



Certification and Higher Education Committee

Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the June 30, 2014 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on Monday, June 30, 2014, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nancy Perkins; William Beardsley; and Nichi Farnham (Board Members); Mark Cyr, Certification Coordinator; (Department of Education); and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Associate

Also present were: Lee Anne Larsen, Morgan Dunton, Cindy Dean (State Literacy Team); Wendy Gaal, Reading Matters to Me; and Andrew McAuliffe, RSU#54/Maine School Management

Nancy Perkins called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

MOVED by Nichi Farnham, seconded by William Beardsley and unanimously voted by those present to approve the April 28, 2014 and May 27, 2014 minutes as written.

UPDATES

Certification (Mark Cyr):

Mark Cyr, Certification Coordinator, updated the Committee on the following:

- There is still a major glitch in the certification software for the online application and renewal process. On July 17th he will be meeting with the Commissioner, Attorney General's Office and representatives from Iron Data.
- Chapter 115 is in effect as of May 14, 2014. Mark met with the Career and Technical Education (CTE) group a week ago and will be meeting with the group again.
- Mark will meet on August 5 and 6 with Educational Testing Service (ETS) to set cut scores for Praxis II exams.
- Chapter 118 Mentoring Materials group met. The statewide survey on mentoring processes and materials letters will be going out this week. The survey will be available on the website.

Higher Education (Nancy Perkins):

The Higher Education Specialist position has not been filled.

Chapter 118 (Nancy Perkins):

The Committee is moving forward with a plan to update the mentoring materials in Chapter 118 "Purposes, Standards and Procedures for Educational Personnel Support

Systems”. On Tuesday, June 3rd, members of the Certification Committee (Nancy Perkins, Bill Beardsley, and Mark Cyr) met with Crystal Polk, Doug Spaulding, Shirley Spaulding and Mary Paine (DOE) to review the materials. The group will meet again in August.

Note: Nichi Farnham left the meeting at 9:55 AM to attend a ceremony at the Hall of Flags. Nichi returned to the meeting at 10:23 AM.

State Literacy Team:

At the April 28, 2014 Certification Committee meeting, Lee Anne Larsen, Morgan Dunton, Sue Reed and members of the State Literacy Team presented a proposal to the Committee. State Literacy Team members attended today’s meeting and there was much discussion regarding the proposal. The Literacy Team will be meeting with the Teacher Prep group on September 19.

LD 1361: LD 1361: “An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Writing and Mathematics and Improve Maine High School Graduates’ College and Career Readiness”. Nancy shared a letter from the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee requesting a report from the Department of Education and the State Board of Education due no later than September 1, 2014. Nancy will discuss with the full Board at the July 9 meeting.

Handouts:

- LD 1361: “An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Writing and Mathematics and Improve Maine High School Graduates’ College and Career Readiness”
- Letter from Rebecca Millett, Senate Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs regarding LD 1361
- Proposal to Revise Professional Certification Requirements to Support Strong Literacy Outcomes
- Letter from the State Literacy Team with Recommendations to Revise Professional Certification Requirements to Support Strong Literacy Outcomes

The next Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 28, 2014 at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held in room 538 of the Cross State Office Building.

Adjournment:

The Certification Committee meeting adjourned at 11:39 AM.