

Carolyn Everidge-Frey, Director

Sandra Orth, Chair

Ohio Educator Standards Board

Minutes of the Business Meeting

May 3, 2016

Quest Business Centers

8405 Pulsar Place

Columbus, Ohio 43240

Board Members Attending:

Michael Brand
Karen Carney
Jeanne Cerniglia
Kelly Coffey
Jeffrey Cooney
Joseph Fultz, Jr.
Ella Jordan Isaac
Robert Klein
Cynthia Lombardo
Sandra Orth
Stephen Osborne
Kenneth Pease
Amy Poole
Venezuela Robinson
James Wagner
Ted Zigler

Board Members Absent:

Kelly Bell
Jeffrey Brown
Debra McDonald
Dustin Miller

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Julia Simmerer, representing Interim Superintendent Lonny Rivera, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Ohio Department of Education
Rebecca Watts, representing Mr. 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

Lori Parker
John Soloninka

General session

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

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

III. Introductions: Ms. Orth welcomed Ms. Jessica Mercerhill. She will be representing Chancellor John Carey, the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

IV. Approval of the Agenda: Ms. Orth requested a motion to accept the May agenda as distributed. Ms. Carney made the motion to accept the agenda and Mr. Brand 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 March minutes. It was mentioned that Mr. Zigler was not in attendance at the March business meeting. Correction was noted. Ms. Orth requested that a motion to approve the March minutes with the correction. Ms. Carney made the motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Osborne seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

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

- Ms. Orth has been asked to serve on the Ohio Federation of Teachers Leadership Team. They are looking at the opportunity to shape what's happening with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). They will be crafting some educational reform language.

VII. Report from the Ohio Department of Education: Ms. Simmerer presented the report for Interim Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Rivera.

- The Licensure office's new director will be Immy Singh. Ms. Singh previously worked in the Ohio Department of Education legal office.
- Ms. Lori Kelly will be coming in June with an update on the Licensure Code of Professional Conduct.
- There are many questions around Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT). There is a state law that continues HQT. We are working on rectifying and recommending legislative change and administrative code changes around HQT. This does not happen overnight. HQT in Ohio is still in statute.

VIII. Report from the State Board of Education: Ms. Simmerer presented the report on behalf of Interim Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Rivera.

- The State Board is interviewing eight individuals for the Superintendent of Public Instruction. They will be interviewing on May 9 and 10. The Board will meet in regular session on May 11.
- A question was asked by Ms. Robinson about the selection process. Ms. Simmerer stated that the job was posted with an outside firm. The firm made their top five choices. The state board added extra names that the firm had provided. The State Board will interview eight individuals. The State Board of Education chooses the individual that will hold the Superintendent's position.

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

- The spring 2016 Educator Program Review cycle is in process. Proposals have been submitted for continuing approval or new programs from institutions around the state. There are over 300 program proposals in this cycle. Ms. Mercerhill has the leadership role in this.
- The 2015 Educator Preparation Program Performance report is on the web. Ohio Department of Higher Education was waiting on the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES) and Value Added data to post the report.
- The summer professional development programs have been historically funded in Ohio and around the country through the Improving Teacher Quality Grant program, which is part of the Title II funding to the state. These programs have been focused on mathematics and science professional development. It is all of the grades: elementary, middle school and high school. Moving forward there will not be a Teacher Quality Grant. The funds used for this summer's professional development are from federal fiscal year 2015 dollars. Ohio Department of Higher Education has put in for funds from the Title II grant for next year through the Ohio Department of Education. Title II has shrinking funds and they are not sure that they will get the funds, even though there is evidence that there are student gains when the teachers engage in the professional development of mathematics and science especially in the elementary school.
- Mr. Klein and Ms. Coffey will not return to the Educator Standards Board next year. Ms. Watts, on behalf of Chancellor Carey, thanked Mr. Klein and Ms. Coffey for their dedication and work on the Educator Standards Board.

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

- In the folders there is The Professional Standards for Education Leaders. These are for the Principal License. This is the new national and updated standards. The Educator Standards Board will have conversations round the standards down the road.
- On midnight Sunday the public comment was closed on the Competencies for the Alternative Workforce Development licensure program.
- The value added teacher data has been loaded in the Electronic Teacher and Principal Evaluation System (eTPES).

XI. Committee Reports:

Licensure Committee: Ms. McDonald was absent and Ms. Carney, acting chair, presented the report.

Ms. Carney moved on behalf of the Licensure Committee that the following motions be accepted:

1. Ms. Carney moved on behalf of the Licensure Committee, based on a review of data, recommends that we maintain the current cut score on the Praxis Teaching Reading: Elementary Education (TREE) test. Ms. Orth asked if there was any discussion. Mr. Klein asked what the vote was at the Licensure Committee meeting on Monday night. Ms. Carney said the vote was unanimous. Ms. Orth called for a vote. All of the full board present were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
2. Ms. Carney moved on behalf of the Licensure Committee the committee reviewed data and recommends that we keep the current cut scores for the Praxis audiology, school psychologist, and speech-language pathology tests. These cut scores align with the national recommended cut scores. Ms. Orth asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. Ms. Orth called for a vote. All of the full board present were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
3. Ms. Carney moved that the Licensure Committee recommends that the current cut score for the Praxis Para Pro Assessment remains the same. Ms. Orth asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. Ms. Orth called for a vote. All of the full board that was present were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
4. Ms. Carney moved that the Licensure Committee recommends the passing score for the Ohio Assessment for Educators (OAE) Dance Assessment to be the recommended panel-based passing score and for it to be effective September 2016. Ms. Orth asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. Ms. Orth called for a vote. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
5. Ms. Carney moved that the Licensure Committee recommends the passing score for the OAE Foundations of Reading Assessment to be effective no later than July 1, 2017, to be set at the panel recommended score for both the Multiple Choice and constructed response sections. Educator Standards Board will review the performance of Ohio Educators on this assessment May 2017 and every year thereafter. Ms. Orth asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. Ms. Orth asked for a vote. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
6. Ms. Carney moved that the Licensure Committee reviewed all scores and recommends lowering the Biology cut scores by one Standard Error of Measure and keeping all of the others the same. Ms. Orth asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. Ms. Orth asked for a vote. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

7. Ms. Carey presented the following resolution

Preamble

The Educator Standards Board spent many hours deliberating the idea of defining a Consistently High Performing teacher, with the recognition resulting in removal of professional learning. WE strongly believe that every professional educator should consistently pursue professional learning activities.

Resolution

WHEREAS the Educator Standards Board in its role as an advisory board to the State Board of Education has been made aware of the statutory mandate to define a Consistently High Performing (CHP) teacher;

And WHEREAS members of the Educator Standards Board represent multiple constituencies and stakeholders;

And WHEREAS members of the Educator Standards Board support and believe in professional development within our profession as consistent with all state-licensed professionals;

And WHEREAS members of the Educator Standards Board are unaware of any other profession licensed by the State of Ohio having an analogous label to Consistently High Performing (CHP);

And WHEREAS the Educator Standards Board has demonstrated a consistent dedication and service to the creation of Professional Learning Standards to support the highest quality of education to Ohio's students;

And WHEREAS the discrepancies in contextual and state-supported resources have contributed to even more entrenched differences between school districts instead of nurturing collaborative practices;

And WHEREAS the Educator Standards Board, in support of Ohio's teachers, believes that defining a select class of Consistently High Performing teachers only cultivates and communicates the impression that a Consistently High Performing teacher in Ohio would be rare;

And WHEREAS the Educator Standards Board believes that the definition of this label causes more harm to schools, teachers, and ultimately to Ohio's students;

Be it therefore RESOLVED that the Educator Standards Board refuses to participate in any process that has as its goal the creation of this or any similar label;

Be it further RESOLVED that members of the Educator Standards Board recognize that there is a risk to not participating in the creation of such a definition and we therefore ask the State Board of Education similarly to refuse to participate in the creation of the definition "Consistently High Performing".

Ms. Orth asked if there was any discussion. A statement was made that if we continue to support policies that we know that are destructive to the profession, we become complicit in the process.

A question was asked, "When this body takes a vote on this issue, where does this document go?" Ms. Simmerer stated that it becomes, in its entirety, part of the minutes and will be posted on the Ohio Department of Education's website. Also, it will be shared with the Capacity Committee as a handout, and potentially pushed to the state board books. And then it would be available for all board members.

Ms. Orth wanted to make sure that everyone knew what they were voting on and asked Ms. Carney to reread the last two paragraphs of the resolution again.

There was a motion to amend by including in the last paragraph of the resolution to add "and to refer this issue back to the General Assembly for reconsideration." The last paragraph will read:

Be it further RESOLVED that members of the Educator Standards Board recognize that there is a risk to not participating in the creation of such a definition and we therefore ask the State Board of Education similarly to refuse to participate in the creation of the definition "Consistently High Performing" and to refer this issue back to the General Assembly for reconsideration.

Ms. Orth asked for a vote on the amendment to the resolution. All of the full board present were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

Ms. Orth asked for a vote on the resolution with the amendment that was moved forward from the Licensure Committee. All of the full board present were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

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

- Standards Committee discussed the School Counselor Evaluation System Review process. There will be a Train the Trainer meeting on May 17th for the Educational Service Centers (ESCs). Unlike Ohio Principal Evaluation System (OPES) and Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES), all staff being trained will receive a certificate in lieu of being credentialed. We have no new action items at this time.

XII. Discussion Items: There were no discussion items.

XIII. Action Items: There was one action item.

- Ms. Orth put forth a motion to accept the Thursday and Friday dates for 2016-2017 calendar for the Educator Standards Board meetings. Ms. Robinson moved to accept the dates. Ms. Carney seconded the motion. Ms. Orth called for a vote. All of the full board present were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed. Mr. Klein abstained from voting.

XIV. Old Business: There was no old business.

XV. New Business: There was no new business.

XVI. Announcements: Ms. Orth announced that Ms. Poole will not be back for the Educator Standards Board next year, and wished her good luck in her endeavors.

There was one nomination for chair, Mr. Jeff Cooney. There are two nominations for vice chair, Ms. Jeanne Cerniglia and Ms. Cynthia Lombardo. The vote will be taken at the June meeting.

XVII. Adjournment: Ms. Orth called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Brand made the motion for adjournment, and Ms. Robinson seconded the motion. All were in favor and none opposed. Meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.