

VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS

February 9, 2009

VT College, Dewey Lounge

A G E N D A

8:30 – 8:45 a.m.	Call to Order Approval of Minutes 1(A) Correspondence/Announcements Board Member Updates Staff Report 2(A) Agenda Preview	Action
8:45 – 9:15 a.m.	Teacher Working Conditions Survey 3(A)	Discussion
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.	Committee Work	
	Teacher/Administrator Relicensing Committee	
	Reciprocity/NASDTEC Agreement 4(T/ARC)	Discussion
	Relicensure Activities *	Discussion
	SLP / Audiologist Licensure	Discussion
	Action Plan Implementation and next steps *	Discussion
	Report on Provisional and Emergency Licenses 5(T/ARC)	FYI
	Higher Education Committee	
	Middlebury College – Full Program Report 6(HE)	Discussion/Vote
	ROPA Timeline 7(HE)	FYI
	Lyndon State College – Design Document 8(HE)	Discussion
	College of St. Joseph – Graduate Certificate in School Counseling 9(HE)	Discussion
	SPARK Teacher Ed. Institute – Visiting Team 10(HE)	Vote
	Visit Update	Discussion
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Break	
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Continue Committee Work	
11:30 – 12:15 p.m.	Lunch	
12:15 – 1:00 p.m.	Summary of Licensing Hearing Panel Training Governor’s 34 point plan * – VSBPE’s position Link to Bill S.13: http://www.leg.state.vt.us/database/status/textonly.cfm?Bill=S.0013 Proposed Regulation Waiver – next steps 11(A)	FYI Discussion Discussion
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Commissioner Armando Vilaseca	
2:00 – 2:15 p.m.	Break	
2:15 – 3:00 p.m.	Educator Cultural Competency in the U.S. 12(A)	Presentation/Discussion
3:00 – 3:15 p.m.	Committee Reports and Motions	Action on Recommendations
3:15 p.m.	Adjourn	

*** Sent in December 2008 packet, please bring**

The action listed next to each agenda item represents the intent of the Standards Board at the time the agenda is printed. It is possible that action may or may not be taken on any item listed on the agenda.

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VT College, Montpelier

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Howe, Heather McCollum, Bruce Richardson, Dolly Corkins, Susan Jensen, Janet Steward, Ronald Stahley, Judith Jones, Russell Agne, Sheryl Aliquo, Stephanie Taylor, Cassandra Major.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kathy Finck.

STAFF PRESENT: Marta Cambra, Bob Gross, Deb Giles, Mary Beth McNulty, Marilyn Richardson, Rebecca Otis.

VISITORS/OTHERS PRESENT: Armando Vilaseca, Commissioner; Tom James, Chair, SBE; Sherry Gile, VT NEA; Eric Kirsch, New Teacher Center.

CALL TO ORDER: B. Howe called the meeting to order at 8:44 a.m.

B. Howe asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the December 18, 2008 meeting.

D. Corkins **moved that the VSBPE accept the minutes of the December 18, 2008 meeting.** J. Jones seconded. **Motion passed.**

CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was no correspondence or announcements.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

B. Howe informed the Board about his appointment to the Transformation Policy Commission. This Commission is a continuation of the discussions regarding Transformation. The Commission has 15 members who represent: teachers, principals, superintendents, business, higher education, and SBE. They will meet frequently to discuss policy and regulations as the Transformation project moves forward. If needed, Brian will discuss the VSBPE's policies regarding teacher preparation and licensing. If changes are suggested, the VSBPE will be informed and will discuss these potential changes. Their first meeting is scheduled for 2/23/09.

B. Howe welcomed Tom James, Chair of the SBE to the meeting. T. James spoke to the Board about the Transformation Policy Commission. The Commission will be holding meetings for 6-8 months. Three SBE members' terms are ending this month. The SBE hopes to have three new members appointed for their March meeting. T. James is the SBE member on the Transformation Policy Commission and he hopes to have one of the three new members join him.

The Board spoke to T. James about their current initiatives and upcoming challenges.

STAFF REPORT – Educator Quality Team

There were no additional comments on the staff report.

The Board broke for Committee work at 9:00 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Teacher Working Conditions Survey

J. Steward gave the Board a brief background on the survey and the VSBPE's involvement. J. Steward, H. McCollum and M. Cambra met with the Commissioner to discuss how this data would be used and disseminated.

C. Major asked about NEA's timeline for distributing the survey. S. Gile responded that on 3/20/09 the survey will be sent out electronically and on 4/17/09 a paper copy will be sent.

S. Aliquo asked what the dedication of schools will be prior to administering the survey. Unless there is a school commitment to make changes, the data would not be utilized appropriately.

J. Steward responded that the commitment includes filling out the survey (incentives), and dedication of time. The utilization of data will not happen this year. How the data will be disseminated and utilized is still being discussed.

J. Jones asked if the information will be disaggregated by school or district or level, or is it all aggregated together as a state survey.

J. Steward responded this is still being discussed; decisions need to be made by the supporters of this survey.

Questions arose regarding the information that is collected and its dissemination. A representative from the Teacher Working Conditions Survey, Eric Kirsch, spoke to the Board regarding this. After the survey is completed, information is available by password to those who completed the survey.

The Board had concerns about the availability and use of this information, specifically relating to the media.

B. Howe summarized that he will discuss with J. Steward and H. McCollum what the next steps for the VSBPE will be.

The Board broke for lunch at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 12:15 p.m.

Summary of Licensing Hearing Panel Training

M. Raymond presented a summary of the Licensing Hearing Panel (LHP) training that took place on January 8, 2009.

Licensing Law Changes, Governor's 34 Point Plan

M. Raymond spoke to the Board about the Governor's 34 point plan, Bill S13. There have been several versions of this bill. He detailed section 4 which specifically relates to the Educator Quality (EQ) Division. EQ will be required to check the Child and Adult Protection Registries upon initial licensure, relicensure and reinstatement. In theory, the Registries and the Educator Licensing Database will be electronically linked. EQ will be notified when an educator in our database appears on these registries. Funding for this has not been identified at this time. Once EQ receives this notification, the disciplinary process would begin. This entire process adds additional work for EQ. This bill includes a provision that school districts would also need to perform registry checks for all educators, chaperones, coaches, volunteers, etc.

The Board discussed the repercussions this bill would have on EQ and school districts.

Proposed Regulation Waiver

B. Gross gave an update on the proposed Licensing Regulations. ICAR did not make any changes. The Regulations were then sent to the Secretary of State's Office to be published. A public hearing is scheduled for February 25, 2009 at the DOE in Berlin. Once comments have been received, he will bring those to the Board to review.

B. Gross spoke to the Board about the proposed regulation waiver. He informed the Board that when proposed Regulations are sent through the formal process, the cost to the DOE ranges from \$2,100 - \$2,300. These costs are associated with advertising fees from the Secretary of State's Office. Therefore to cut down on costs, proposed Regulations are held until a group can be sent out.

The Board will vote on the proposed regulation waiver at their March meeting. However due to costs associated with the rule making process, this will not be put through the formal process immediately.

Commissioner Armando Vilaseca

The Board introduced themselves to the Commissioner. A. Vilaseca thanked the Board for taking the time to speak with him. The Board spoke with the Commissioner about various initiatives they are involved with.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Teacher & Administrator Relicensing Committee – D. Corkins Chair, reporting

D. Corkins summarized the Committee's discussions regarding the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement, Career and Technical Education, and Relicensure Activities.

Higher Education Committee – H. McCollum Chair, reporting

H. McCollum spoke to the Board about the Higher Education Committee's discussions on Middlebury College's full ROPA visit, the Lyndon State College design document, College of St. Joseph's graduate certificate in school counseling, and the SPARK visiting team.

H. McCollum moved that the VSBPE accept the findings of the Middlebury College Review Team and approve the following actions:

Conditional approval for one year to the following undergraduate educator preparation programs:

Art, prek-12

Full approval to the following undergraduate educator preparation programs:

Elementary Education, K-6

Modern and Classical Language: Spanish, 7-12

Modern and Classical Language: German, 7-12

Modern and Classical Language: Russian, 7-12

Modern and Classical Language: French, 7-12

Mathematics, 7-12

Science, 7-12

English, 7-12

Social Studies, 7-12

Computer Science, 7-12

J. Jones seconded. **Motion passed.**

Approval for these programs is contingent upon a favorable review of both a one-year and a two-year report addressing noted stipulations and areas indicated as “concerns” in the team’s report, as well as compliance with state standards and any conditions specified by the Vermont Standards Board.

S. Aliquo moved that the VSBPE approve the following educators to serve on the New Program Review Team for the SPARK Teacher Education Institute:

- **Heather McCollum, Chair of the Higher Education Committee of the VSBPE, Professor at Union Institute and University, member of the ROPA Design Team**
- **Patti Cook, faculty at New England Culinary Institute and Vermont Mentor Program, and person drafting the Mentor Program Institution Portfolio**
- **Mike Caraco, mathematics teacher and chair of the Mathematics Department at Burr and Burton High School and former member of Johnson ROPA Review Team**
- **Julie Longchamp, middle grades teacher at Williston Central School, certified in middle grades and elementary, member of the ROPA Design Team, former member of the ROPA Review Team for Green Mountain College’s new secondary science program**

S. Jensen seconded. **Motion passed.** H. McCollum abstained.

H. McCollum moved that the VSBPE delay the full ROPA review of the new undergraduate programs at Castleton State College: Elementary (K-6) SPED (K-8) Math (7-12) Science (7-12) English/Language Arts (7-12) Social Studies (7-12) Theatre (prek – 6, 7-12, prek-12) Modern and Classical Languages: Spanish (prek – 6, 7-12, prek-12) Art (prek – 6, 7-12, prek-12) to the Spring or Fall of 2011. All other programs will be reviewed as scheduled on October 11-14, 2009. J. Jones seconded. Motion passed.

Educator Cultural Competency in the U.S

MB. McNulty presented an overview of Cultural Competency in the United States. M. Cambra requested information from the NASDTEC membership. MB. McNulty gave a summary of 26 states who responded on each state’s cultural competency standards. She also reviewed model standards published by the Education Alliance at Brown University, home to the Northeast and Islands Regional Educational Laboratory (LAB).

The Board will discuss this in more detail at their March meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by consensus at 2:30 p.m.

Rebecca Otis, Administrative Assistant

Brian Howe, Chair