee meeting adjourned at 12:09 PM.