

Carolyn Everidge-Frey, Director

Sandra Orth, Chair

Ohio Educator Standards Board
Minutes of the Business Meeting
March 8, 2016
Quest Business Centers
8405 Pulsar Place
Columbus, Ohio 43240

Board Members Attending:

Kelly Bell
Michael Brand
Jeffrey Brown
Jeanne Cerniglia
Kelly Coffey
Jeffrey Cooney
Joseph Fultz, Jr.
Cynthia Lombardo
Debra McDonald
Dustin Miller
Sandra Orth
Stephen Osborne
Kenneth Pease
Amy Poole
Venezuela Robinson
James Wagner

Board Members Absent:

Karen Carney
Ella Jordan Isaac
Robert Klein
William Spahr
Ted Zigler

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Carolyn Everidge-Frey, representing Interim Superintendent Lonny Rivera, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Ohio Department of Education
Rebecca Watts, representing John Carey, Chancellor, Ohio Department of Higher Education

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Senator Peggy Lehner, Senate Education Committee, Chair, Ohio Senate
Senator Tom Sawyer, Senate Education Committee, Ranking Minority Member, Education, Ohio Senate
Andrew Brenner, Chair, House of Representative Education Committee, Ohio House of Representatives
Teresa Fedor, House of Representatives Education Committee, Ranking Minority Member, Ohio House of Representatives

Ohio Department of Education staff attending:

Carolyn Everidge-Frey

Sharon Flinders

John Soloninka

General session

I. Call to Order: The general session was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Ms. Orth, Chair.

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

III. Introductions: There were no introductions.

IV. Approval of the Agenda: Ms. Orth requested a motion to accept the March agenda as distributed. Ms. McDonald made the motion to accept the agenda and Mr. Cooney seconded the motion. All members were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

V. Approval of Minutes: Ms. Orth requested a motion to approve the January minutes as distributed. Ms. Bell made the motion to accept. Mr. Osborne seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

VI. Report from the Chair: Ms. Orth presented the report:

- There was no report from the Chair.

VII. Report from the Ohio Department of Education: Ms. Simmerer was absent for the business meeting, and Ms. Everidge-Frey presented the report for Ms. Simmerer on behalf of Interim Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Rivera.

- Ohio Department of Education has been researching and reading the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) information. Also, reviewing and creating mini tables that are aligning the current Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Administrative Code for the areas that will be impacted by the ESSA.
- We are continuing work on the new pathway for the alternative Career-Technical Education workforce development license.
- We are planning to release the competencies for comment that came out of the work group that we pulled together last fall.
- The Office of Professional Conduct is keeping Ms. Simmerer busy.
- The Office of Licensure is gearing up for their busy season.
- This is a reminder that a permanent license needs a background check every 5 years.
- A question was asked about the standards that are coming out for Career Tech. When should we expect to see changes in that program? The answer was that Mr. Soloninka is in charge of this process for the center. This will take time. Hopefully we will be able to post the competencies in the next few weeks. The competencies will be open for public comment, and then we will make the revisions and changes at that point.

VIII. Report from the State Board of Education: Ms. Simmerer was absent for the business meeting, and Ms. Everidge-Frey presented the report on behalf of Interim Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Rivera.

- The State Board of Education changed their schedule and met the same days (March 7-8) as the Educator Standards Board.
- The State Board is still conducting a search for the State School Superintendent.

IX. Report from the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE): Ms. Watts presented the report on behalf of Chancellor Carey.

- The Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Higher Education has collaborated on the Straight A Grant. It is targeted to high school teachers who were seeking the appropriate credentials to teach postsecondary courses. The awards were announced and enrollment is occurring.
- We have officially moved to the new accreditor for the Educator Preparation program, Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). The ones that held the legacy accreditation (from TEAC and NCATE) are still in place until the end of their cycle. There are two sets of standards. These two standards are the initial and advanced standards. The advanced programs are preparation for any credential after the initial license.
- A question was asked about the College Credit Plus. "Has the College Credit Plus Advisory Committee as required by ORC 3365.15 been formed?" Ms. Watts said it will be formed and that the Chancellor and the State Superintendent will convene that group together.

X. Report from the Director: Ms. Everidge-Frey presented the report:

- Our office has been working on the School Counselor Evaluation System. To make the changes that were recommended by the writing team work group and the districts input, we gave ourselves one week to make the changes in order to give to the Educator Standards Board. We were not able to make the changes to the model, but we will bring the School Counselor Evaluation System back to the ESB in May. The School Counselor Evaluation System is not recommended by the ESB nor the State Board of Education but we would like these two groups to see the language to see if there is any input.
- We have been working with the Office of Licensure and Career Tech to outline the new Career Technical Education Workforce Development pathway. John Soloninka is leading that work for the center.
- We are reading all of the information and guidance in relation to Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). We are drafting questions in relation to the ESSA for the USDoe and ODE, also the legislative and policy staff.
- We are reviewing our programs such as, Equity Plan, HQT and Educator Evaluation. In light of the current revised code and the administrative code of the ESSA guidance. The ESB will be breaking into work groups at the May meeting to provide input.

- Office of Educator Effectiveness has one more position to fill in our office and then we will have a full staff.

XI. Committee Reports:

Licensure Committee: Ms. McDonald, chair, presented the report.

- The licensure committee looked at the Consistently High Performing Teachers definition and what those requirements might be. At this point we are not ready to give a recommendation but will look at it again in May.

Standards Committee: Ms. Poole, chair, presented the report.

- Discussed results from the Ohio School Counselor Evaluation System (OSCES) pilot program.
 - It was noted by some committee members that counselors had requested that they be in the training with their evaluators. They felt that this was beneficial in the feedback that was provided from the pilot teams.
 - It was also noted that the counselors were concerned with the measure of students' metrics for their evaluations. The writing team is working through the suggestions and compiling forms and answers.
 - It is expected that the OSCES will go into full implementation in the 16-17 school year. State Board of Education will adopt in May. Train the trainers will take place May 17th.
- The committee discussed and recommended for approval the framework for the evaluation of professional staff employed by state agencies.
- On behalf of the standards committee Ms. Poole moved to adopt the Evaluation Framework with Optional Components for Professional Staff (Teachers) Employed by State Agencies as presented in the handout today.

Ms. Orth said there was no need for a second and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions. She asked for a vote. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

XII. Discussion Items: There were no discussion items.

XIII. Action Items: There were no action items.

XIV. Old Business: There was no old business.

XV. New Business: Mr. Cooney said that he had some new business. Mr. Cooney stated that as one of three representative of the Ohio Federation of Teachers (OFT) who serve on the Educator Standards Board, it was a pleasure to serve on the board. The three had been asked to present a position statement from the Ohio Federation of Teachers on the 'consistently high-performing teacher' language. And Mr. Cooney read the below statement.

"The Ohio Federation of Teachers (OFT) chooses not to participate in defining a 'consistently high-performing teacher' because we believe that it is indefinable and problematic, particularly within the context of the proposed give-backs for teachers attached to the mandate.

Absolving any teacher from professional development, especially after the Educator Standards Board has played a critical role in adopting new standards for professional learning, diminishes our work to improve the quality of educator training in Ohio.”

Further, OFT intends to work with legislators to try to get them to see that:

1. The term is not definable in any remotely satisfactory way, and that
2. It is wrong to diminish the importance of lifelong learning and continuous professional development.

XVI. Announcements: There were no announcements.

XVII. Adjournment: Ms. Orth called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Brand made the motion for adjournment, and Ms. Cerniglia seconded the motion. All were in favor and none opposed. Meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.