



Notes from the
Leadership Committee Meeting
Maine State Board of Education
Monday, May 5, 2014

The Leadership Committee held a meeting on Monday, May 5, 2014, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nancy Perkins; Vice Chair Peter Geiger; Martha Harris, Construction Committee Chair; Steven Pound, CTE Committee Chair (by phone); and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate

2014 Distinguished Service Award:

Each year the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) presents awards during their annual conference. The Distinguished Service Award (for state board members) provides an annual opportunity to recognize the outstanding contributions to education that are made by state board of education members from across the country. It highlights the ongoing dedication of men and women who serve selflessly in the education of our nation's youth. Three awards are presented each year to members of state boards representing three different NASBE geographic regions.

Nancy Perkins suggested nominating Jana Lapoint for this award and the committee unanimously supported this nomination. Nancy will complete the necessary paperwork and submit the nomination to NASBE by the deadline of June 3, 2014.

State Board Annual Retreat:

The 2014 Annual State Board Retreat is scheduled for Monday, August 11 and Tuesday, August 12 and will be held at Central Maine Community College (CMCC) in Auburn. Peter is working with Dr. Scott Knapp and Mary is now in contact with Barbara Owens, Director of Executive Services at CMCC.

- A list of names has been sent to Barbara for reservations at the Marriott Hotel for all overnight board members and guest.
- There will be no cost to the board for conference rooms used.
- The Culinary Arts Program will prepare meals at a minimal fee.
- Staff from the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) will be in attendance. Their attendance will be part of the grant and there will be no cost to the State Board.

- A representative from NASBE usually facilitates the Board retreat.
- The Department of Education will be asked to give an update.

Five-Year Plan:

The State Board establishes and maintains a five-year plan for education that includes goals and policies for the education of children in kindergarten and grades one to twelve and promotes services for preschool children (Policies and Procedures Manual). The Board adopted the Strategic Plan for Meaningful Change (2010-2015) on January 24, 2011 and approved amendments on January 11, 2012. A new plan needs to be adopted in 2015. At the August retreat, the Chair of the Board will appoint a committee to work on a draft of the new five-year plan.

State Literacy Team Proposal:

Leeann Larsen, Department of Education and the State Literacy Team brought a proposal to the Certification and Higher Education Committee at their April 28, 2014 meeting. The team is making a recommendation to revise Professional Certification Requirements to Support Strong Literacy Outcomes. Nancy shared the proposal with the Leadership Committee.

NASBE Grant:

The State Board of Education has been awarded stipends totaling \$15,000 for work in Common Core State Standards (CCSS), Deeper Learning and School Leadership. Maine used its grant to leverage an additional \$16,000 in matching funds to partner with the Maine Principals' Association to expand its principal mentorship program to include better awareness of CCSS and Deeper Learning implementation. The program will strengthen both principal pre-service and in-service professional development opportunities.

Nancy has met with Jeanne Crocker, Assistant Executive Director, MPA and the two will meet again. There will be three mentor training sessions, one in September and December 2014, and one in April or May of 2015. Jackie Wilson from the University of Delaware (recommended by NASBE) will be an advisor. She will be asked to prepare a survey for the new principals. This survey will provide information concerning the depth of their understanding of CCSS and Deeper Learning.

Handouts:

- Recommendations to Revise Professional Certification Requirements to Support Literacy Outcomes packet from the State Literacy Team.