

Julia Simmerer, Director

Karen Winston Chair

Ohio Educator Standards Board  
Minutes of the Business Meeting  
Quest Business Centers  
January 28, 2014

Board Members Attending:

Crystal Bossard  
Jeffrey Brown  
Karen Carney  
Jeffrey Cooney  
Jennifer Denny  
Kathy Goins  
Robert Klein  
Cynthia Lombardo  
Stephen Osborne  
Venezuela Robinson

Board Members Absent:

Bradford Dillman  
Nikki Henkel  
Karie McCrate  
Debra McDonald  
Dustin Miller  
Jerry Oberhaus  
Sandra Orth  
Amy Poole  
Danielle Russo  
Michael J. Smith  
Karen Winston

Ex-Officio Members Attending:

Lori Lofton, representing Dr. Richard Ross, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Ohio Department of Education  
Melissa Cardenas, representing John Carey, Chancellor, Ohio Board of Regents

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Senator Peggy Lehner, Senate Education Committee, Chair, Ohio Senate  
Senator Tom Sawyer, Senate Education Committee, Ranking Minority Member, Education, Ohio Senate  
Rep. Gerald L. Stebelton, House Education Committee, Chair, Ohio House of Representatives  
Rep. Teresa Fedor, House Education Committee, Ranking Minority Member, Ohio House of Representatives

Ohio Department of Education staff attending:  
Julia Simmerer  
Matthew Lutz  
John Soloninka  
Sharon Flinders

General session

I. Call to Order: The general session was called to order at 1:18 p.m. by Ms. Robinson, Acting Chair.

II. Roll Call: Ms. Flinders read the roll call.

III. Introductions: Ms. Robinson welcomed the new members Mr. Jeffrey Brown, superintendent of the Granville Schools, and Mr. Stephen Osborne, treasurer of Dublin City Schools. Mr. Brown replaces Mr. Michael Tefs, who resigned in September, and Mr. Osborne will be replacing Ms. Cynthia Ritter, who resigned in December.

IV. Approval of the Agenda: Ms. Robinson asked if there were no objections that the Educator Standards Board (ESB) would proceed with the agenda as presented.

V. Approval of Minutes: Ms. Robinson asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Since there were no corrections or additions, the minutes were accepted through a consensus.

VI. Report from the Chair: There was no report from the Chair.

VII. Report from the Ohio Department of Education: Ms. Lofton presented the report on behalf of Superintendent Ross.

- Dr. Tina Thomas-Manning, Associate Superintendent at the Ohio Department of Education, will be leaving the Ohio Department of Education to become the new Superintendent of Reynoldsburg City School District. Ms. Thomas-Manning begins working with retiring Superintendent Steve Dackin on May 1. She will take over the position of Superintendent on July 1, 2014.
- Kelly Weir, Legislative Services and Budgetary Planning, will be leaving the Ohio Department of Education. She will be taking over the Director of Budgets at Columbus State Community College.
- The first round of Straight A Fund grant awards have been announced. Round two of the grant awards will be starting soon. The districts that did not get the first round would like feedback on what made the first round of districts able to get the grants. If a district is considering applying for round two of the Straight A fund grant they can refer to the resources that are on the Ohio Department of Education website.

- Due to the severe weather and the number of calamity days the schools have had to take, the Governor and Legislators are interested in increasing the number of calamity days.
- The mid biennium review, which is the mid budget review bill, will be introduced in mid-February.
- The Legal Office, the Office of Accountability, the Office of Professional Conduct and the ITO Office is involved in the investigation of the data scrubbing and correcting of report cards. A large amount of staff is devoted to making sure the information is correct and steps are being taken to get to the right answers.

VIII. Report from the State Board of Education: Ms. Lofton presented the report on behalf of Superintendent Ross.

- At the last meeting of the State Board of Education Deb McDonald, Teacher of the Year, and a member of the Educator Standards Board, and the other 4 finalist of the Teacher of the Year, as well as the Ohio Milken award winner, Sarah Franko, were recognized.
- There is a new campaign from the Governor's office. The campaign is called "Start Talking". It deals with prescription drug use, especially among teenagers. The state board watched a video, and had a discussion on what they could do individually in their district to get the information out to the teachers and the students.
- There was an hour and half presentation on "Value Added". The presentation was presented by Jamie Meade from Battelle.
- There has been a request from the Berkshire and Newberry district to consolidate. This is a process that has not happened since the eighties. The State Board wants to make sure that everyone's voice is heard before a decision is made.
- The reading competencies were adopted by the State Board. Ms. Lofton thanked the ESB for their feedback.

IX. Report from the Ohio Board of Regents (OBR): Ms. Cardenas presented the report on behalf of Chancellor Carey.

- Partnerships within the P20 system – Ohio's Clinical Preparation Alliance met this month. There was an update from members who attended the National forum. The team met with Educator Preparation Leaders from around the state to update and discuss the critical elements for Ohio.

- There is a need to make sure there is strong partnership between K-12 and Higher Education. Dialogue needs to be consistent and frequent and represents the needs of both K-12 and higher education.
- Another aspect was looking at the field work and innovative approaches. For example, one thought is the co-teaching and the student teaching lasting the entire year verses one semester. The question is what would be the impact on both k-12 and higher education and the students and the teacher candidates?
- Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA) requested representatives from both K-12 and Higher Education to discuss further development of how this partnership would look to make K-12 and Higher Education stronger.

X. Report from the Director: Ms. Simmerer presented the report.

- There were two articles sent electronically to the Educator Standards Board members. Often professional reading is provided that is tied with what the Educator Standards Board is working on. The articles were “Is Value-Added Accurate for Teachers of Students with Disabilities” and “Voices of Equity”.
- Resident Educator Summative Assessment has been rolled out with 3300 educators. One of the questions is where do they want to go and what are the potential paths the teacher want to study around teacher leadership in year 4.
- OTES - we are working on an audit. The ESB provided information for the audit at the December ESB meeting. We will bring the group that was at the December meeting, to the March meeting, and continue the discussion and ask for feedback. Question: How will we move forward with the audit?
- The recalibration is continuing. The information and the data will be sent by email to all ESB members.
- Kathy Pruner’s slides from Praxis, Cheryl Krohn’s links on TELL Ohio presentation, the Ohio Board of Regent links to the performance report, the data for OTES and OPES, and the reading competencies, will be sent out to the Educator Standards Board members by email

Licensure Committee: The report was given by the acting chair, Ms. Lombardo.

- Heard from Kathy Pruner from Educational Testing Service (ETS). She provided status updates. Reviewed data on the Teaching Reading Elementary Ed test 5203. Ohio Testers are passing at 96.9 percent rate.
- Looked at rule 3301-24-07. Reviewed as part of a five year process. The changes are being made because the use of the two year provisional licenses has limited use in the state of Ohio at this time. The Licensure Committee voiced unanimous consent in favor of the proposed changes. We would like to

recommend that these changes move forward to the full board to secure consent for these changes.

- Ms. Robinson asked if there were any objections to the recommendation from the committee as presented to 3301-24-07. Hearing no objection the changes will be accepted as presented.
- Continued to look at rules 3301-24-03 Educator Prep programs and 3301-24-18 Resident Educator Licenses. We are looking for more input from stakeholders. Further discussion will be at a later meeting.

Standards Committee: The report was given by Mr. Cooney, acting chair:

- Continued the work on the revisions to the Ohio Standards on Professional Development. The focus of the meeting was to review and analyze the professional learning standards developed by Learning Forward Corporation with the possibility of adopting them for Ohio.
- Elizabeth Haydel gave a presentation on the side by side comparison of the current language regarding the professional learning indicators of the Ohio Standards and the current Learning Forward Standards indicators.
- Ms. Simmerer asked the committee to provide feedback and recommendations as to whether the committee wanted to recommend the Learning Forward Standards. A discussion was held and it was decided that the Learning Forwards standards were appropriate, but the language needed to be reviewed and modification was needed. Modifications were centered around the need for more clarity and specificity. A draft is expected to be presented in March.

XII. Discussion Items: No discussion items.

XIII. Action Items: No action items.

XIV. Old Business: No old business.

XV. New Business: No new business.

XVI. Announcements: No announcements.

XVII. Adjournment: Ms. Robinson adjourned the meeting at 1:39 p.m. with no objections.