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Ohio Department of Education

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Paolo DeMaria
Superintendent of Public Instruction

The State Board convened a virtual Board meeting on Monday, October 12, 2020

The Board's Teaching, Leading and Learning Committee met beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Topics of discussion were:

- Discuss: OAC 3301-56-02 Reading Achievement Improvement Plans (Possible Vote)
- Discuss: Adopt the Revised Reading Test for Ohio Teachers of Reading – ORC 3313.608(H)(1)(e) (Possible Vote)
- Discuss: Presentation: Ohio Mathematics Pathways
- Discuss: OAC 3301-43 Adult High School Continuation Programs (Possible Vote)

The Board's Continuous Improvement Committee met beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Topics of discussion were:

- Discuss: Financial Analysis and Oversight
- Discuss: Strategic Plan Core Principle: Equity

The Board's Assessment & Accountability Committee met beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Topics of discussion were:

- Discuss: Research, Evaluation and Advanced Analytics Continued

The Board's Integrated Student Supports Committee met beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Topics of discussion were:

- Discuss: OAC 3301-37-01 through 3301-37-12 Child Day-Care Programs (Possible Vote)
- Discuss: OAC 3301-32-01 through 3301-32-12 School Child Program (Possible Vote)
- Discuss: OAC 3301-35-15 Standards for the Implementation of Positive Behavior Intervention Supports and Restraint and Seclusion (Possible Vote)
- Discuss: Strategy Updates

The Board's Executive Committee met beginning at 4:15 p.m.

Topics of discussion were:

- Ohio Teacher of the Year Acceptance of Gifts Privileges (Possible Vote)

STATE BOARD BUSINESS MEETING

President Kohler convened the Business meeting of the State Board of Education on Monday, October 12, at 5:40 p.m.

President Kohler asked the Recording Secretary to call the roll.

YES VOTES

Stephanie Dodd
John Hagan
Kirsten Hill
Jenny Kilgore
Mark Lamoncha
Charlotte McGuire

Sarah Fowler Arthur
Linda Haycock
Meryl Johnson
Laura Kohler
Martha Manchester
Lisa Woods

Motion carried.

Minutes of the October 2020 Meeting of the State Board of Education of Ohio

President Kohler welcomed Board members and guests and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Kohler called for the approval of the Minutes of the September 2020 meeting. She asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes.

Mrs. Fowler Arthur provided a correction to page three, third paragraph of the minutes.

Mrs. Fowler Arthur Moved to move the equity training to the end of the meeting, Tuesday, September 22, 2020. Mrs. Fowler Arthur stated the training was voluntary and the public should have the opportunity to participate and provide feedback before ~~and~~ the Board has had the opportunity to vote. Mr. Hagan Seconded the motion.

It was Moved by Ms. Johnson and Seconded by Mrs. Dodd that the Minutes be approved with the correction by Mrs. Fowler Arthur. The President called for a voice vote.

Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Written Reports and Items for Vote

EQUITY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

Presenter: Kelly Capatosto, Senior Data & Policy Specialist, Kirwan Institute, The Ohio State University.

The State Board received professional development training titled:
Education Equity: Linking the Institutional and Interpersonal

President Kohler recessed the Board meeting at 6:50 p.m.

RECONVENE STATE BOARD BUSINESS MEETING

President Kohler reconvened the Business meeting of the State Board of Education on Tuesday, October 13, at 9:00 a.m.

President Kohler asked the Recording Secretary to call the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephen Dackin

Stephanie Dodd

Sarah Fowler Arthur
Meryl Johnson
Laura Kohler
Mark Lamoncha
Charlotte McGuire
Eric Poklar
Lisa Woods

Linda Haycock
Jenny Kilgore
Paul LaRue
Martha Manchester
Antoinette Miranda
Mike Toal

OHIO TEACHER OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Presenter: Angela Dicke, State Coordinator of Teacher Recognition Programs.

Since 1964, Ohio has annually identified exceptional teachers statewide celebrating their outstanding work in and outside of the classroom.

The mission of this program is to provide opportunities for professional learning to exemplary teachers as leaders and advocates for public education.

Anyone can nominate a teacher to this program. Online nominations are available on the Ohio Teacher of the Year webpage from February to April every year. Nominees are then invited to apply.

There are two tiers to the rigorous selection process. The first regional level selection is organized by a Territory Lead in each of the (11) State Board of Education Districts. State Board members, former honored teachers, and other educational professionals follow selection protocols to choose one teacher as the State Board District Teacher of the Year.

Eleven State Board District Teachers of the Year are then candidates in the state level selection process where four applications are chosen as finalists. State finalists are interviewed and provide keynote presentations to the state selection committee. The committee is comprised of education stakeholders, including SBOE president, former OTOYs, Institutes of Higher Education, Education Associations, Parent Teacher Association, Community members and state officers with Educators Rising Ohio. One teacher is chosen Ohio Teacher of the Year and represents Ohio in the National Teacher of the Year selection process with an opportunity to serve as an Ohio Teacher Fellow with the Department the year following their year of recognition.

- (7) State Board District Teachers of the Year:
 - District 1: Lindsey Eckley, Edon Northwest Local Schools
 - District 2: Pamela Thiel, Sylvania City Schools
 - District 4: Janelle Sowders, Finneytown Local Schools
 - District 5: BreAnn Fennell, Ashland City Schools
 - District 7: Terry Colescott, Auburn County Career Center
 - District 8: Tim Harker, Boardman Local Schools
- (3) State Finalists
 - District 3: Joy McKarns, Northmont City Schools
 - District 9: Sandy Thomaschek, Canal Winchester Local Schools
 - District 10: Tom Jenkins, Greenon Local Schools
- 2021 Ohio Teacher of the Year
 - District 6: Ohio School for the Deaf: Anthony Coy-Gonzalez

- On September 3rd, Our State Superintendent, Paolo DeMaria, surprised Anthony and with the announcement that he was selected as the 2021 Ohio Teacher of the Year during a virtual staff meeting.
- Mr. Coy-Gonzalez was first selected as the 2021 State Board District 6 Teacher of the Year and moved forward as a finalist, supported by Board member, Dr. Antoinette Miranda. As the 2021 Ohio Teacher of the Year, he will represent Ohio in the 2021 National Teacher of the Year selection process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Kohler called on Vice President McGuire, who Moved that the State Board of Education go into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official; that the State Board of Education go into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) to consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual; that the State Board of Education go into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel about matters that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

Mr. LaRue Seconded the motion.

The President called for a roll call vote.

YES VOTES

Stephen Dackin
Sarah Fowler Arthur
Kirsten Hill
Jenny Kilgore
Paul LaRue
Martha Manchester
Antoinette Miranda
Mike Toal

Stephanie Dodd
Linda Haycock
Meryl Johnson
Laura Kohler
Mark Lamoncha
Charlotte McGuire
Eric Poklar
Lisa Woods

Motion carried.

The Board went into Executive Session and Quasi-Judicial discussion at 10:15 a.m.

The Board recessed from Executive Session and Quasi-Judicial discussion at 11:05 a.m.

The Board took a brief recess.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Superintendent DeMaria and key staff provided Board members with updates on the following topics:

- Revised Code Requirement Projects Update
- Social Studies Resources Review Process

REVISED CODE REQUIREMENT PROJECTS UPDATE

Presenter: Lori Kelly, Chief of Organizational Effectiveness, Office of Organizational Effectiveness.

State Board Goal

Ensure that the State Board is in compliance with requirements and obligations set forth in law.

Superintendent Goal

Perform a compliance review to ensure the State Board, Superintendent and Department are in compliance with requirements and obligations set forth in law.

Scope of Project:

- Review of Title 33
 - 22 Revised Code Chapters
 - Over 1000 Statutes
- References
 - State Board: 500+
 - State Superintendent: 100+
 - Department of Education: 500+

Project Steps:

- 1) Project Development
- 2) Prototype
- 3) Process Refinement
- 4) Statutory Analysis
- 5) Legal Review

Statutory Analysis:

- Tier 1
 - Less than 25 statutes in chapter
 - Target due date 10/15
- Tier 2
 - 25-50 statutes in chapter
 - Target due date 11/15
- Tier 3
 - Over 50 statutes in chapter
 - Target due date 12/15

Legal Review:

- Legal review
- Timeframe - approximately 1 month
- Tier 1 reviews start 10/15
- Tier 3 review completion 1/15/21
- Final project review 02/21
- Submission to State Board 03/21

SOCIAL STUDIES RESOURCES REVIEW PROCESS

The Department's social studies team shares resources from education sources, including professional organizations and content area educators, that are reviewed using a content-specific

filter. Ohio educators have complete discretion about what resources they use, typically selected after considering alignment to the district's curriculum. Ohio's law specifically authorizes local school boards with decision making about curriculum. The Department does not prescribe or prohibit the use of any curriculum.

Identification:

The Department generally identifies resources that are shared by state and national partner organizations. In most cases these partner organizations have processes to vet the resources prior to sharing them. The credibility and reputation of the organization is important to the identification process.

The most frequent sources:

Examples of National Partners and Organizations:

- Council of State Social Studies Specialists (CS4)
- National Council for the Social Studies
- The Association of School Curriculum Directors (ASCD)
- Learning Forward
- EdReports
- U.S. Census Bureau
- Smithsonian Institution
- Public Broadcasting System (PBS)
- Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO)

Examples of State level content organizations:

- Ohio Council for the Social Studies
- INFOhio
- Ohio History Connection
- Ohio Museums and Historical Societies
- Ohio Center for Law-Related Education
- Buckeye Council of History Education
- Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank
- Ohio Supreme Court
- Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center

Review:

When potentially useful resources are identified, they are screened using the Social Studies Resource Materials Filter (May 2019) included at the end of this document. This Filter originally was designed to review materials for inclusion in the Model Curriculum. The filter helps Department staff who serve as content area consultants determine the appropriateness of resources and whether they should be shared with Ohio educators. The key components of the filter are as follows:

- **Alignment:** Resources should be aligned to Ohio's Social Studies learning standards and the Model Curriculum.
- **Resource Utilization:** The resource should emphasize primary sources and sources that place the issue in the appropriate historical context
- **Quality and Usability:** The resource contribute to effective teaching and instructional strategies and techniques.
- **General Considerations:** The resource may have other features that make it attractive for use by Ohio educators.
- **Cost:** There should be no cost or low cost to educators.

Dissemination:

Social studies educators are made aware of resources through the Department’s Social Studies Signal newsletter. This newsletter is distributed to over 16,000 interested individuals and is also available on the Department’s website.

Social Studies Resource Materials Filter: Scale of 1 to 3, One being the lowest.

- Alignment with Ohio’s Model Curriculum in Social Studies. Criteria-Alignment with Standards. A resource that earns a 1 on this item should not be selected for the Model Curriculum.
- Resource Utilization. Criteria-Primary and Secondary Sources and Historical Context. A resource that earns a 1 on either of these criteria should not be selected for the Model Curriculum.
- Quality and Usability Measures. Criteria-Content, Resource Provider, Student Engagement, Response to need, Meaningful Application, Adaptability to a Variety of Settings, Classroom Discourse and Appropriate use of Multimedia. These criteria reflect effective teaching strategies. If a resource earns no 1’s and at least two 3’s in this set of criteria, it reflects effective teaching practices.

General Considerations: These are additional criteria for judging the quality of a resource. A rating of 1 on one or more of these items does not automatically remove the resource from consideration for the Model Curriculum but can affect the overall rating.

- Assessment
- Originality
- High Expectations
- Navigability
- Presentation

DEPARTMENT BUDGET REQUEST DISCUSSION: FY2022-2023 BIENNIUM

Superintendent DeMaria and key staff provided Board members with updates on the following topics:

Budget Control Totals:

- FY21 Baseline: \$7,746,786,710
- 90% Budget Control Total: \$7,725,609,438
- Continuing Budget Control Total:
 - FY22 - \$7,745,083,892
 - FY23 - \$7,745,960,148

90% Scenario Approach:

- Eliminate all legislative earmarks.
- Eliminate one-time expenses.
- No reductions to Early Childhood Education or Literacy Improvement.
- Reprioritize resources to limit reductions to program/priority line items to 4.5%
- Reduce operating line items by 11.4%
- Strive for fairness in how line items are treated.

Continuing Scenario Approach:

- Assumes statutory status quo
- Eliminate all legislative earmarks.

- Eliminate one-time expenses.
- Flat fund the Literacy Improvement line.
- Restore some funding to Assessment and Accountability line items.
- Add remaining funds to Early Childhood Education line item as top program priority.

Board Priorities for Consideration Beyond Continuing Scenario (Appendix A):

Board Priorities:

- Early Childhood Education (Strategy 8)
- Literacy (Strategy 9)
- Effective Teaching and Excellent Instruction (Strategy 1 & 3)
- High School Success and Post-Secondary Connections (Strategy 10) – including Adult Education Programs
- Meeting the Needs of the Whole Child (Strategy 7)
- Program Reductions
 - Assessments
 - Accountability
- Direct Funding and Reduction of EdChoice Scholarship Program
- Department of Education Operational Items including research funding.

The State Board recessed for lunch.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON VOTING AGENDA ITEMS

There was no Public Participation on Voting Agenda Items.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-VOTING AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) Dr. Hasan Kwame Jeffries, Associate Professor of History, The Ohio State University. Dr. Jeffries spoke in support of the Board’s Resolution to Condemn Racism and to Advance Equity and Opportunity for Black Students, Indigenous Students and Students of Color. A copy of the testimony was provided.
- 2) Ms. Tabitha Korol. Ms. Korol spoke to the Board in opposition to the 1619 Project. A copy of the testimony was provided.
- 3) Ms. Melissa Cropper, President, Ohio Federation of Teachers. Ms. Cropper spoke in support of the Board’s Resolution to Condemn Racism and to Advance Equity and Opportunity for Black Students, Indigenous Students and Students of Color. A copy of the testimony was provided.
- 4) Mr. Melvin Brown, Superintendent, Reynoldsburg City Schools. Mr. Brown spoke in support of the Board’s resolution on Anti-racism. A copy of the testimony was provided.
- 5) Mr. Leonard Gilbert, Mentor. Mr. Gilbert spoke to the Board in opposition to the 1619 project. A copy of the testimony was provided.

- 6) Michael Goldstein, State of Ohio Director and General Counsel of Proclaiming Justice to the Nations (PJTN). Mr. Goldstein spoke to the Board regarding identity politics in Ohio public schools. A copy of the testimony was provided.
- 7) Dr. Phillip W. Magness, Economic Historian, American Institute for Economic Research, Massachusetts. Dr. Magness spoke to the Board regarding his concerns about the ongoing politicization of how slavery is being taught in our nation's K-12 classroom. A copy of the testimony was provided.
- 8) Mr. John Marschhausen, Superintendent, Hilliard City School District. Mr. Marschhausen spoke to the Board to support the abolishment of racism in our schools and commit to equity in our systems. A copy of the testimony was provided.
- 9) Ms. Kenyona Walker. Ms. Walker spoke to the Board regarding racism in schools in the United States and does the teaching of the historical implications of race in schools reinforce the negative notions that Black people are inferior. A copy of the testimony was provided.
- 10) Ms. Dorothy Fair, Cleveland Teachers Union. Ms. Fair spoke in support of the Board's Resolution to Condemn Racism and to Advance Equity and Opportunity for Black Students, Indigenous Students and Students of Color. A copy of the testimony was provided.

This concludes Public Participation on Non-Voting Agenda Items.

BOARD PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION FROM THE TEACHING, LEADING AND LEARNING COMMITTEE

Chair: Sarah Fowler Arthur, Vice Chair: Nick Owens

Mrs. Fowler Arthur gave a report from the Teaching, Leading and Learning Committee meeting focusing on the following issues:

Members Present: Fowler Arthur (Chair), Owens (Vice-Chair), Dackin, Haycock, Hill, Johnson, LaRue, Manchester.

OAC 3301-56-02 Reading Achievement Improvement Plans (*Strategy 7 & 9*)

- Department staff provided Members with an overview of the proposed revised Ohio Administrative Code 3301-56-02 Reading Achievement Improvement Plans, currently due for five-year-review.
- Committee members reviewed and discussed the revised rule and additional materials supplied by Department staff to address questions raised at the September meeting.
- During discussion, Members requested that the Department consider committing to a time range for providing districts with feedback on their plan submissions. Members also requested to see the current reading achievement improvement plan template and any draft revised template that that staff may have in light of the proposed rule revision.
- The Department will address the requests and share with Members prior to a possible vote to recommend adoption at the Committee's November 2020 meeting.

Adopt the Revised Reading Test for Ohio Teachers of Reading (*Strategy 1, 7 & 9*)

- Department staff provided Members with an overview of the State Board's responsibility to per Ohio Revised Code 3313/608(H)(1)(e) to approve a rigorous test of principles of scientifically research-based reading instruction.

- Staff from the assessment vendor, Educational Testing Service, provided Members with an overview of the test's development and determination of passing score.
- Following discussion, Members requested additional information about the assessment and determination of the passing score. Members were provided with a link to the ETS website with details about the assessment.
- This item will return to the Committee's agenda in November for a possible vote to recommend adoption of the assessment and the associated passing score.

Ohio's Mathematics Pathways (*Strategy 10*)

- Due to time constraints this item has been placed on the November agenda.

OAC 3301-43 Adult High School Continuation Programs (*Strategy 10*)

- Due to time constraints this item has been placed on the November agenda.
- The Department will discuss information requested by Members at the September meeting prior to a possible vote to recommend adoption at the November 2020 Committee meeting.

BOARD PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION FROM THE CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Chair: Antoinette Miranda, Vice Chair: Mike Toal

Dr. Miranda gave a report from the Continuous Improvement Committee meeting focusing on the following issues:

Members Present: Chair Antoinette Miranda, Stephanie Dodd, John Hagan, and Mark Lamoncha. Vice Chair Mike Toal and committee member Eric Poklar were absent.

Purpose(s) and/or Goal(s) of Meeting:

- Discuss Financial Analysis and Oversight
- Discuss Strategic Plan Core Principle: Equity

Financial Analysis and Oversight:

- Department staff shared the purpose of the five-year forecast and explained how to read the forecasts. Staff also discussed the impacts of levies on district financial forecasts and how the Department identifies potential deficits.
- Staff then explained the different tiers for districts who forecast a deficit in an upcoming fiscal year. Districts who show a deficit receive a precaution notification and technical assistance from the Department to create a plan to eliminate the deficit. Under O.R.C. 3316, districts who are unable to develop a satisfactory plan or have significant deficits can be placed under fiscal caution, watch, or emergency and requires involvement from the Auditor of State for oversight.
- Committee members discussed different scenarios around House Bill 920, which governs school funding, and how districts are handling recent tax abatements.

Strategic Plan Core Principle: Equity:

- Staff from the Center for Continuous Improvement and the Unit of Field Relations provided the committee with updates about their work that connect to the strategic plan's core principle of equity.
 - Staff from the Office of Community Schools discussed how community schools are an option for filling equity gaps in education and how the office has supported the opening of community schools through the federal Charter School Program grant.

- Committee members asked questions about the Charter School Program and requested a report on why the Department was not awarded the Charter School Program grant for FY21.
- The Office of Ohio School Sponsorship shared many examples of how community schools that the Department sponsors help address equity in their local communities.
- Staff from the Office of Federal Programs explained how the office helps districts meet the requirements of federal grants that are intended to address different aspects of equity including funding for low-income areas, English Learners, rural education, and training high-quality educators.
- The Office for Improvement and Innovation provides technical assistance and resources to ensure that every child has equitable access to high-quality educational opportunities including increasing the capacity of State Support Teams, improving tools and resources for continuous improvement, and through grant programming (School Improvement grants, Expanding Opportunities for Each Child, and the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers).
- Office of Intensive Supports staff gave an overview of historic initiatives that addressed equity and the current initiatives the office is involved with, including the Commission on Fatherhood and the Wallace Foundation. They also provided the example of ADC districts who worked to increase internet connectivity for their students during the ordered school building closure due to COVID-19.
- Committee members asked if the connectivity funding offered through the CARES Act and by the Governor's office would be available after December 31, 2020. At the moment, an extension is not available and the Department's guidance is to spend the funds by the current December 31 deadline.

BOARD PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION FROM THE INTEGRATED STUDENT SUPPORTS COMMITTEE

Chair: Charlotte McGuire, Vice Chair: Martha Manchester

Ms. Johnson gave a report from the Integrated Student Supports Committee meeting focusing on the following issues:

Members Present: Charlotte McGuire, Committee Chair, Martha Manchester, Committee Vice Chair, Kirsten Hill, Meryl Johnson, Mark Lamoncha, Paul LaRue and Antoinette Miranda.

Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3301-37-01 through 3301-37-12 Child Day-Care Programs:

- Staff presented proposed revisions to OAC 3301-37-01 through 3301-37-12 Child Day-Care Programs. They provided information on the changes made to the rule since the September meeting.
- The resolution to recommend approval of draft rules 3301-37-01 through 3301-37-12 was approved by the committee. The rule revisions will go to the full board for consideration in November.

Ohio Administrative Code 3301-32-01 through 3301-32-12 School Child Program:

- Staff presented proposed revisions to OAC 3301-32-01 through 3301-32-12 School Child Program. They provided information on the changes made to the rule since the September meeting.
- The resolution to recommend approval of draft rules 3301-32-01 through 3301-32-12 was approved by the committee. The rule revisions will go to the full board for consideration in November.

Ohio Administrative Code 3301-35-15 Standards for the Implementation of Positive Behavior Intervention Supports and Restraint and Seclusion:

- Staff presented proposed revisions to OAC 3301-35-15 Standards for the Implementation of Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) and Restraint and Seclusion. They provided information on the changes made to the rule in response to the committee’s feedback at the September meeting.
- Board Member Meryl Johnson proposed a revision to (I)(4) to add the word “within”. With the change, (I)(4) reads “*Within* thirty days of the filing of a complaint.....”
- Committee members discussed the district’s responsibility to make multiple attempts to contact the parent(s) when multiple instances of restraint and seclusion take place. Committee members also discussed that in addition to parents being able to file a complaint with the school district superintendent regarding an incident of restraint and seclusion, they have the option to file a complaint with the Ohio Department of Education. Finally, the committee members discussed the planned addition of trauma informed care practices into the department’s Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports professional development modules.
- The resolution to recommend approval of draft rule 3301-35-15, including the change to (I)(4) proposed by Board Member Johnson, was approved by the committee. The rule revisions will go to the full board for consideration in November.

Reset and Restart Supports and Resources for Schools:

- Staff shared updates on the Whole Child Framework, the Plan to Improve Educational Experiences and Outcomes for Students with Disabilities and the Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) program. Also, staff provided information on the supplemental Reset and Restart Resources recently released on districts support for students experiencing homelessness and gifted education.
- The agenda item was discussion only, therefore, there was no action by the committee and the item is not scheduled for full board.

BOARD PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION FROM THE ASSESSMENTS & ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

Chair: John Hagan, Vice Chair: Lisa Woods

Mr. Hagan gave a report from the Assessments & Accountability Committee meeting focusing on the following issues:

Members Present: John Hagan (Chair), Lisa Woods (Vice Chair), Linda Haycock, Steve Dackin, Stephanie Dodd, Mike Toal, Jenny Kilgore, Eric Poklar

Research, Evaluation and Advanced Analytics Discussion Continued:

Dr. Boughton provided information on several research studies and partnerships that the Department has been involved in in recent years.

The Ohio Education Research Center:

This partnership and study examined the Ohio School Improvement Process to help inform the ESSA plan and other state policies.

Study Key Focus: What happened in schools when they received School Improvement Grant Funds? Did achievement improve?

Findings and Outcomes:

Achievement improved in math and reading, for several years following the study.

Regional Educational Laboratory (REL Midwest):

Study Key Focus: Reading Achievement Plans: How is this process going for districts?

Study Background: All Ohio districts that were using reading achievement plans were surveyed in the study. Direct interviews with districts also occurred.

Study Findings and Outcomes:

- The feedback received from districts helped Department staff develop achievement plan rule changes.
- The study also prompted collaboration among centers within the Department to provide greater supports to districts.
- The study allowed The Department to create more learning tools for districts and fostered an open dialogue between the Department staff and districts.
- Districts, as a result of participating in the study, were better able to understand their school's data and use it to inform improvement.

A study currently in development: Cleveland State University

Study Key Focus: School Climate Improvement Process Study: How do districts act on the results? What resources do districts need to complete the surveys? How do districts inform parents and other stakeholders of the results?

Study Background: The Department is seeking participants from districts that have used school climate surveys for more than five years. Participants are currently helping to frame the study's questions.

Possible outcomes:

The Department anticipates the results will help inform guidance and supports offered to districts that are using school climate surveys.

Committee Questions:

- How are these studies funded? There isn't a designated research line item in the Department's budget. Some of these partnerships are facilitated through the Federal Department of Education, others are from the Department seeking out grants and maintaining external collaborations.
- Can staff further elaborate on how information gained in these studies informs and impacts decisions?

In upcoming Committee meetings, the Department will plan to share out more details about how we use research to measure the impact of state initiatives and how we apply what we learn to policy and program development.

Planning for Next Meeting

- Dr. Boughton will be returning to the committee next month to share more details on the Department's partnership with Proving Ground of Harvard University.

Wrap Up & Adjourn

- Attendance Rate Calculation Rule-3301-18-01 (Five-Year Review) Update: Chris Woolard
- Mr. Woolard updated members on language clean up that occurred to the rule after it was voted on by committee in September.
- The revised language was shared with Mr. Hagan and Ms. Woods. The rule will come before the full board tomorrow.
- Member Dodd asked how the Standards Confirmation Process is going? Lisa Chandler,

Director of the Office of Assessment responded offering insight into the level of interest received from teachers and parents. She will have additional updates at the next meeting.

BOARD PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair: Laura Kohler, Vice Chair: Charlotte McGuire

Mrs. Kohler gave a report from the Executive Committee meeting focusing on the following issues:

Members Present: Laura Kohler, Charlotte McGuire, Sarah Fowler-Arthur, John Hagan, Mark Lamoncha, Antoinette Miranda, Steve Dackin.

Ohio Teacher of the Year Acceptance of Gifts and Privileges:

- Staff spent time answering Board members questions from the September State Board of Education meeting.
- Executive Committee members voted 6-0 to pass out the Ohio Teacher of the Year Acceptance of Gifts and Privileges program with the understanding that the committee would review the Memorandum of Understanding prior to the November meeting and that two State Board of Education members would sit on the advisory Board.

VOTING ON THE REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

President Kohler called on Superintendent DeMaria for his report and recommendations.

President Kohler presented the following recommendations (Items 1-2) on the Consent Agenda:

1. **RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE PERMANENT VOLUNTARY SURRENDER AND DENIAL OF LICENSES FORM SIGNED BY DAVID L. BROWN AND TO ENTER AN ORDER TO REVOKE PERMANENTLY ALL OF HIS CURRENT AND PREVIOUSLY HELD LICENSES, PERMITS, AND CERTIFICATES AND TO DENY PERMANENTLY ANY OF HIS PENDING APPLICATIONS FOR A LICENSE, PERMIT, OR CERTIFICATE**

I **RECOMMEND** that the State Board of Education **ADOPT** the following Resolution:

WHEREAS David L. Brown has applied for and/or has been issued a license, permit, or certificate by the Ohio Department of Education; and

WHEREAS on September 16, 2020, the Ohio Department of Education received a permanent voluntary surrender and denial of licenses form from David L. Brown that authorizes the State Board of Education to enter an order permanently revoking all of his current and previously held licenses, permits, and certificates and permanently denying any pending applications that he has submitted for a license, permit, or certificate based upon Mr. Brown's decision not to participate in any further proceedings pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3319.311; and

WHEREAS the form specifies that David L. Brown is ineligible for and may not reapply for certification or licensure in the state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS David L. Brown has expressly and forever waived all rights as set forth in Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code, including but not limited to, his right to a hearing and his right to appeal the Resolution of the State Board of Education: Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3319.31(B)(1) and Ohio Revised Code 3319.311(F), hereby **REVOKES** David L. Brown's current and any previously held licenses, permits, and certificates and **DENIES** any pending applications that he has submitted for a license, permit, or certificate based upon Mr. Brown's decision not to participate in any further proceedings pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3319.311. Further, the State Board of Education, in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3301-73-22(A)(2)(b) and (A)(3)(b), orders David L. Brown be permanently ineligible to apply for any license, permit, or certificate issued by the State Board of Education; and, Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the State Superintendent of Public Instruction be, and he hereby is, directed to notify Mr. Brown of this action.

2. **RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE PERMANENT VOLUNTARY SURRENDER AND DENIAL OF LICENSES FORM SIGNED BY ABBY J. BUSHMAN AND TO ENTER AN ORDER TO REVOKE PERMANENTLY ALL OF HER CURRENT AND PREVIOUSLY HELD LICENSES, PERMITS, AND CERTIFICATES AND TO DENY PERMANENTLY ANY OF HER PENDING APPLICATIONS FOR A LICENSE, PERMIT, OR CERTIFICATE**

I **RECOMMEND** that the State Board of Education **ADOPT** the following Resolution:

WHEREAS Abby J. Bushman has applied for and/or has been issued a license, permit, or certificate by the Ohio Department of Education; and

WHEREAS on September 15, 2020, the Ohio Department of Education received a permanent voluntary surrender and denial of licenses form from Abby J. Bushman that authorizes the State Board of Education to enter an order permanently revoking all of her current and previously held licenses, permits, and certificates and permanently denying any pending applications that she has submitted for a license, permit, or certificate based upon Ms. Bushman's decision not to participate in any further proceedings pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3319.31; and

WHEREAS the form specifies that Abby J. Bushman is ineligible for and may not reapply for certification or licensure in the state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS Abby J. Bushman has expressly and forever waived all rights as set forth in Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code, including but not limited to, her right to a hearing and her right to appeal the Resolution of the State Board of Education: Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3319.31(B)(1) and Ohio Revised Code 3319.311(F), hereby **REVOKES** Abby J. Bushman's current and any previously held licenses, permits, and certificates and **DENIES** any pending applications that she has submitted for a license, permit, or certificate based upon Ms. Bushman's decision not to participate in any further proceedings pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3319.31. Further, the State Board of Education, in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3301-73-22(A)(2)(b) and (A)(3)(b), orders Abby J. Bushman be permanently ineligible to apply for any license, permit, or certificate issued by the State Board of Education; and, Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the State Superintendent of Public Instruction be, and he hereby is, directed to notify Ms. Bushman of this action.

It was Moved by Mr. Hagan and Seconded by Mr. Lamoncha that the Consent Agenda (Items 1-2) be approved.

President Kohler called for a roll call vote.

YES VOTES

Stephen Dackin	Stephanie Dodd
Sarah Fowler Arthur	John Hagan
Linda Haycock	Meryl Johnson
Jenny Kilgore	Laura Kohler
Mark Lamoncha	Paul LaRue
Antoinette Miranda	Nick Owens
Eric Poklar	Mike Toal
Lisa Woods	

Motion carried.

Dr. Miranda presented the following recommendation (Item 3):

3. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 3301-14-01 OF THE OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

The State Board of Education **ADOPTS** the following Preamble and Resolutions:

Under Ohio Revised Code section 3301.0714, the State Board of Education (the "Board") is required to adopt rules for a statewide emergency management system;

In accordance with its authority, the Board adopted section 3301-14-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code, which includes requirements for the Education Management Information System guidelines;

As part of a five-year rule review, the Continuous Improvement Committee reviewed Ohio Administrative Code section 3301-14-01;

The Department posted the rule with proposed amendments for public comment, which began June 24, 2020, and ended July 24, 2020; and

The Continuous Improvement Committee recommends that the State Board of Education adopt the proposed amendments to section 3301-14-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code in the form attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education adopts the proposed amendments to section 3301-14-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code in the form attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Public Instruction or his designee is hereby directed to file the rule with the proper agencies, and the same be made available upon request, without charge, to all persons affected by the rule.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Public Instruction is hereby directed to give proper notice under the provisions of Chapter 119 of the Revised Code of the holding of a hearing on the rule; that public notice be given in the Register of Ohio; and that the notice contain a general statement of the subject matter to which the rule relates.

It was Moved by Dr. Miranda that the above recommendation (Item 3) be approved.

President Kohler called for a roll call vote.

YES VOTES

Stephen Dackin	Stephanie Dodd
Sarah Fowler Arthur	John Hagan
Linda Haycock	Meryl Johnson
Jenny Kilgore	Laura Kohler
Mark Lamoncha	Paul LaRue
Antoinette Miranda	Nick Owens
Eric Poklar	Mike Toal
Lisa Woods	

Motion carried.

Mr. Hagan presented the following recommendation (Item 4):

4. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 3301-18-01 OF THE OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

The State Board of Education **ADOPTS** the following Preamble and Resolutions:

As part of a five-year rule review, the Assessment and Accountability Committee reviewed Ohio Administrative Code section 3301-18-01;

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The Department posted the rule with proposed amendments for public comment, which began July 13, 2020, and ended August 13, 2020; and

During its September meeting, the Assessment and Accountability Committee recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the proposed amendments to section 3301-18-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code in the form attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education adopts the proposed amendments to section 3301-18-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code in the form attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Public Instruction or his designee is hereby directed to file the rule with the proper agencies, and the same be made available upon request, without charge, to all persons affected by the rule.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Public Instruction is hereby directed to give proper notice under the provisions of Chapter 119 of the Revised Code of the holding of a hearing on the rule; that public notice be given in the Register of Ohio; and that the notice contain a general statement of the subject matter to which the rule relates.

It was Moved by Mr. Hagan that the above recommendation (Item 4) be approved.

Mr. Hagan Moved to amend the resolution (rule) by substitution. Mrs. Fowler Arthur Seconded the motion. He proposed the following change;

The underlined and shaded language below was moved from Section C to Section G(1). A minor wording change was also made.

Original Language:

(C) While students can make up missed assignments or receive instructional services while suspended, that does not count as attendance.

Proposed Amendment change to language and placement:

(G) Attendance ~~days~~hours for a student are defined as the actual number of ~~days~~hours the student was in attendance in the district for the entire year.

(1) Attendance ~~days~~hours shall include in-school suspensions, school sponsored field trips and the number of ~~days~~hours a student received instructional services from the school district while expelled or while serving an out-of-school suspension. While students can make up missed assignments while suspended, that does not count as attendance.

Mrs. Dodd stated she would like to see Revised Code referenced in the rule for clarity. Mr. Woolard stated that could be done but would probably require this be brought back to the committee.

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Mr. Poklar recommended moving this back to committee.

Mr. Poklar Moved to refer this item back to committee. Ms. Johnson Seconded the motion.

Ms. Johnson stated she felt this item should go back to committee for clarity.

Mrs. Dodd did not support the item being referred back to committee. She felt this was a simple change that was made confusing the way it was brought forward.

Mrs. Fowler Arthur spoke in favor of this item being voted on today.

Dr. Kilgore supported this item being voted on today.

President Kohler called for a roll call vote on the proposed motion to refer Item 4 back to committee.

YES VOTES

Meryl Johnson	Eric Poklar
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NO VOTES

Stephen Dackin	Stephanie Dodd
Sarah Fowler Arthur	John Hagan
Linda Haycock	Jenny Kilgore
Laura Kohler	Mark Lamoncha
Paul LaRue	Antoinette Miranda
Mike Toal	Lisa Woods

Motion defeated.

President Kohler called for a roll call vote on the proposed amendment by Mr. Hagan.

YES VOTES

Stephen Dackin	Stephanie Dodd
Sarah Fowler Arthur	John Hagan
Linda Haycock	Meryl Johnson
Jenny Kilgore	Laura Kohler
Mark Lamoncha	Paul LaRue
Antoinette Miranda	Eric Poklar
Mike Toal	Lisa Woods

Motion carried.

President Kohler called for a roll call vote on the resolution (rule) as amended.

YES VOTES

Stephen Dackin	Stephanie Dodd
Sarah Fowler Arthur	John Hagan
Linda Haycock	Kirsten Hill
Meryl Johnson	Jenny Kilgore
Laura Kohler	Mark Lamoncha

Paul LaRue
Eric Poklar
Lisa Woods

Antoinette Miranda
Mike Toal

Motion carried.

Mrs. Fowler Arthur presented the following recommendation (Item 5):

5. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CHANGES TO OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE RULE 3301-24-23 / RESIDENT EDUCATOR LICENSE RENEWAL AND OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 3301-24-24 / ALTERNATIVE RESIDENT EDUCATOR LICENSE RENEWAL

The State Board of Education (“Board”) hereby **ADOPTS** changes to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3301-24-23 / Resident Educator License Renewal and OAC 3301-24-24 / Alternative Resident Educator License Renewal as follows:

Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3301.07 allows the Board to adopt rules necessary for carrying out any function imposed on it by law;

ORC 3319.22 requires the Board to adopt rules establishing the reasons for which a resident educator license may be renewed under division (A)(1)(a) of that section;

ORC 3319.26 requires the Board to adopt rules establishing the reasons for which an alternative resident educator license may be renewed under division (D) of that section;

These rules are being amended to provide greater clarity regarding the requirements for renewals and extensions of the respective licenses to which each of the rules pertain;

The Educator Standards Board recommended adoption of the rules in the form attached hereto at its May 2020 meeting;

The Teaching, Leading, and Learning Committee recommended adoption of the rules in the form attached hereto at its September 2020 meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby adopts the changes to OAC 3301-24-23 and OAC 3301-24-24 in the form attached hereto;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Public Instruction or his designee be, and hereby is, directed to file the rules with the proper agencies, and the same be made available upon request, without charge, to all persons affected by said rules; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Public Instruction be, and hereby is, directed to give proper notice under the provisions of Chapter 119 of the Revised Code of the holding of a hearing on said rules; that public notice be given in the Register of Ohio, and that said notice contain a general statement of the subject matter to which the rules relate.

It was Moved by Mrs. Fowler Arthur that the above recommendation (Item 5) be approved.

President Kohler called for a roll call vote.

YES VOTES

Stephen Dackin	Stephanie Dodd
Sarah Fowler Arthur	John Hagan
Linda Haycock	Kirsten Hill
Meryl Johnson	Jenny Kilgore
Laura Kohler	Mark Lamoncha
Paul LaRue	Antoinette Miranda
Eric Poklar	Mike Toal
Lisa Woods	

Motion carried.

Aaron Ross, Director, Office of Professional Conduct, presented the following recommendation (Item 6):

6. RESOLUTION TO REVOKE THE THREE-YEAR PUPIL ACTIVITY PERMIT OF JALEN V. DAOUST

I **RECOMMEND** that the State Board of Education **ADOPT** the following Resolution:

WHEREAS Jalen V. Daoust holds a three-year pupil activity permit issued in 2017; and

WHEREAS on March 17, 2020, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, on behalf of the State Board of Education, notified Jalen V. Daoust of its intent to determine whether to limit, suspend, revoke, or permanently revoke his three-year pupil activity permit issued in 2017 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3319.31(B)(1). The notice was based upon Mr. Daoust's 2019 plea of no contest in the Toledo Municipal Court to one misdemeanor count of obstructing official business and his subsequent entry into the court's pre-trial diversion program; and

WHEREAS the notice informed Mr. Daoust that if he fails within thirty days to request a hearing in accordance with Section 119.07 of the Ohio Revised Code, the State Board of Education will proceed to determine whether to limit, suspend, revoke, or permanently revoke his three-year pupil activity permit issued in 2017; and

WHEREAS the thirty-day deadline to request a hearing was tolled until July 30, 2020 by Section 22(A) of Am. Sub. H.B. No. 197; and

WHEREAS Jalen V. Daoust did not request a hearing in accordance with Section 119.07 of the Ohio Revised Code and within the additional time provided by Am. Sub. H.B. No. 197; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education has reviewed the affidavit of the director of the Office of Professional Conduct, the State Board of Education's Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, certified court records from the Toledo Municipal Court, and certified police records from the Toledo Police Department; and

WHEREAS Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3301-73-05 authorizes the State Board of Education to impose disciplinary action against any licenses held or applied for without holding an administrative hearing if the applicant and/or license holder fails within thirty days to request a hearing in accordance with Section 119.07 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education has considered the factors listed in Rule 3301-73-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code and has considered the *Licensure Code of Professional Conduct for Ohio Educators*, which contains standards for the teaching profession and provides guidelines for conduct that is unbecoming to the teaching profession: Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3319.31(B)(1), hereby **REVOKES** Jalen V. Daoust's three-year pupil activity permit issued in 2017 based upon Mr. Daoust's 2019 plea of no contest in the Toledo Municipal Court to one misdemeanor count of obstructing official business and his subsequent entry into the court's pre-trial diversion program. Further, the State Board of Education, in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3301-73-22(A)(2)(a), orders that Jalen V. Daoust be ineligible to apply for any license, permit, or certificate issued by the State Board of Education until he provides written verification to the Ohio Department of Education that he has completed his court-ordered diversion program and has completed, at his own expense, eight hours of ethics training, with the training to be approved in advance by the Ohio Department of Education; and, Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the State Superintendent of Public Instruction be, and he hereby is, directed to notify Mr. Daoust of this action.

It was Moved by Ms. Johnson and Seconded by Dr. Kilgore that the above recommendation (Item 6) be approved.

President Kohler called for a roll call vote.

YES VOTES

Stephen Dackin
Sarah Fowler Arthur
Linda Haycock
Meryl Johnson
Laura Kohler
Paul LaRue
Eric Poklar

Stephanie Dodd
John Hagan
Kirsten Hill
Jenny Kilgore
Mark Lamoncha
Antoinette Miranda
Mike Toal

Lisa Woods

Motion carried.

Aaron Ross, Director, Office of Professional Conduct, presented the following recommendation (Item 7):

7. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE HEARING OFFICER TO DENY PERMANENTLY THE FOUR-YEAR RESIDENT EDUCATOR ADOLESCENCE TO YOUNG ADULT TEACHING LICENSE APPLICATION OF JAMES R. DAVIS

I **RECOMMEND** that the State Board of Education **ADOPT** the following Resolution:

WHEREAS James R. Davis has applied for a four-year resident educator adolescence to young adult teaching license; and

WHEREAS on May 16, 2019, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, on behalf of the State Board of Education, notified James R. Davis of its intent to deny or permanently deny his application for a four-year resident educator adolescence to young adult teaching license pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3319.31(B)(1). The notice was based upon Mr. Davis engaging in the following conduct that is unbecoming to the teaching profession: from on or about June to August 2016, he encouraged an inappropriate relationship with a student by asking the student if the student would like to see his sex toy, discussing the student's genitalia with the student and referring to the student's genitalia as distracting, and discussing a pornographic film performer with the student; on or about August 20, 2016, Mr. Davis used technology to promote inappropriate communications with a different minor student and encouraged that student to sneak out of his home without parental consent; and on or about June, July, and August 2016, Mr. Davis engaged in conversations of a sexual nature with students, including but not limited to conversations with the students referred to above; and

WHEREAS Mr. Davis did not request a hearing regarding the State Board of Education's intent; and

WHEREAS a hearing was held on November 19, 2019; and

WHEREAS Mr. Davis was not present at the hearing, nor was he represented by counsel; and

WHEREAS the hearing officer recommends that Mr. Davis' application be denied. Further it is recommended that Mr. Davis be permanently ineligible to apply for any license, permit, or certificate issued by the State Board of Education. The hearing officer's recommendation is based upon Mr. Davis' predatory behavior with young student athletes, over whom he held a degree of coercive power, being unconscionable; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education has considered the factors listed in Rule 3301-73-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code and has considered the *Licensure*

Code of Professional Conduct for Ohio Educators, which contains standards for the teaching profession and provides guidelines for conduct that is unbecoming to the teaching profession: Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3319.31(B)(1), hereby **DENIES** James R. Davis' application for a four-year resident educator adolescence to young adult teaching license based upon Mr. Davis engaging in the following conduct that is unbecoming to the teaching profession: from on or about June to August 2016, he encouraged an inappropriate relationship with a student by asking the student if the student would like to see his sex toy, discussing the student's genitalia with the student and referring to the student's genitalia as distracting, and discussing a pornographic film performer with the student; on or about August 20, 2016, Mr. Davis used technology to promote inappropriate communications with a different minor student and encouraged that student to sneak out of his home without parental consent; and on or about June, July, and August 2016, Mr. Davis engaged in conversations of a sexual nature with students, including but not limited to conversations with the students referred to above. Further, the State Board of Education, in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3301-73-22(A)(3)(b), orders James R. Davis be permanently ineligible to apply for any license, permit, or certificate issued by the State Board of Education; and, Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the State Superintendent of Public Instruction be, and he hereby is, directed to notify Mr. Davis of this action.

It was Moved by Dr. Kilgore and Seconded by Mr. Hagan that the above recommendation (Item 7) be approved.

President Kohler called for a roll call vote.

YES VOTES

Stephen Dackin
Sarah Fowler Arthur
Linda Haycock
Meryl Johnson
Laura Kohler
Paul LaRue
Eric Poklar
Lisa Woods

Stephanie Dodd
John Hagan
Kirsten Hill
Jenny Kilgore
Mark Lamoncha
Antoinette Miranda
Mike Toal

Motion carried.

Aaron Ross, Director, Office of Professional Conduct, presented the following recommendation (Item 8):

8. RESOLUTION TO REVOKE PERMANENTLY THE THREE-YEAR PUPIL ACTIVITY PERMIT OF GREGG B. JACKSON

I **RECOMMEND** that the State Board of Education **ADOPT** the following Resolution:

WHEREAS Gregg B. Jackson holds a three-year pupil activity permit issued in 2018; and

WHEREAS on March 3, 2020, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, on behalf of the State Board of Education, notified Gregg B. Jackson of its intent to determine whether to limit, suspend, revoke, or permanently revoke his three-year pupil activity permit issued in 2018 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3319.31(B)(1) and (B)(2)(a). The notice was based upon Mr. Jackson's 2019 conviction in the Logan County Court of Common Pleas for one felony count of attempted tampering with evidence; and

WHEREAS the notice informed Mr. Jackson that if he fails within thirty days to request a hearing in accordance with Section 119.07 of the Ohio Revised Code, the State Board of Education will proceed to determine whether to limit, suspend, revoke, or permanently revoke his three-year pupil activity permit issued in 2018; and

WHEREAS the thirty-day deadline to request a hearing was tolled until July 30, 2020 by Section 22(A) of Am. Sub. H.B. No. 197; and

WHEREAS Gregg B. Jackson did not request a hearing in accordance with Section 119.07 of the Ohio Revised Code and within the additional time provided by Am. Sub. H.B. No. 197; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education has reviewed the affidavit of the director of the Office of Professional Conduct, the State Board of Education's Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, certified court records from the Logan County Court of Common Pleas, and certified police records from the Logan County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3301-73-05 authorizes the State Board of Education to impose disciplinary action against any licenses held or applied for without holding an administrative hearing if the applicant and/or license holder fails within thirty days to request a hearing in accordance with Section 119.07 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education has considered the factors listed in Rule 3301-73-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code and has considered the *Licensure Code of Professional Conduct for Ohio Educators*, which contains standards for the teaching profession and provides guidelines for conduct that is unbecoming to the teaching profession: Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3319.31(B)(1) and (B)(2)(a), hereby **REVOKES** Gregg B. Jackson's three-year pupil activity permit issued in 2018 based upon Mr. Jackson's 2019 conviction in the Logan County Court of Common Pleas for one felony count of attempted tampering with evidence. Further, the State Board of Education, in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3301-73-22(A)(2)(b), orders that Gregg B. Jackson be permanently ineligible to apply for any license, permit, or certificate issued by the State Board of Education; and, Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the State Superintendent of Public Instruction be, and he hereby is, directed to notify Mr. Jackson of this action.

It was Moved by Ms. Johnson and Seconded by Mrs. Fowler Arthur that the above recommendation (Item 8) be approved.

President Kohler called for a roll call vote.

YES VOTES

Stephen Dackin	Stephanie Dodd
Sarah Fowler Arthur	John Hagan
Linda Haycock	Kirsten Hill
Meryl Johnson	Jenny Kilgore
Laura Kohler	Mark Lamoncha
Paul LaRue	Antoinette Miranda
Eric Poklar	Mike Toal
Lisa Woods	

Motion carried.

Kelly Edwards, Assistant Director, Office of Professional Conduct, presented the following recommendation (Item 9):

9. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE HEARING OFFICER TO DENY THE FOUR-YEAR RESIDENT EDUCATOR K-12 INTERVENTION SPECIALIST TEACHING LICENSE APPLICATION AND TO REVOKE THE FOUR-YEAR RESIDENT EDUCATOR EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHING LICENSE, FOUR-YEAR RESIDENT EDUCATOR EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION SPECIALIST TEACHING LICENSE, AND FOUR-YEAR PUPIL ACTIVITY PERMIT OF AMBER A. JARVIS

I **RECOMMEND** that the State Board of Education **ADOPT** the following Resolution:

WHEREAS Amber A. Jarvis has applied for a four-year resident educator K-12 intervention specialist teaching license, and holds a four-year resident educator early childhood teaching license issued in 2017, four-year resident educator early childhood intervention specialist teaching license issued in 2017, and four-year pupil activity permit issued in 2018 with an effective year of 2017; and

WHEREAS on July 11, 2019, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, on behalf of the State Board of Education, notified Amber A. Jarvis of its intent to deny or permanently deny her application for a four-year resident educator K-12 intervention specialist teaching license, and to limit, suspend, revoke, or permanently revoke her four-year resident educator early childhood teaching license issued in 2017, four-year resident educator early childhood intervention specialist teaching license issued in 2017, and four-year pupil activity permit issued in 2018 with an effective year of 2017 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code

3319.31(B)(1). The notice was based upon Ms. Jarvis engaging in conduct that is unbecoming to the teaching profession on or about September 27, 2018, when she submitted falsified documentation to the Ohio Department of Education in support of her application for a four-year resident educator intervention specialist K-12 teaching license, specifically by submitting documentation that stated she was eligible for initial certification in the area of K-12 special education in the State of West Virginia when she was not eligible for that certification; and

WHEREAS Ms. Jarvis requested a hearing regarding the State Board of Education's intent; and

WHEREAS a hearing was held on March 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS Ms. Jarvis was present at the hearing, and she was represented by counsel; and

WHEREAS the hearing officer recommends that Ms. Jarvis' application for a four-year resident educator K-12 intervention specialist teaching license be denied and her four-year resident educator early childhood teaching license issued in 2017, four-year resident educator early childhood intervention specialist teaching license issued in 2017, and four-year pupil activity permit issued in 2017 with an effective year of 2017 be revoked. Further, the hearing officer recommends that Ms. Jarvis not be permitted to reapply for any license, certificate, or permit for a period of three years and upon reapplication, she must provide written verification to the Ohio Department of Education of her ongoing participation in counseling and that she has completed, at her own expense, twelve hours of training in professionalism and ethics, with the training to be approved in advance by the Ohio Department of Education. The hearing officer's recommendation is based upon Ms. Jarvis making an egregious choice and exhibiting very poor decision-making skills when she submitted a falsified letter with an application for a license, but finding in mitigation that Ms. Jarvis accepted responsibility for her behavior and is amenable to rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education has considered the factors listed in Rule 3301-73-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code and has considered the *Licensure Code of Professional Conduct for Ohio Educators*, which contains standards for the teaching profession and provides guidelines for conduct that is unbecoming to the teaching profession: Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3319.31(B)(1), hereby **DENIES** Amber A. Jarvis' application for a four-year resident educator K-12 intervention specialist teaching license and **REVOKES** Amber A. Jarvis' four-year resident educator early childhood teaching license issued in 2017, four-year resident educator early childhood intervention specialist teaching license issued in 2017, and four-year pupil activity permit issued in 2018 with an effective year of 2017 based upon Ms. Jarvis engaging in conduct that is unbecoming to the teaching profession on or about September 27, 2018, when she submitted falsified documentation to the Ohio Department of Education in support of her application for a four-year resident educator intervention specialist K-12 teaching license, specifically by submitting documentation that stated she was eligible for initial certification in the area of K-12 special education in the State of West Virginia when she was not eligible for that certification. Further, the State Board of Education, in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3301-73-22(A)(3)(a), orders that Amber A. Jarvis be ineligible to reapply for any

license, permit, or certificate issued by the State Board of Education until on or after October 12, 2023, and upon reapplication, she must submit written verification to the Ohio Department of Education of her ongoing participation in counseling and that she has completed, at her own expense, twelve hours of training in professionalism and ethics, with the training to be approved in advance by the Ohio Department of Education; and, Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the State Superintendent of Public Instruction be, and he hereby is, directed to notify Ms. Jarvis of this action.

It was Moved by Dr. Kilgore and Seconded by Mr. Hagan that the above recommendation (Item 9) be approved.

President Kohler called for a roll call vote.

YES VOTES

Stephen Dackin	Stephanie Dodd
Sarah Fowler Arthur	John Hagan
Linda Haycock	Kirsten Hill
Meryl Johnson	Jenny Kilgore
Laura Kohler	Mark Lamoncha
Paul LaRue	Antoinette Miranda
Eric Poklar	Mike Toal
Lisa Woods	

Motion carried.

Kelly Edwards, Assistant Director, Office of Professional Conduct, presented the following recommendation (Item 10):

10. RESOLUTION TO DENY PERMANENTLY THE ONE-YEAR EDUCATIONAL AIDE PERMIT APPLICATION OF MINDY B. JONES

I **RECOMMEND** that the State Board of Education **ADOPT** the following Resolution:

WHEREAS Mindy B. Jones has applied for a one-year educational aide permit; and

WHEREAS on February 28, 2020, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, on behalf of the State Board of Education, notified Mindy B. Jones of its intent to deny or permanently deny her application for a one-year educational aide permit pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3319.31(B)(1), (B)(2)(b), (B)(2)(d), and (F) and Rule 3301-20-01(E) of the Ohio Administrative Code. The notice was based upon Ms. Jones' 2012 conviction in the Hamilton Municipal Court for one misdemeanor count of assault, 2000 conviction in the Hamilton Municipal Court for one misdemeanor count of drug abuse, 1998 conviction in the Hamilton Municipal Court for one misdemeanor count of assault, and 1998 conviction in the Hamilton

Municipal Court, in a separate case, for one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct; and

WHEREAS the notice informed Ms. Jones that if she fails within thirty days to request a hearing in accordance with Section 119.07 of the Ohio Revised Code, the State Board of Education will proceed to deny or permanently deny her application for a one-year educational aide permit; and

WHEREAS the thirty-day deadline to request a hearing was tolled until July 30, 2020 by Section 22(A) of Am. Sub. H.B. No. 197; and

WHEREAS Mindy B. Jones did not request a hearing in accordance with Section 119.07 of the Ohio Revised Code and within the additional time provided by Am. Sub. H.B. No. 197; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education has reviewed the affidavit of the director of the Office of Professional Conduct, the State Board of Education's Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, and certified court records from the Hamilton Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3301-73-05 authorizes the State Board of Education to impose disciplinary action against any licenses held or applied for without holding an administrative hearing if the applicant and/or license holder fails within thirty days to request a hearing in accordance with Section 119.07 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS Ms. Jones is not eligible for licensure by the State Board of Education since she cannot meet the rehabilitation criteria established by Rule 3301-20-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code because she has two or more convictions involving violent offenses; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education has considered the factors listed in Rule 3301-73-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code and has considered the *Licensure Code of Professional Conduct for Ohio Educators*, which contains standards for the teaching profession and provides guidelines for conduct that is unbecoming to the teaching profession: Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3319.31(B)(1), (B)(2)(b), (B)(2)(d), and (F) and Rule 3301-20-01(E) of the Ohio Administrative Code, hereby **DENIES** Mindy B. Jones' application for a one-year educational aide permit based upon Ms. Jones' 2012 conviction in the Hamilton Municipal Court for one misdemeanor count of assault, 2000 conviction in the Hamilton Municipal Court for one misdemeanor count of drug abuse, 1998 conviction in the Hamilton Municipal Court for one misdemeanor count of assault, and 1998 conviction in the Hamilton Municipal Court, in a separate case, for one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Further, the State Board of Education, in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3301-73-22(A)(3)(b), orders that Mindy B. Jones be permanently ineligible to apply for any license, permit, or certificate issued by the State Board of Education; and, Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the State Superintendent of Public Instruction be, and he hereby is, directed to notify Ms. Jones of this action.

It was Moved by Dr. Kilgore and Seconded by Mrs. Fowler Arthur that the above recommendation (Item 10) be approved.

President Kohler called for a roll call vote.

YES VOTES

Stephen Dackin	Stephanie Dodd
Sarah Fowler Arthur	John Hagan
Linda Haycock	Kirsten Hill
Meryl Johnson	Jenny Kilgore
Laura Kohler	Mark Lamoncha
Paul LaRue	Antoinette Miranda
Eric Poklar	Mike Toal
Lisa Woods	

Motion carried.

Aaron Ross, Director, Office of Professional Conduct, presented the following recommendation (Item 11):

11. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE HEARING OFFICER TO REVOKE PERMANENTLY THE FOUR-YEAR RESIDENT EDUCATOR MIDDLE CHILDHOOD TEACHING LICENSE OF GEORGE M. LINDEMAN

I **RECOMMEND** that the State Board of Education **ADOPT** the following Resolution:

WHEREAS George M. Lindeman holds a four-year resident educator middle childhood teaching license issued in 2016; and

WHEREAS on May 21, 2019, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, on behalf of the State Board of Education, notified George M. Lindeman of its intent to determine whether to limit, suspend, revoke, or permanently revoke his four-year resident educator middle childhood teaching license issued in 2016 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3319.31(B)(1). The notice was based upon Mr. Lindeman engaging in conduct that is unbecoming to the teaching profession on or about 2015-2016 when he failed to maintain appropriate boundaries with a student, including but not limited to the following: he told the student at a football game that the student looked really good; he invited the student to a party; and he inappropriately communicated with the student via Facebook and told the student that the student looked cute and that he was going to steal the student away when the student turned eighteen; and

WHEREAS Mr. Lindeman did not request a hearing regarding the State Board of Education's intent; and

WHEREAS a hearing was held on January 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS Mr. Lindeman was not present at the hearing or represented by counsel, but he did submit his contentions in writing; and

WHEREAS the hearing officer recommends that Mr. Lindeman's license be revoked and that he be permanently ineligible to apply for any license, permit, or certificate issued by the State Board of Education. The hearing officer's recommendation is based upon Mr. Lindeman's apparent inability to recognize and adhere to boundaries and the nature and seriousness of engaging in an inappropriate relationship with a student; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education has considered the factors listed in Rule 3301-73-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code and has considered the *Licensure Code of Professional Conduct for Ohio Educators*, which contains standards for the teaching profession and provides guidelines for conduct that is unbecoming to the teaching profession: Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3319.31(B)(1), hereby **REVOKES** George M. Lindeman's four-year resident educator middle childhood teaching license issued in 2016 based upon Mr. Lindeman engaging in conduct that is unbecoming to the teaching profession on or about 2015-2016 when he failed to maintain appropriate boundaries with a student, including but not limited to the following: he told the student at a football game that the student looked really good; he invited the student to a party; and he inappropriately communicated with the student via Facebook and told the student that the student looked cute and that he was going to steal the student away when the student turned eighteen. Further, the State Board of Education, in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3301-73-22(A)(2)(b), orders George M. Lindeman be permanently ineligible to apply for any license, permit, or certificate issued by the State Board of Education; and, Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the State Superintendent of Public Instruction be, and he hereby is, directed to notify Mr. Lindeman of this action.

It was Moved by Mrs. Fowler Arthur and Seconded by Mr. LaRue that the above recommendation (Item 11) be approved.

President Kohler called for a roll call vote.

YES VOTES

Stephen Dackin
Sarah Fowler Arthur
Linda Haycock
Meryl Johnson
Laura Kohler
Paul LaRue
Eric Poklar
Lisa Woods

Stephanie Dodd
John Hagan
Kirsten Hill
Jenny Kilgore
Mark Lamoncha
Antoinette Miranda
Mike Toal

Motion carried.

Kelly Edwards, Assistant Director, Office of Professional Conduct, presented the following recommendation (Item 12):

12. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE HEARING OFFICER TO REVOKE PERMANENTLY THE ONE-YEAR SUBSTITUTE GENERAL EDUCATION TEACHING LICENSE AND THREE-YEAR PUPIL ACTIVITY PERMIT OF TAKIAS L. PEOPLES

I **RECOMMEND** that the State Board of Education **ADOPT** the following Resolution:

WHEREAS Takias L. Peoples held a one-year substitute general education teaching license issued in 2012 and a three-year pupil activity permit issued in 2011; and

WHEREAS on May 20, 2019, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, on behalf of the State Board of Education, notified Takias L. Peoples of its intent to determine whether to limit, suspend, revoke, or permanently revoke his one-year substitute general education teaching license issued in 2012 and three-year pupil activity permit issued in 2011 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3319.31(B)(1). The notice was based upon Mr. Peoples engaging in conduct that is unbecoming to the teaching profession on or about December 2014 through February 2016, when he engaged in a sexual relationship with a high school student; and

WHEREAS Mr. Peoples did not request a hearing regarding the State Board of Education's intent; and

WHEREAS a hearing was held on December 2, 2019; and

WHEREAS Mr. Peoples was not present at the hearing, nor was he represented by counsel; and

WHEREAS the hearing officer recommends that Mr. Peoples' license and permit be revoked and that he be permanently ineligible to apply for any license, permit, or certificate issued by the State Board of Education. The hearing officer's recommendation is based upon Mr. Peoples' act of using his coaching background to knowingly and intentionally befriend a high school student on a social media site, entice the student into a sexual relationship, and engage in that sexual relationship for over a year while knowing the student was a high school student and/or minor; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education considered the objections to the hearing officer's report and recommendation which Mr. Peoples timely filed; and

WHEREAS the Ohio Department of Education filed a motion to strike Mr. Peoples' objections based on Mr. Peoples using the objections to introduce evidence into the administrative record that he was otherwise precluded from adding due to his failure to timely request a hearing; and

WHEREAS the hearing officer recommended that the Ohio Department of Education's motion to strike Mr. Peoples' objections in part be granted based upon

Mr. Peoples using the objections to present evidence that he is otherwise barred from introducing into the administrative record; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education considered the hearing officer's recommendation to strike in part Mr. Peoples' objections in accordance with the hearing officer's recommendation in his February 18, 2020 entry; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education has considered the factors listed in Rule 3301-73-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code and has considered the *Licensure Code of Professional Conduct for Ohio Educators*, which contains standards for the teaching profession and provides guidelines for conduct that is unbecoming to the teaching profession: Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education accepts the hearing officer's recommendation to strike in part Mr. Peoples' objections; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education hereby **STRIKES** Takias L. Peoples' objections in accordance with the hearing officer's entry dated February 18, 2020; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3319.31(B)(1), hereby **REVOKES** Takias L. Peoples's one-year substitute general education teaching license issued in 2012 and three-year pupil activity permit issued in 2011 based upon Mr. Peoples engaging in conduct that is unbecoming to the teaching profession on or about December 2014 through February 2016, when he engaged in a sexual relationship with a high school student. Further, the State Board of Education, in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3301-73-22(A)(2)(b), orders Takias L. Peoples be permanently ineligible to apply for any license, permit, or certificate issued by the State Board of Education; and, Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the State Superintendent of Public Instruction be, and he hereby is, directed to notify Mr. Peoples of this action.

It was Moved by Mr. Hagan and Seconded by Mrs. Fowler Arthur that the above recommendation (Item 12) be approved.

President Kohler called for a roll call vote.

YES VOTES

Stephen Dackin
Sarah Fowler Arthur
Linda Haycock
Meryl Johnson
Laura Kohler
Paul LaRue
Eric Poklar
Lisa Woods

Stephanie Dodd
John Hagan
Kirsten Hill
Jenny Kilgore
Mark Lamoncha
Antoinette Miranda
Mike Toal

Motion carried.

Aaron Ross, Director, Office of Professional Conduct, presented the following recommendation (Item 13):

13. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE HEARING OFFICER TO REVOKE PERMANENTLY THE FIVE-YEAR PROFESSIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TEACHING LICENSE AND PERMANENT NON-TAX TEACHING CERTIFICATE OF ROBERT A. REITH

I **RECOMMEND** that the State Board of Education **ADOPT** the following Resolution:

WHEREAS Robert A. Reith holds a five-year professional high school teaching license issued in 2016 and a permanent non-tax teaching certificate issued in 2006; and

WHEREAS on April 23, 2019, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, on behalf of the State Board of Education, notified Robert A. Reith of its intent to determine whether to limit, suspend, revoke, or permanently revoke his five-year professional high school teaching license issued in 2016 and permanent non-tax teaching certificate issued in 2006 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3319.31(B)(1). The notice was based upon Mr. Reith engaging in conduct that is unbecoming to the teaching profession on or about November 14, 2017, when he was on school premises in his official capacity while under the influence, possessing, or consuming alcoholic beverages, specifically, he consumed vodka at school and five nearly empty vodka bottles were later discovered in his classroom by students; and

WHEREAS Mr. Reith requested a hearing regarding the State Board of Education's intent; and

WHEREAS a hearing was held on February 26, 2020; and

WHEREAS Mr. Reith was present at the hearing, and he was represented by counsel; and

WHEREAS the hearing officer recommends that Mr. Reith's teaching license and teaching certificate be revoked and that he be permanently ineligible to apply for any license, permit, or certificate issued by the State Board of Education. The hearing officer's recommendation is based upon the following: the nature and seriousness of Mr. Reith possessing and consuming alcohol at school; Mr. Reith making liquor available to students by keeping it in an unlocked filing cabinet; and Mr. Reith not being truthful and candid in acknowledging his misconduct; and

WHEREAS the hearing officer recommends that should the State Board of Education feel that a sanction other than permanent revocation is more appropriate, that Mr. Reith's teaching license and teaching certificate be revoked and that he not eligible to reapply for any license, permit, or certificate issued by the State Board of Education for a period of three years and upon reapplication, he must submit to a chemical dependency evaluation that finds he is fit to teach,

continue to follow the recommendations of that evaluation, and protocols must be in place to assure that he remains abstinent from alcohol; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education has considered the factors listed in Rule 3301-73-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code and has considered the *Licensure Code of Professional Conduct for Ohio Educators*, which contains standards for the teaching profession and provides guidelines for conduct that is unbecoming to the teaching profession: Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3319.31(B)(1), hereby **REVOKES** Robert A. Reith's five-year professional high school teaching license issued in 2016 and permanent non-tax teaching certificate issued in 2006 based upon Mr. Reith engaging in conduct that is unbecoming to the teaching profession between the commencement of the 2017/2018 school year and November 14, 2017, when he possessed and/or consumed five bottles of vodka at St. Peter's High School and left the bottles with some liquor still in them in an unlocked filing cabinet where they could be accessed by students. Further, the State Board of Education, in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3301-73-22(A)(2)(b), orders Robert A. Reith be permanently ineligible to apply for any license, permit, or certificate issued by the State Board of Education; and, Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the State Superintendent of Public Instruction be, and he hereby is, directed to notify Mr. Reith of this action.

It was Moved by Ms. Johnson and Seconded by Mrs. Fowler Arthur that the above recommendation (Item 13) be approved.

President Kohler called for a roll call vote.

YES VOTES

Stephen Dackin
Sarah Fowler Arthur
Linda Haycock
Meryl Johnson
Laura Kohler
Paul LaRue
Eric Poklar
Lisa Woods

Stephanie Dodd
John Hagan
Kirsten Hill
Jenny Kilgore
Mark Lamoncha
Antoinette Miranda
Mike Toal

Motion carried.

Kelly Edwards, Assistant Director, Office of Professional Conduct, presented the following recommendation (Item 14):

14. RESOLUTION TO REVOKE PERMANENTLY THE ONE-YEAR EDUCATIONAL AIDE PERMIT OF JENNIFER M. WHISMAN

I **RECOMMEND** that the State Board of Education **ADOPT** the following Resolution:

WHEREAS Jennifer M. Whisman holds a one-year educational aide permit issued in 2019; and

WHEREAS on February 28, 2020, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, on behalf of the State Board of Education, notified Jennifer M. Whisman of its intent to determine whether to limit, suspend, revoke, or permanently revoke her one-year educational aide permit issued in 2019 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3319.31(B)(1) and (B)(2)(b). The notice was based upon Ms. Whisman's 2019 conviction in the Miamisburg Municipal Court for one misdemeanor count of attempted assault after originally being charged with domestic violence; and

WHEREAS the notice informed Ms. Whisman that if she fails within thirty days to request a hearing in accordance with Section 119.07 of the Ohio Revised Code, the State Board of Education will proceed to determine whether to limit, suspend, revoke, or permanently revoke her one-year educational aide permit issued in 2019; and

WHEREAS the thirty-day deadline to request a hearing was tolled until July 30, 2020 by Section 22(A) of Am. Sub. H.B. No. 197; and

WHEREAS Jennifer M. Whisman did not request a hearing in accordance with Section 119.07 of the Ohio Revised Code and within the additional time provided by Am. Sub. H.B. No. 197; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education has reviewed the affidavit of the director of the Office of Professional Conduct, the State Board of Education's Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, certified court records from the Miamisburg Municipal Court, and certified police records from the West Carrollton Police Department; and

WHEREAS Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3301-73-05 authorizes the State Board of Education to impose disciplinary action against any licenses held or applied for without holding an administrative hearing if the applicant and/or license holder fails within thirty days to request a hearing in accordance with Section 119.07 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education has considered the factors listed in Rule 3301-73-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code and has considered the *Licensure Code of Professional Conduct for Ohio Educators*, which contains standards for the teaching profession and provides guidelines for conduct that is unbecoming to the teaching profession: Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3319.31(B)(1) and (B)(2)(b), hereby **REVOKES** Jennifer M. Whisman's one-year educational aide permit issued in 2019 based upon Ms. Whisman's 2019 conviction in the Miamisburg Municipal Court for one misdemeanor count of attempted assault after originally being charged with domestic violence. Further, the State Board of Education, in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3301-73-22(A)(2)(b), orders that Jennifer M. Whisman be permanently ineligible to apply for any license, permit, or certificate issued by the State Board of Education; and, Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the State Superintendent of Public Instruction be, and he hereby is, directed to notify Ms. Whisman of this action.

It was Moved by Mr. Hagan and Seconded by Dr. Kilgore that the above recommendation (Item 14) be approved.

President Kohler called for a roll call vote.

YES VOTES

Stephen Dackin
Sarah Fowler Arthur
Linda Haycock
Meryl Johnson
Laura Kohler
Paul LaRue
Eric Poklar
Lisa Woods

Stephanie Dodd
John Hagan
Kirsten Hill
Jenny Kilgore
Mark Lamoncha
Antoinette Miranda
Mike Toal

Motion carried.

Kelly Edwards, Assistant Director, Office of Professional Conduct, presented the following recommendation (Item 15):

15. **RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE HEARING OFFICER TO DENY PERMANENTLY THE ONE-YEAR SUBSTITUTE INTERVENTION SPECIALIST TEACHING LICENSE, FIVE-YEAR PROFESSIONAL EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHING LICENSE, AND FIVE-YEAR PROFESSIONAL INTERVENTION SPECIALIST TEACHING LICENSE APPLICATIONS OF COURTNEY L. WOODS**

I **RECOMMEND** that the State Board of Education **ADOPT** the following Resolution:

WHEREAS Courtney L. Woods has applied for a one-year substitute intervention specialist teaching license, five-year professional early childhood teaching license, and five-year professional intervention specialist teaching license; and

WHEREAS on June 7, 2019, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, on behalf of the State Board of Education, notified Courtney L. Woods of its intent to deny or permanently deny her applications for a one-year substitute intervention specialist teaching license, five-year professional early childhood teaching license, and five-year professional intervention specialist teaching license pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3319.31(B)(1). The notice was based upon Ms. Woods engaging in conduct that is unbecoming to the teaching profession on or about September 24, 2016, when, in violation of Toledo Public School District policies, she took two students with disabilities on an unapproved field trip to Bowling Green State University in a private vehicle driven by an adult who was not vetted or approved by the district; and

WHEREAS Ms. Woods requested a hearing regarding the State Board of Education's intent; and

WHEREAS a hearing was held on February 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS Ms. Woods was present at the hearing, but she was not represented by counsel; and

WHEREAS the hearing officer recommends that Ms. Woods' applications be denied. Further it is recommended that Ms. Woods be permanently ineligible to apply for any license, permit, or certificate issued by the State Board of Education. The hearing officer's recommendation is based upon the negative impact that Ms. Wood's licensure would have on the health, safety, and welfare of the school community as evidenced by Ms. Woods' failure to learn or inquire about school district policies and procedures for ensuring student safety on field trips, her failure to inquire with her supervisors about the policies and procedures for ensuring student safety on field trips, and her acknowledgment that she took other students on similar field trips at other district schools in the past; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education has considered the factors listed in Rule 3301-73-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code and has considered the *Licensure Code of Professional Conduct for Ohio Educators*, which contains standards for the teaching profession and provides guidelines for conduct that is unbecoming to the teaching profession: Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3319.31(B)(1), hereby **DENIES** Courtney L. Woods's application for a one-year substitute intervention specialist teaching license, five-year professional early childhood teaching license, and five-year professional intervention specialist teaching license based upon Ms. Woods engaging in conduct that is unbecoming to the teaching profession on or about September 24, 2016, when, in violation of Toledo Public School District policies, she took two students with disabilities on an unapproved field trip to Bowling Green State University in a private vehicle driven by an adult who was not vetted or approved by the district. Further, the State Board of Education, in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3301-73-22(A)(3)(b), orders Courtney L. Woods be permanently ineligible to apply for any license, permit, or certificate issued by the State Board of Education; and, Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the State Superintendent of Public Instruction be, and he hereby is, directed to notify Ms. Woods of this action.

It was Moved by Dr. Miranda and Seconded by Dr. Kilgore that the above recommendation (Item 15) be approved.

Mrs. Fowler Arthur moved to Amend the resolution by substitution. Ms. Woods Seconded the motion. She proposed that Ms. Woods be ineligible to apply for any license, permit, or certificate issued by the State Board of Education until October 13, 2022, and until she provides to the Ohio Department of Education written verification that she has successfully completed, at her own expense, eight hours of student teacher boundary training and eight hours of professionalism training, with both trainings to be approved in advance by the Ohio Department of Education. She noted the following

mitigating factors in the proposed amended resolution; that the administrative record identifies the following mitigating factors: while Ms. Woods was required to follow school board policies and procedures regarding field trips and excursions, nothing in the record indicates that Ms. Woods was provided specific training on these policies and procedures; Ms. Woods was approved by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to act as a foster parent for children and is currently a foster parent to three children; Ms. Woods works three jobs including employment as an early childhood care provider at a daycare, a group home daily services provider for young adults with disabilities, and a home health aide for a senior citizen; Ms. Woods fully disclosed her misconduct to her employing school district and the board; and during the hearing, Ms. Woods expressed remorse for her conduct and requested a second chance to be a teacher.

President Kohler called for a roll call vote on the proposed amendment.

YES VOTES

Stephen Dackin	Stephanie Dodd
Sarah Fowler Arthur	John Hagan
Kirsten Hill	Meryl Johnson
Laura Kohler	Mark Lamoncha
Paul LaRue	Antoinette Miranda
Eric Poklar	Mike Toal
Lisa Woods	

NO VOTES

Linda Haycock	Jenny Kilgore
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Motion carried.

Resolution as amended:

- 15. RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE HEARING OFFICER, TO REJECT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE HEARING OFFICER, AND TO DENY THE ONE-YEAR SUBSTITUTE INTERVENTION SPECIALIST TEACHING LICENSE, FIVE-YEAR PROFESSIONAL EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHING LICENSE, AND FIVE-YEAR PROFESSIONAL INTERVENTION SPECIALIST TEACHING LICENSE APPLICATIONS OF COURTNEY L. WOODS**

I **RECOMMEND** that the State Board of Education **ADOPT** the following Resolution:

WHEREAS Courtney L. Woods has applied for a one-year substitute intervention specialist teaching license, five-year professional early childhood teaching license, and five-year professional intervention specialist teaching license; and

WHEREAS on June 7, 2019, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, on behalf of the State Board of Education, notified Courtney L. Woods of its intent to deny or permanently deny her applications for a one-year substitute intervention specialist teaching license, five-year professional early childhood teaching license, and five-year professional intervention specialist teaching license pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3319.31(B)(1). The notice was based upon Ms. Woods engaging in conduct that is unbecoming to the teaching profession on or about September 24, 2016, when, in violation of Toledo Public School District policies, she took two students with disabilities on an unapproved field trip to Bowling Green State

University in a private vehicle driven by an adult who was not vetted or approved by the district; and

WHEREAS Ms. Woods requested a hearing regarding the State Board of Education's intent; and

WHEREAS a hearing was held on February 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS Ms. Woods was present at the hearing, but she was not represented by counsel; and

WHEREAS the hearing officer recommends that Ms. Woods' applications be denied. Further it is recommended that Ms. Woods be permanently ineligible to apply for any license, permit, or certificate issued by the State Board of Education. The hearing officer's recommendation is based upon the negative impact that Ms. Wood's licensure would have on the health, safety, and welfare of the school community as evidenced by Ms. Woods' failure to learn or inquire about school district policies and procedures for ensuring student safety on field trips, her failure to inquire with her supervisors about the policies and procedures for ensuring student safety on field trips, and her acknowledgment that she took other students on similar field trips at other district schools in the past; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education has considered the factors listed in Rule 3301-73-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code and has considered the *Licensure Code of Professional Conduct for Ohio Educators*, which contains standards for the teaching profession and provides guidelines for conduct that is unbecoming to the teaching profession; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education has considered the hearing officer's report and recommendation; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education rejects the following portions of the hearing officer's Report and Recommendation: reject in its entirety the Recommendation Section of the Summary Fact Sheet; reject in its entirety Conclusion of Law numbered 26 of the Report and Recommendation; and reject in its entirety the Recommendation Section of Report and Recommendation; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education adopts the remaining portions of the hearing officer's Report and Recommendation; and

WHEREAS the State Board may determine that a penalty outside the range of the disciplinary guidelines listed in the *Licensure Code of Professional Conduct for Ohio Educators* is more appropriate in an individual case based on the aggravating and mitigating factors as outlined in Section 3301-73-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code and any other factors the State Board considers relevant; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education finds that the administrative record identifies the following mitigating factors: while Ms. Woods was required to follow school board policies and procedures regarding field trips and excursions, nothing in the record indicates that Ms. Woods was provided specific training on these policies and procedures; Ms. Woods was approved by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to act as a foster parent for children and is currently a foster parent to three children; Ms. Woods works three jobs including employment as

an early childhood care provider at a daycare, a group home daily services provider for young adults with disabilities, and a home health aide for a senior citizen; Ms. Woods fully disclosed her misconduct to her employing school district and the board; and during the hearing, Ms. Woods expressed remorse for her conduct and requested a second chance to be a teacher; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education concludes that the hearing officer erred when she did not give the preceding facts and mitigating factors the weight they deserved when she made her recommendation; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education concludes that ordering Ms. Woods be permanently ineligible from reapplying is not warranted based on the mitigating factors and a more appropriate sanction would be to allow Ms. Woods to reapply after two years provided she first provides written verification that she has successfully completed, at her own expense, eight hours of student teacher boundary training and eight hours of professionalism training, with both trainings to be approved in advance by the Ohio Department of Education; Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education rejects the following portions of the hearing officer's Report and Recommendation: reject in its entirety the Recommendation Section of the Summary Fact Sheet; reject in its entirety Conclusion of Law numbered 26 of the Report and Recommendation; and reject in its entirety the Recommendation Section of the Report and Recommendation; and, Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education adopts the remaining portions of the hearing officer's Report and Recommendation; and, Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education finds that the administrative record identifies the following mitigating factors: while Ms. Woods was required to follow school board policies and procedures regarding field trips and excursions, nothing in the record indicates that Ms. Woods was provided specific training on these policies and procedures; Ms. Woods was approved by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to act as a foster parent for children and is currently a foster parent to three children; Ms. Woods works three jobs including employment as an early childhood care provider at a daycare, a group home daily services provider for young adults with disabilities, and a home health aide for a senior citizen; Ms. Woods fully disclosed her misconduct to her employing school district and the board; and during the hearing, Ms. Woods expressed remorse for her conduct and requested a second chance to be a teacher; and, Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education concludes that ordering Ms. Woods be permanently ineligible from reapplying is not warranted based on the mitigating factors and a more appropriate sanction would be to allow Ms. Woods to reapply after two years provided she first provides written verification that she has successfully completed, at her own expense, eight hours of student teacher boundary training and eight hours of professionalism training, with both trainings to be approved in advance by the Ohio Department of Education; and, Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3319.31(B)(1), hereby **DENIES** Courtney L. Woods's application for a one-year

substitute intervention specialist teaching license, five-year professional early childhood teaching license, and five-year professional intervention specialist teaching license based upon Ms. Woods engaging in conduct that is unbecoming to the teaching profession on or about September 24, 2016, when, in violation of Toledo Public School District policies, she took two students with disabilities on an unapproved field trip to Bowling Green State University in a private vehicle driven by an adult who was not vetted or approved by the district. Further, the State Board of Education, in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3301-73-22(A)(3)(a), orders Courtney L. Woods be ineligible to apply for any license, permit, or certificate issued by the State Board of Education until October 13, 2022, and until she provides to the Ohio Department of Education written verification that she has successfully completed, at her own expense, eight hours of student teacher boundary training and eight hours of professionalism training, with both trainings to be approved in advance by the Ohio Department of Education; and, Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the State Superintendent of Public Instruction be, and he hereby is, directed to notify Ms. Woods of this action.

President Kohler called for a roll call vote on the resolution as amended.

YES VOTES

Stephen Dackin
Sarah Fowler Arthur
Linda Haycock
Meryl Johnson
Laura Kohler
Paul LaRue
Eric Poklar
Lisa Woods

Stephanie Dodd
John Hagan
Kirsten Hill
Jenny Kilgore
Mark Lamoncha
Antoinette Miranda
Mike Toal

Motion carried.

President Kohler presented the following recommendation (Item 16):

16. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S 2022-2023 BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST TO THE GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Ohio Revised Code Section 3301.07(G) requires the State Board of Education (Board) to “[p]repare and submit to the Director of Budget and Management the biennial budgetary requests of the state board of education, for its agencies and for the public schools of the state;”

In July, September, and October 2020, the Superintendent of Public Instruction presented a budget overview for the Board, along with potential areas of focus;

The Office of Budget and Management (“OBM”) is requiring all state agencies to submit two budget scenarios, one that assumes General Revenue Funding (GRF) funding is 90% of reduced FY 2020 budget levels, and one scenario that assumes

GRF funding at continuing budget levels (hereinafter referred to as “OBM scenarios”);

The Board acknowledges that the GRF funding recommendations in the OBM scenarios may not sufficiently meet the needs of Ohio’s public schools, and as such, the Board has established key priorities aligned to Ohio’s Strategic Plan for Education – Each Child, Our Future; and

The Board discussed the impact that OBM scenarios would have if additional funding reductions were applied to FY 2020 GRF funding levels within the Department of Education and discussed priorities for funding the Department of Education if either OBM scenario was implemented.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approves the budget recommendations, which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, and directs the Department of Education to submit this scenario to OBM and members of the General Assembly;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs the Department of Education to submit the OBM Scenarios in a format and manner required by OBM, and describe within the submission the Board’s priorities and budgetary impacts of funding at these budgetary levels; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education authorizes and directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction to continue to advocate for additional funding as is deemed appropriate for schools, families, teachers, and students of Ohio, the Department of Education, and the Board.

It was Moved by Mrs. Kohler and Seconded by Mrs. Dodd that the above recommendation (Item 16) be approved.

Mrs. Dodd stated she supported the resolution as written with the supporting documents that were provided.

Mrs. Haycock spoke in support of the resolution as written with the supporting documents that were provided.

Ms. Johnson spoke in support of the resolution as written with the supporting documents that were provided.

Mr. Hagan moved to Amend the resolution by substitution. Ms. Woods Seconded the motion. He proposed Option A;

Amendment to Budget Recommendation – Option A

Revision to EdChoice Section – Complete Paragraph Deletion

DELETE the words “**and Reduction**” in the heading to the second paragraph after “Program Reductions.”

DELETE the entire paragraph beginning with **“In addition to direct funding.....”** and ending **“....is only expected to increase in the future years.”**

Summary

This amendment would completely delete the new paragraph added in red at the bottom of page 2 in the 10-01-20 version of Appendix A. The language in this section would revert to the way it was in the Appendix A at the September meeting.

Mrs. Fowler Arthur thanked Mr. Hagan and Ms. Woods for bringing forth the proposed amendment.

Mr. Toal spoke in support of Mr. Hagan’s proposal of Option A.

President Kohler called for a roll call vote on the proposed amendment by Mr. Hagan.

YES VOTES

Stephen Dackin	Sarah Fowler Arthur
John Hagan	Kirsten Hill
Jenny Kilgore	Laura Kohler
Mark Lamoncha	Paul LaRue
Eric Poklar	Mike Toal
Lisa Woods	

NO VOTES

Stephanie Dodd	Linda Haycock
Meryl Johnson	Antoinette Miranda

Motion carried.

Mrs. Dodd stated she continued to have reservations and concerns regarding the accountability system in the budget. She further stated she did not support the budget proposal two years ago because of this line item that was not there two years ago.

Mrs. Kohler stated her preference would have been to limit growth to the Ed-Choice expansion program.

President Kohler called for a roll call vote on the resolution as amended with the inclusion of Option A.

YES VOTES

Stephen Dackin	Sarah Fowler Arthur
John Hagan	Kirsten Hill
Jenny Kilgore	Laura Kohler
Mark Lamoncha	Paul LaRue
Eric Poklar	Mike Toal
Lisa Woods	

NO VOTES

Stephanie Dodd	Linda Haycock
Meryl Johnson	Antoinette Miranda

Motion carried.

Non-Resolutions
Old Business

Mrs. Hill requested a review of the resources that are currently listed using the filter in the selection process for sharing curricular resources. President Kohler suggested she and Mrs. Hill meet with the Superintendent on this request and report back to the Board in November. Mrs. Hill agreed to the proposal by President Kohler.

Ms. Woods made the following statement regarding Item 20, Equity Resolution, passed at the July meeting of the Board:

In my three plus years on the board this board has stood together on several issues, many issues, reducing testing, House Bill 70 and we stood against that together, the state report card, we had uh all had the same feelings about a broken system that we've had. And, I've always been proud of the things that we stand together on but Resolution 20 we did not have the time to debate. The things that we were talking about today was the conversation we should've had before we voted on the resolution in July. I believe there's going to be unintended consequences that we still have not discussed because of the way I believe it was pushed through. I think that with a careful debate, conversation we could have had a resolution that we all could've been proud of. We could have included some of the great things in Ohio history that would make our students proud. I understand a little more than I did in the beginning by listening to the last couple months of people coming in and giving public testimony and I'm grateful for that but I still don't think that we are done. That resolution makes a lot of accusations as though everyone in every school is racist. If we had these problems, if there is systemic racism I still would like to know exactly where that is and why had we not challenged that before. I just don't understand that all of a sudden now we acknowledge it. One of the accusations made concerned Ohio having a system of racism. I think we should declare those and show me what schools, so that we can make those changes. The majority of the board simply rushed this resolution through and the answers to those legitimate questions were never answered for me. The debate would've been helpful to have before the passage that would make major policy changes. This morning I was disappointed to hear in the Teaching, Learning and Learning committee the presenter referring to Caucasian boys. He referred to them as white, privileged males this morning and I find that offensive. I don't think that we should use that kind of language here at the Board. I've already witnessed some bullying with the people that have come to talk to us. I think it's brought out some good things, but it's also brought out some bad things. I'm actually very sad about some of the terms this has made.

Mrs. Kohler stated she appreciated Ms. Woods sincerity and believed she was a strong advocate for her constituents. This issue has been addressed and the Board is moving forward based on the vote in July. This piece of business has been completed and it is time to move on.

Mrs. Fowler Arthur requested that comments to the public made by Board members be polite and appropriate, whether or not we agree or disagree with the resolution. She said she felt embarrassed by some of the commentary directed to speakers and opinions by Board members should be done privately.

New Business

Mrs. Dodd shared with the Board that she and Mr. Dackin are serving on the Complete to Compete Ohio Achievement Coalition.

Ms. Johnson Moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hagan Seconded the motion.

The President requested a voice vote.

Motion carried.

President Kohler adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education is November 9-10, 2020.

ATTEST:



Laura Kohler
President
State Board of Education



Paolo DeMaria
Superintendent of Public Instruction

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