

Yenetta Harper, Director

James Wagner, Chair

Ohio Educator Standards Board
Minutes of the Business Meeting
October 16, 2020
Webex Virtual Meeting

Board Members Attending:

Melissa Askren-Edgehouse
Kelly Bell
Kristine Blind
Eve Bolton
Jeffrey Brown
Larry Carey
Cassandra Daniels
Shvonne Davis
Rachel Dingess
Joseph Friess
Tracy Huziak-Clark
Melissa Kendralla
Julie Lather
Cynthia Lombardo
Debra McDonald
Sandra Orth
Venezuela Robinson
Heather Stambaugh
James Wagner

Board Members Absent:

Monica Asher
Nicholas Shay

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Yenetta Harper representing Superintendent of Public Instruction Paolo DeMaria, from the Ohio Department of Education
Krista Maxson 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 Don Jones, 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:

Shawna Gibson
Jill Grubb
Kathleen Herrmann
Scott Hunt
Tom McGee
Kara Putinsky
John Soloninka
Jason Wagner

General session

I. Call to Order: Mr. Wagner called the business meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

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

III. Introductions: There were no introductions.

IV. Approval of the Agenda: Mr. Wagner requested a motion to accept the October 16, 2020, agenda as distributed. Ms. Robinson 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. Wagner requested a motion to approve the September 18, 2020 minutes. Ms. Bell made the motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Lather seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All members present were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

VI. Report from the Chair: Mr. Wagner presented the report.

- If you have any concern, I will be more than happy to listen to them. If you have any ideas on how to better serve the board, I will take them. I want to make sure everyone on the ESB has a voice and gets to be heard.

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

- The ODE staff will continue to telework until January 4, 2021. All ODE face-to-face meetings and events will continue to be virtual until January 4, 2021.
- Celebrating Principal Appreciation month in October. An appreciation letter was sent to all Ohio principals.

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

- In July the resolution to condemn racism and to advance equity and opportunities for black and indigenous students and students of color was passed.
- In September the resolution to select a partner organization to facilitate providing gifts for the Ohio Teacher of the Year program was presented. The resolution was tabled and went back in front of the board in October and was tabled again.

- The rules that were reviewed by the ESB at our last meeting were recommended to the State Board of Education. The resolution to adopt changes to administrative rule 3301-24-23, the Resident Educator License renewal passed. The resolution to adopt changes to the Ohio Administrative Code 3301-24-24, Alternative Resident Educator License renewal passed.

IX. Report from the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE): Ms. Maxson presented the report on behalf of Chancellor Randy Gardner, from the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

- Working on putting together the standards for the three dual inclusionary licensure programs: AYA, middle childhood and PK-5 intervention specialist licensure areas were approved last year. Institutions can submit program proposals for these licensure areas in the spring.
- The Ed Prep program review redesign committee is redesigning the way programs are reviewed in the state of Ohio, to make it a more efficient process. In the meantime, we are doing a hybrid review process and moving in that direction this year where programs are being reviewed by faculty panels instead of consultants.
- There are two endorsements that were approved by the State Board of Education that do not have standards in place for them to be able to be submitted. Those are the media arts and the drama theater endorsements.

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

- As presented by the Standards Committee, we are focusing on diversifying the education profession in Ohio. We are planning on reconvening the diversifying the pipeline taskforce in November. We're going to expand and grow-your-own programs through promoting career technical academies, Educators Rising Ohio chapters and college plus for education course work. We are going to support high school students of color interested in becoming teachers. Our plan is to brand the education profession in Ohio through a marketing campaign, I Educate. We are creating mentoring and induction tools and materials for educators of color. These resources will be used for all educators, not just educators of color. We are going to promote partnerships between 2-year and 4-year institutions to support student educator candidates of color. We want educator prep programs and districts to look at the gaps and why we have these gaps. We want to help each district create equity plans.
- Educators Rising – Our plan is to increase membership in Educators Rising. We will offer grants for districts to start club chapters. The annual state conference will be virtual on March 4-5.
- Ohio Teacher of the Year is Anthony Coy Gonzales. He will present to the ESB in December.
- We have a new award, the Rise Award. You can nominate non-teaching support educators for this award. It is for classified and civil service employees. The nomination form is on the website.
- Ohio Teacher Leader Liaisons are meeting virtually.

- Ohio Educator Licensure tests. We are finalizing the scope of work for the Ohio educator licensure testing RFP. Staff are meeting with the office of fiscal administration to develop a timeline to release the RFP.

XI. Committee Reports:

Licensure Committee: The report was presented by Mr. Friess.

- The committee was briefed by Tom McGhee on a couple of alternative licensure Rules that came up for five-year review. One was for the alternative principal's license and the other was for the alternative superintendent and specialists' licenses. It is clarification, cleaning-up language and making things consistent with the language of other similar documents and licensing standards. When we get to the action items on the agenda, we would like to recommend that the State Board authorize the Ohio Department of Education to proceed with the process of getting those two rules finalized and put into code. There was some discussion about the challenges of people who were teachers that had a proper license and went through a certification program that have exited the profession for a while but who are now looking to get back into it. ODE is looking at some things to do to make it easier for those people to get back into the profession.

Standards Committee: The report was presented by Ms. Daniels

- The standards committee had a presentation on equity, diversity and inclusion. A discussion followed. The Department wants to expand upon that definitions for equity, diversity and inclusion and a taskforce has been formed. The ask of the ESB board out of our committee meeting is the board members be trained on biases and equity and that the ESB board craft a resolution about equity.

XII. Discussion items:

- Mr. Wagner read the resolution about equity training. Since it is being offered to the State Board of Education, is this something that the ESB could also do. Ms. Harper will inquire. Ms. Kelly stated that it would be very valuable, especially when we are dealing with cut scores for testing, and equity with students and schools.

XIII. Action items:

- OAC 3301-24-11 Alternative Principal License. Mr. Friess stated that the Licensure Committee recommends that the board move forward with OAC 3301-24-11. No discussion. Ms. Gibson called roll for vote. All members present were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.
- OAC 3301-22-12 Alternative Superintendent and Alternative Specialist License. Mr. Friess stated that the Licensure Committee recommends that the board move forward with OAC 3301-22-12 as pertaining to the Alternative Superintendent and Alternative Specialist License. No Discussion. Ms. Gibson called roll for vote. All members present were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

XIV. Old business: There was no old business.

XV. New business: There was no new business.

XVI. Announcements:

- Mr. Wagner noted that the next ESB meeting will be December 10-11, 2020. We will let you know about December 10th, but the 11th we hold the meeting.

XVII. Adjournment: Mr. Wagner called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Brown made the motion for adjournment, and Ms. Robinson seconded the motion. All members were in favor, none opposed. Meeting was adjourned at 01:37 p.m.