

**State Board of Education
Operating Standards Committee**

Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2014

Committee Members Present:

Ron Rudduck – Chair
Michael Collins
Stephanie Dodd
Sarah Fowler
Kathleen McGervey
Debe Terhar

ODE Staff Present:

John Richard
Kevin Duff
Sandra Hay
Sharon Jennings
Amber Schneider
PR Casey

Board Members Present:

Mary Rose Oakar

Others:

Deb Tully, OFT

CALL TO ORDER & MIUNTES

Mr. Rudduck called the meeting to order. Ms. Terhar moved to approve the minutes, Ms. Fowler seconded. With all members voting AYE the minutes were approved as written.

STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK AND DISCUSSION OF RULE 4

Ms. Hay stated that the only feedback on Rule 4 was from the arts community and was shared at the January meeting.

Dr. Richard asked if there were any other questions or feedback from the Committee members. Ms. Fowler expressed concern with the draft language in 3301-35-04(B). She was concerned that the language implied that the school district must create its own curriculum rather than being able to purchase it. Staff explained that districts could purchase curriculum. She also suggested that the term “district-wide” be struck to avoid the implication that curriculum must be strictly uniform. The Committee agreed by consensus to remove this term.

Ms. Oakar, concerned with avoiding any future data scrubbing in districts, asked for the “established procedures” mentioned in the draft language of 3301-35-04(E) to be specified. Dr. Richard and Mr. Rudduck explained that the EMIS manual and other items in statute (which were removed from the rules) were some of the “established procedures”. Links to the EMIS manual and Ohio Revised Code would be available on the website being created to supplement the Operating Standards. Mr. Collins wanted clarification on where districts report. Ms. Hay explained that Rule 7 will address this.

Ms. Terhar asked the “to” be added to 3301-35-04(E)(2) in order to correct an omission.

Ms. Fowler expressed concern with draft language in 3301-35-04(B)(2)(viii) which states that curriculum must be guided by state-adopted content standards. Her concern was that the language did not allow for enough local control. Ms. Terhar explained that “guided by” was not ‘mandate’ language. Ms. McGervey shared Ms. Fowler’s concern. Mr. Collins was concerned that “guided by” was not instructive enough. Mr. Rudduck reminded members that the language was not yet final and asked members to move on to the next rule.

DISCUSSION OF RULE 5

Dr. Richard explained that members had two versions of the rule (the current rule and the revised draft). Members asked to also see a marked-up version in the future. Ms. Hay summarized the rule.

Ms. Terhar asked where she could find the definition of credentialed and classified staff. Ms. Jennings replied that the definitions were created in Rule 1. Ms. Dodd expressed concern that removing the

language related to discrimination would take authority to investigate away from the Department. Chief Legal Counsel, PR Casey addressed the Committee and explained that the Department has never had the authority to investigate matters of discrimination and that these matters were best left to entities with the capacity to investigate them under the umbrella of the Ohio Revised Code.

Ms. Terhar asked how the 200 minutes prescribed in 3301-35-05(A)(8) was determined. Deb Tully from the Ohio Federation of Teachers was in the audience and responded that Ohio Revised Code states that teachers may have one period per day to plan. Most teachers' contracts specify that one period is 30 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee agreed to meet on February 19 to work on the Operating Standards website. Ms. Terhar moved to adjourn, Mr. Collins seconded. With all members voting AYE the meeting adjourned at 10:14 AM.