



## **Certification and Higher Education Committee**

Maine State Board of Education

Minutes of the November 4, 2015 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nichi Farnham; Jana Lapoint; and Jane Sexton (Board Members) Student Board Member Gwen Viles by phone. Kathy Hollicker, Certification Coordinator; Angel Loreda, Higher Education Specialist; and Jaci Holmes, Federal State Legislative Liaison (Department of Education); and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Associate.

Guest: Dr. Kathy Yardley, Associate Provost, Dean of Education, University of Maine at Farmington; Dr. Mary Mahoney-O'Neil, Associate Dean for Academic Services, University of Maine at Orono; and Dr. Walter Kimball, Professor of Education, University of Southern Maine

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

MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Jane Sexton and unanimously voted by those present to approve the September 30, 2015 minutes as written.

### **Higher Education Update (Angel Loreda):**

1. The Committee reviewed the CAEP/State Board Partnership Agreement and will recommend approval by the full Board.
2. The Committee reviewed and will recommend that the Board approve the Equivalency Standards between the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and the State of Maine. During future CAEP reviews only one document will be produced to fulfil approval requirement for both CAEP and the State of Maine.
3. The Committee reviewed the State Program Approval Standards.

### **Certification Update: (Jaci Holmes)**

- Maine Department of Education is undertaking a comprehensive review of the Certification Statutes and corresponding Maine Department of Education Regulations
- Statutory revisions will be considered first
- An internal review by Department staff will begin to examine which rules need to be integrated to reflect the relationship between them, such as Chapter 115 Certification directly relates to Chapter 114 which addresses the Program Standards review process for higher education and Chapter 180 for Educator Effectiveness which relates to teacher recertification process in Chapter 118.
- A realistic sequence of regulatory refinement will be established
- Regulatory refinement will be done with the intent to be clear, concise, and understandable, yet remain rigorous
- Conceptual discussions will occur with stakeholders to gain understanding about refinements being considered.

### **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 Loreda*)
  - Chapter 114 was amended in 2012.
  - The State Board will receive the Review Team Report of Findings for Bates College at the November 10 Board meeting.
  - The State Board will receive the Review Team Report of Findings for the University of New England at the December 9 Board meeting.
- Chapter 149: Procedures for Obtaining Authorization for Institutions of Higher Education to Offer Degree Courses/Programs in the State of Maine (*Angel Loreda*)
  - Chapter 149 was amended in November 2008.
  - The Burlington team review is scheduled for November 13 and 16. Alan Burton will be the Board Observer.
- 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 Loreda*)
  - Chapter 170 was amended in November of 2008.
- Chapter 115: Certification, Authorization and Approval of Education Personnel (*Kathy Hollicker*)
- Chapter 118: Purposes, Standards and Procedures for Educational Personnel Support Systems
  - Chapter 118 was amended in 2007.
  - The training materials need to be updated and mentors need training.

### **SBE Strategic Plan:**

The Committee worked on the Certification and Higher Education section of the State Board Strategic Plan and Goals going forward.

### **Handouts:**

- Maine State Board of Education and the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation Partnership Agreement
- CAEP/State Alignment of Standards Proposal
- Certification Statutes – 9/16/15 (through 126<sup>th</sup>)

The next Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 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 11:45 AM.