

Carolyn Everidge-Frey, Director

Jeffrey Cooney, Chair

**Ohio Educator Standards Board  
Annual Report  
September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018**

**Mission Statement:**

“The Educator Standards Board collaboratively promotes educator quality, professionalism and public accountability on behalf of the students and citizens of Ohio.”

**Vision Statement:**

“Student achievement driven by quality educator development.”

### **Annual Report of the Ohio Educator Standards Board (ESB) 2017-2018:**

- The Educator Standards Board held seven business meetings from September 2017 through June 2018.
- The Educator Standards Board received reports from the Ohio Department of Education, State Board of Education, and the Ohio Department of Higher Education as part of the business meetings.
- The Educator Standards Board continued to collaborate with the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) on the review and revisions to the Ohio Principal Standards (OPS); OAC rule revisions; review and monitoring of the Ohio Assessments for Educators (OAE) educator licensure testing; and the review of the Licensure Code of Professional Conduct for Ohio Educators.
- Mr. Jeffrey Cooney served as the Chair and Ms. Cynthia Lombardo served as the Vice-Chair to the ESB.

### **September 2017, Quest Conference Center, 8405 Pulsar Place, Columbus, OH**

- The September Educator Standards Board meeting was held on September 8, 2017
- In June Ms. Lori Kelly, director of Professional Conduct at the Ohio Department of Education, presented on Professional Conduct. At that time the Educator Standards Board had suggested a PowerPoint on the Code of Conduct. That PowerPoint is now available on the Ohio Department of Education website along with talking points.
- Ohio Assessments for Educators (OAE) tests: Middle grades Social Studies will be adding Ohio history questions to the test this year. American Sign Language (ASL) and Gifted Education tests are being created. The Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) has requested a school treasurer test (Pearson does not have a treasurer's test, but has agreed to create one).
- The Licensure Committee met on September 7 and reappointed Ms. Debra McDonald as chair of the committee.
  - It was noted that Ohio Administrative Code 3301-24-04 Teacher Residency rule will be reviewed and brought back to the licensure committee later.
  - The committee recommended that the Ohio Administrative Code 3301-24-03, Educator preparation programs leading to Ohio licensure issued by the State Board of Education be rescinded. The ESB members voted in favor of this recommendation.
- The Standards Committee met on September 7 and reappointed Ms. Sandra Orth as chair of the committee.
  - The Committee discussed current work being done at ODE to align the Ohio Standards for Principals (OSP) with the Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (PSEL). A workgroup is in place and is scheduled to have four meetings beginning in September and going through December. The Standards Committee will continue to be updated on this work.
- Mr. Cooney stated that the vote on the ESB bylaws would be tabled until the October meeting.

- Mr. Cooney stated that the annual Educator Standards Board Report reflects the activities of the Educator Standards Board for the past year. The ESB members voted in favor of accepting this report.
- Ms. Orth recorded the nominations for chair and vice chair of the Educator Standards Board. Ms. Orth stated that Mr. Jeffrey Cooney was given unanimous nominations for chair and Ms. Cynthia Lombardo was given unanimous nominations for vice chair. Ms. Robinson called for a close to the nominations. All Educator Standards Board members who were present were in favor.

**October 2017, Quest Conference Center, 8405 Pulsar Place, Columbus, OH**

- The October Educator Standards Board meeting was held on October 12, 2017.
- The Board reviewed the Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) toolkit. The toolkit was updated to reflect Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) language and is available on the ODE website.
- The Licensure Committee reviewed proposed changes to Ohio Administrative Code 3301-24-01: Glossary Definitions. The changes represent updates to the code to align it with changes to licensure pathways, terminology, legislation, and reducing redundancy with other codes. The ESB members voted in favor of these changes.
- The Licensure Committee reviewed the new panel-recommended passing score for the OAE Middle Grade Social Studies test. The committee recommended a passing score of -1 SEM or 50/100 raw score. Once the new test is released and data becomes available, the passing score will be revisited. The ESB members voted in favor of adopting the test and passing score.
- ESB by-laws revisions: The ESB by-laws were reviewed. The ESB members voted in favor of adopting the new ESB by-laws. The ESB by-laws are posted on the ODE ESB webpages.

**December 2017, Quest Conference Centers, 8405 Pulsar Place, Columbus, OH**

- The December Educator Standards Board meeting was held on December 8, 2017.
- The Licensure Committee reviewed the draft for the new teacher residency rule 3301-24-04 Teacher Residency Rule and made recommendations. The ESB members voted in favor of the rule changes and recommendations.

**January 2018, Quest Conference Centers, 8405 Pulsar Place, Columbus, OH**

- The January Educator Standards Board meeting was held on January 26, 2018.
- The Board reviewed data from focus groups of stakeholders that found overwhelming support for the replacement of the professional knowledge exam (OAE-APK) with the edTPA; a proposed recommendation from ODHE is being reviewed by the Ohio Department of Education.
- The Board was informed of grants being given to some university based principal preparation programs to promote innovations that address the principal standards.

- The Board noted the resignation of Sharon Flinders who had served as logistical support to the ESB members.
- The Licensure Committee reviewed the rule of 3301-24-09 Performance-based licensure for administrators. On behalf of the committee, Ms. Debra McDonald recommended that the rule be rescinded. The ESB voted in favor to recommend rescinding this rule.
- The Standards Committee reviewed the feedback from a national expert regarding the draft of the revision of the Ohio Principal Standards presented by Ms. Herrmann, ODE staff. The committee discussed this feedback and made recommendations on their structure as well as the content in the specific domains.

### **March 2018 Quest Conference Centers, 8405 Pulsar Place, Columbus, Ohio**

- The March Educator Standards Board meeting was held on March 9, 2018.
- The Board reviewed the draft of the Ohio Strategic Plan for Education; all member received a copy. The State Board of Education is seeking input and comments about the Strategic Plan from stakeholders during March and April.
- The Board heard an update on S.B. 216 as amended. The bill is aligned with ESB/State Board OTES recommendations [S.B. 240 is directly aligned], and has passed out of the Senate. The bill will now be taken up in the House.
- The Standards committee heard an update on The Ohio Principal Standards as they are being finalized, and have been released for public comment. The committee reviewed the standards and recommended revisions.
- The ODE Office of Educator Effectiveness will be sending letters to the ESB stakeholder groups requesting nominations for ESB members whose terms are ending in June 2018. A list has been distributed of ESB members with the ending date of their ESB appointment. (ESB terms are two years, renewable).

### **May 2018, Quest Conference Centers, 8405 Pulsar Place, Columbus, Ohio**

- The May Educator Standards Board meeting was held on May 4, 2018.
- The Board received an update on the Endorsement Standard revisions from ODHE. The Teacher Leader Endorsement Standards have been completely rewritten based on the Teacher Leader Framework. These standards are publicly posted on the ODHE for feedback.
- The Licensure and Standards committees reviewed the latest draft of the Ohio Standards for Principals. Feedback and suggestions for revision were shared. The Standards will be revised based on ESB input as well as feedback from public comment. These standards will be reviewed again by the ESB at the June retreat.
- A certificate of appreciation was presented to Mr. Zigler who is leaving the ESB.

### **June 2018, Quest Conference Centers, 8405 Pulsar Place, Columbus**

- The June Educator Standards Board meeting was held on June 8, 2018.

- The Board was informed of the ESB appointments for 2018-19 that will be on the State Board's agenda later in June.
- The Board reviewed the 2017-2018 annual report of OAE testing data presented by the staff of the Evaluation Systems group of Pearson. Following the review, the ESB recommended to the State Board of Education that no adjustments in passing scores be considered. The ESB members voted in favor of this recommendation.
- The ESB members reviewed the standard setting report for the OAE Gifted Education (053) test presented by the staff of the Evaluation Systems group of Pearson. Following the review and discussion, the ESB recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the new OAE Gifted Education assessment (053) and to adopt the recommended passing score of 67/100. The ESB members voted in favor of this recommendation.
- The ESB members reviewed the standard setting and study report for the OAE American Sign Language Subtests (050 and 051) presented by the staff of the Evaluation Systems group of Pearson. Following the review and discussion, the ESB recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the new OAE American Sign Language Subtests (050 and 051) and to adopt the recommended panel-based passing score of 27/50 for Subtest I and to adopt the vendor and ODE-recommended participation requirements for Subtest II. The ESB members voted in favor of this recommendation.
- The ESB members reviewed the draft 2018 Ohio Standards for Principals. Following the review and discussion, the ESB recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the proposed standards with edits as noted. The ESB members voted in favor of this recommendation.
- The ESB members reviewed and agreed upon the dates for next year's ESB meetings and calendar.

## **Members of the Ohio Educator Standards Board – 2017-2018**

Chair: **Jeffrey Cooney**, Oregon City Schools

Vice Chair: **Cynthia Lombardo**, St. Brigid of Kildare School

Kelly Bell, Knox County Career Center

Michael Brand, Van Buren High School

Jeffrey Brown, Granville Exempted Village Schools

Jeanne Cerniglia, Southeast Local Schools

Shvonne Davis, Brunswick City Schools

Joseph Fultz, Jr., Springfield City Schools

Melissa Kendralla, South Western City Schools

Julie Lather, Olentangy Local Schools

Amy McGuffey, Assistant Professor, Wittenberg University

Debra McDonald, Wayne County Joint Vocational School District

Dustin Miller, Dublin City Schools

Sandra Orth, Toledo Public Schools

Stephen Osborne, Dublin City Schools

Venezuela Robinson, Ohio Parent Teacher Association

Jessica Seaman, Faculty, Elementary Education, Sinclair Community College

James Sommer, Greenville City School District

James Wagner, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

Pam Withee, Gallipolis City Schools

Ted Zigler, Ohio Dominican University

Tony Vinci, Assistant Professor, Ohio University

### **Ex-Officio Members**

John Carey, Chancellor, Ohio Department of Higher Education

Paolo DeMaria, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Representative Andrew Brenner, Education and Career Readiness Committee Chair, Ohio House of Representatives

Representative Teresa Fedor, Ranking Minority Member of Education and Career Readiness Committee, Ohio House of Representatives

Senator Peggy Lehner, Senate Education Committee Chair, Ohio Senate

Senator Vernon Sykes, Ranking Minority Member of Education Committee, Ohio Senate

### **Ohio Department of Higher Education**

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