

Carolyn Everidge-Frey, Executive Director

Kelly Bell, Chair

Ohio Educator Standards Board
Minutes of the Business Meeting
May 10, 2019
Quest Conference Center
8405 Pulsar Place
Columbus, Ohio 43240

Board Members Attending:

Kelly Bell
Jeffrey Brown
Cassandra Daniels
Joseph Friess
Melissa Kendralla
Julie Lather
Cynthia Lombardo
Debra McDonald
Sandra Orth
Venezuela Robinson
Emily Schweppe
Jessica Seaman
James Sommer
Toni Vinci
James Wagner

Board Members Absent:

Jeffrey Cooney
Shvonne Davis
Timothy Ryan Jenkin
Amy McGuffey
Dustin Miller
Pamela Withee

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Julia Simmerer representing Superintendent of Public Instruction, Paolo DeMaria, from the Ohio Department of Education
Jessica Mercerhill representing Chancellor Randy Gardner, from the Ohio Department of Higher Education

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Senator Peggy Lehner, Senate Education Committee, Chair, Ohio Senate
Senator Teresa Fedor, Senate Education Committee, Ranking Minority Member, Ohio Senate
Representative Louis W. Blessing III, Chair, House of Representative Primary and Secondary Education Committee, Ohio House of Representatives
Representative Phillip M. Robinson Jr., House of Representatives Primary and Secondary Education Committee, Ranking Minority Member, Ohio House of Representatives

Ohio Department of Education staff attending:
Carolyn Everidge-Frey
Shawna Gibson
Kathleen Herrmann

General session

I. Call to Order: Ms. Bell called the business meeting to order at 2:44 p.m.

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

III. Introductions: There were no introductions

IV. Approval of the Agenda: Ms. Bell requested a motion to accept the May 10, 2019, agenda as distributed. Ms. Orth made the motion to accept the agenda and Mr. Sommer seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members present were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

V. Approval of Minutes: Ms. Bell requested a motion to approve the March 15, 2019, minutes. Mr. Wagner made the motion to approve the minutes and Ms. McDonald seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members present were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

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

- In joint meeting yesterday the Board asked Pearson to bring back specific data regarding Unified English Braille for the visually impaired next year, as we need more data in considering changes to the cut scores.

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

- We are at the end of year. Our Teacher in Residence, Jonathan Juravich, led our staff in visiting 30 schools. We will grow this opportunity for the Ohio Teacher of the Year next year.
- Within the agency we continue to make sure our work and the work within the offices align to the strategic plan.
- Graduation work will be coming into our center.
- Continue to monitor the budget. This will be the first one through Governor DeWine. Still several versions to go but we feel positive about OTES receiving funding for training and development.
- Immy Singh, Director of Licensure, has been promoted to Chief Legal Officer.

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

- In January they realigned the state board committees to match the four centers that we have. It has changed our committee that was known as Capacity Committee. Now

everything in the committee is aligned to our center. The Board is very supportive in the recommendations that the Educator Standards Board makes.

- The executive committee will be going through the ESB appointments at the May 13-14, 2019 meeting, for those of you that have seats up for reappointments.
- Code of Conduct – Presenters will be laying the groundwork and will be very basic.

IX. Report from the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE): Ms. Mercerhill presented the report for Chancellor, Mr. Randy Gardner.

- The Educator Standards Board put forward to the State Board for a new Computer Science Endorsement as part of the code changes. We have started convening faculty to create standards for that new endorsement.
- The Adapted Physical Education Endorsement standards were out of date, so those standards are under review. It is looking like we will align to the national standards since there is a set out there.
- Today is Jessica Seaman's last day on the Educator Standards Board. Tony is also rolling off his appointment also. Chancellor Gardner is working on appointments to replace those 2 members.

X. Report from the Office of Educator Effectiveness: Ms. Everidge-Frey presented the report:

- Still spending the majority of time on OTES revisions. They wrapped up with the prototype groups. Planning for the pilot. On May 14, 2019 we will release a voiceover PowerPoint webinar on the OTES pilot. Working with the Department of Administrative Services to identify a vendor to help us with this training.
- The other bulk of the work in the office has been around Equity and the Local Equity Plans that were submitted this winter and early spring. There are over 600 plans that need to be reviewed.

XI. Committee Reports:

Joint Report of the Licensure and Standards Committee: The report was presented by Ms. Orth.

- Licensure and Standards Committee members met jointly to continue the review and revision of the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System. Members reviewed and provided feedback for current drafts of criteria for High-Quality Student Data, Professional Growth Plan, OTES Framework, descriptions of Teacher Performance Levels, and the OTES Rubric. This will continue to be the work of our committees with the goal of a final recommendation by December 2019.

XII. Discussion items:

- There were no discussion items.

XIII. Action items:

- By-Law Revision due to the change in state law. The Educator Standards Board needs to include a sub-committee on standards for teacher preparation and we do not have such a committee in our By-Laws. Ms. Everidge-Frey called for a motion. Mr. Sommer made the motion to approve the By-Law revision, and Mr. Friess seconded the motion. Ms. McDonald asked if there were any criteria around the members that will be appointed from this group. Ms. Everidge-Frey stated that the language states they will be appointed by the chair. All members were in favor. There was no one opposed. Motion carried.
- Future meeting dates revision. Due to a scheduling conflict we need to change October 4-5, 2019 to October 10-11, 2019. Ms. Bell called for a motion to make that change. Ms. Lather made the motion to make the date change, and Ms. Robinson seconded the motion. All members in favor. There was no one opposed. Motion carried.
- Ms. Bell called for a motion to move the Licensure Code of Professional Conduct forward. Ms. Robinson made a motion to move the Licensure Code of Professional Conduct forward, and Mr. Sommer seconded the motion. Ms. Bell would like to make an amendment to strike 1C under Professional Behavior. Ms. McDonald seconded. Ms. Bell discussed her concern over the wording of the language. She believes the rest of the code encompasses what 1C encapsulates. Ms. Bell is concerned that we will harm more innocent members in the profession than we will help by including that phrase as written. Ms. McDonald agreed that the whole point is to make sure students are safe and that is dealt with in other areas within the code. Mr. Wagner spoke against striking 1C. It would be taken up through the legal department at ODE and they would be the ones to look at it. Ms. Robinson called for question. Ms. Bell stated that we would now vote on the amendment. One member voted aye. All other members voted nay. Motion for the amendment failed. No further discussion on code. Ms. Bell called the question. One member opposed. Remaining members were in favor. Motion carried.
- Resolution on performance-based assessment. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the resolution to recommend a performance-based assessment as an alternative to the written examination to measure knowledge of the teaching profession. Ms. Lather seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Ms. Bell called the question. All members were in favor. There was no one opposed. The motion carried.

XIV. Old business: There was no old business.

XV. New business: There was no new business.

XVI. Announcements: Ms. Bell noted that the next ESB meeting will be June 6-7.

XVII. Adjournment: Ms. Bell 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 2:58 p.m.