

**State Board of Education
Operating Standards Committee**

Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2014

Committee Members Present:

Ron Rudduck – Chair
Darryl Mehaffie
Mike Collins
Stephanie Dodd
Sarah Fowler
Debe Terhar

ODE Staff Present:

John Richard
Dan Badea
Sandra Hay
Sharon Jennings
Amber Schneider

Board Members Present:

Mary Rose Oakar
Brad W. Lamb
Joseph L. Farmer

CALL TO ORDER & MINUTES

Mr. Rudduck called the meeting to order and asked members to review the minutes before them. Ms. Fowler moved to approve the minutes; Ms. Dodd seconded and with all members voting AYE, the minutes were approved as written.

BLENDED LEARNING PRESENTATION

Mr. Badea showed a brief video and gave an overview of blended learning. Ms. Dodd asked how many schools in Ohio were using blended learning and what types of schools they were (urban, rural etc.). Mr. Badea did not know these answers but promised to get that information to the Committee. He noted that SB 316 requires district using blended learning to notify ODE but believed, anecdotally, that more schools were using it than what is being reported. The Committee asked Mr. Badea what areas of concern exist or what they could do to support more schools in using blended learning. He stated that the biggest needs were access to technology for all students and a need for professional development.

STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

Ms. Hay noted that one new email regarding the 5 of 8 rule was forwarded to Committee members.

DISCUSSION OF 3301-35-06

Ms. Hay summarized rule 3301-35-06 (rule 6). She noted that this rule contained topics related to blended learning and school safety as well as the teaching of phonics. Ms. Terhar stated that she believed teaching phonics to be so important that the law should be emphasized by including similar language in rule. She requested ODE staff to provide copies of the law related to phonics instruction so that the Committee could draft language for the rule based on the law. Other members concurred.

Dr. Richard requested guidance on the blended learning portion of the rule. Ms. Terhar recommended that the Committee extract the language related to blended learning and make it a separate rule. The Committee agreed by consensus.

The Committee also agreed by consensus to make the pieces related to school safety a separate rule. Ms. Fowler requested that the website that will be used to supplement the Operating Standards contain a link to the school safety plan portion of the Attorney's General's site.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Ms. Hay gave a brief update on the website. She demonstrated how some of the topics related to rule 6 would appear. The Committee suggested that blended learning be its own topic on the site and also be linked to other pages as appropriate.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Collins moved to adjourn, Ms. Fowler seconded. With all members voting AYE the meeting adjourned.