

Carolyn Everidge-Frey, Director

Jeffrey Cooney, Chair

Ohio Educator Standards Board
Minutes of the Business Meeting
September 8, 2017
Quest Conference Center
8405 Pulsar Place
Columbus, Ohio 43240

Board Members Attending:

Kelly Bell
Michael Brand
Jeanne Cerniglia
Jeffrey D. Cooney
Shvonne Davis
Joseph Fultz, Jr.
Melissa Kendralla
Julie Lather
Cynthia Lombardo
Debra McDonald
Sandra Orth
James Sommer
Venezuela Robinson
James Wagner
Pamela Withee
Ted Zigler

Board Members Absent:

Jeffrey Brown
Dustin Miller
Stephen Osborne
Vacant, Chancellor appointed, State University
Vacant, Chancellor appointed, Community College

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Julia Simmerer represented Superintendent of Public Instruction, Paolo DeMaria, from the Ohio Department of Education

Jessica Mercerhill represented Chancellor John Carey, from the Ohio Department of Higher Education

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Senator Peggy Lehner, Senate Education Committee, Chair, Ohio Senate
Senator Vernon Sykes, Senate Education Committee, Ranking Minority Member, Ohio Senate
Representative Andrew Brenner, Chair, House of Representative Education and Career Readiness Committee, Ohio House of Representatives
Representative Teresa Fedor, House of Representatives Education and Career Readiness Committee, Ranking Minority Member, Ohio House of Representatives

Ohio Department of Education staff attending:
Sharon Flinders
Kathleen Herrmann
John Soloninka

General session

I. Call to Order: Mr. Cooney called the business meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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

III. Introductions: Mr. Cooney formally welcomed Ms. Pamela Withee to the Educator Standards Board.

IV. Approval of the Agenda: Mr. Cooney requested a motion to accept the September 8, 2017 agenda as distributed. Ms. McDonald made the motion to accept the agenda and Ms. Orth seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members present were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

V. Approval of Minutes: Mr. Cooney requested a motion to approve the June 23, 2017 minutes. Mr. Sommer made the motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Brand seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members present were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

VI. Report from the Chair: Mr. Cooney presented the report: Mr. Cooney received a call from Gongwer News Service. They wanted feedback on what was being proposed with Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES) and recent changes to the Resident Educator (RE) Program and Resident Educator Summative Assessment (RESA). They also inquired about the work of the Educator Standards Board.

VII. Report from the Ohio Department of Education: Ms. Simmerer presented the report for Superintendent of Public Instruction, Mr. Paolo DeMaria.

- Ohio School Report Card will be released next week.
- The Ohio Teacher of the Year (OTOY) will be announced later this evening.
- ODE is preparing to submit Every Student Succeeds ACT (ESSA) to US Department of Education (USDOE) this month. Final version is on-line at Ohio Department of Education (ODE) website.
- A flier is in the Educator Standards Board folder. The flier is a social media campaign to generate positive experiences that happen in Ohio's classroom. It is on #My Ohio Classroom.
- Code of Conduct update – In June Ms. Lori Kelly, director of Professional Conduct at the Ohio Department of Education, presented on Professional Conduct. The Educator Standards Board suggested a powerpoint around the Code of Conduct. It is now on the Ohio Department of Education website as well as talking points.

VIII. Report from the State Board of Education: Ms. Simmerer presented the report for Superintendent of Public Instruction, Mr. Paolo DeMaria.

- The State Board of Education did not meet in August. They will be meeting on September 18-19.

- The Ohio Administrative Code 3301-24-03, Educator Preparation Programs Leading to Ohio Licensure, will go to committee at the September meeting.
- There has been some strategic planning for the state of Ohio. We are hoping to have this work done by 2018.
- The State Board has had significant conversation around Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

IX. Report from the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE): Ms. Mercerhill, who represents Chancellor Carey, presented the report.

- ODHE has started looking at standards for the educator preparation programs particularly those related to endorsements. ODHE convened a group of faculty from around the state and an ODE literacy specialist that has worked on the reading core standards. We are making sure that the standards are aligning to the 2014 Ohio reading competency. We are making sure that the teachers who enter the field will be prepared to meet the standards they will be held to in the classroom.
- This fall we will be working on the reading endorsement and teacher leader endorsement. Both working groups will include faculty from across the state, and the Ohio Department of Education.

X. Report from the Office of Educator Effectiveness: Ms. Simmerer presented the report:

- Educator Effectiveness Office has worked on the revisions to the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES).
- The Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) toolkit was updated to reflect Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) language, and should be posted soon.
- Responded to questions and concerns from the field about Resident Educator (RE) Program and Resident Educator Summative Assessment (RESA) revisions.
- OAE tests: Middle grades Social Studies will be adding Ohio history this year.
American Sign Language (ASL) and Gifted Education tests are being created.
Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) is working on a treasurer test (OAE does not have a test).
- OAC rules 3301-24-01 (Glossary) and 3301-24-04 (Resident Educator Program) will be coming for review in October.
- New work that is coming to the Educator Standards will be the Principal Standards workgroup.
- Also, there will be a workgroup to look at the Code of Conduct. The Educator Standards Board will be looking to see if there are any changes that need to be made to the Code of Conduct.
- Also, a workgroup will look at Teaching Standards.

- The Ohio Administrative Code 3301-23-44, Ohio Temporary and Substitute Teacher Licenses, that the Educator Standards Board moved to the State Board is in the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR).

XI. Committee Reports:

Licensure Committee: Report was presented by Ms. McDonald.

The Licensure Committee met on September 7 and reappointed Ms. Debra McDonald as chair of the committee.

- The licensure committee reviewed Ohio Administrative Code 3301-24-01, Glossary and definitions. At this time, there is no further action on OAC 3301-24-01.
- It was noted that Ohio Administrative Code 3301-24-04 Teacher Residency, will be reviewed and brought back to the licensure committee later.
- On behalf of the licensure committee Ms. McDonald moved to rescind Ohio Administrative Code 3301-24-03, Educator preparation programs leading to Ohio licensure issued by the state board of education. Mr. Cooney asked for a vote. There was no discussion. All Educator Standards Board members present were in favor. Mr. Cooney asked if there was anyone opposed. There was no one opposed. The motion passed.

Standards Committee: Report was presented by Ms. Orth.

The Standards Committee met on September 7 and reappointed Ms. Sandra Orth as chair of the committee.

- The Committee discussed current work being done to align the Ohio Standards for Principals (OSP) with the Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (PSEL). ODE conducted an analysis of the current alignment and found that while the OSP elements are at least partially aligned with PSEL, the entire PSEL document is less than half aligned with OSP. A workgroup is in place and is scheduled to have four meetings beginning in September and going through December. After the alignment is complete the work will shift to revision of the evaluation rubric. The Standards Committee will continue to be updated on this work.

XII. Discussion items: There was a question about the morning presentation on Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES) and whether more information was going to be coming forward. Ms. Simmerer said that there will be more information provided in October.

XIII. Action items: Mr. Cooney stated there were two action items.

Before a vote was called for the bylaws, Mr. Cooney asked if there was any discussion. There was a question about the simple majority (11 members) shall constitute a quorum. A question had been asked if it could be fifty percent plus one of the present members. Ms. Simmerer said that the law was clear that there was twenty-one members and by law it had to remain the number that was in the bylaws (Section 1. General Voting).

A question was asked about the bloc voting (Section 1 Step 2) and what if there was a tie. Ms. Simmerer said she would talk to legal and get back with the Educator Standards Board.

Mr. Cooney stated that they would delay the vote on the bylaws 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. Mr. Cooney asked for a motion to approve the annual report. Ms. Bell made the motion to approve the annual report. Ms. Orth second the motion. Mr. Cooney asked for all in favor say aye. All present members were in favor, and there was no one opposed. The motion passed.

XIV. Old business: There was no old business.

XV. New business: 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. Ms. Bell second the motion. Mr. Cooney called for a vote by all in favor saying aye. All Educator Standards Board members that were present were in favor and there was no one opposed. The motion passed.

XVI. Announcements: The next meeting will be October 12-13, 2017.

XVII. Adjournment: Mr. Cooney called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Robinson made the motion for adjournment, and Ms. Kendralla seconded the motion. All members were in favor. There was no one opposed. Meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.