

Yenetta Harper, Director

James Wagner, Chair

Ohio Educator Standards Board
Minutes of the Business Meeting
January 15, 2021
Webex Virtual Meeting

Board Members Attending:

Monica Asher
Melissa Askren-Edgehouse
Kelly Bell
Kristine Blind
Eve Bolton
Jeffrey Brown
Larry Carey
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:

Cassandra Daniels
Nicholas Shay

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Carolyn Everidge-Frey 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:

Vacant, Senate Education Committee, Chair, Ohio Senate
Vacant, Senate Education Committee, Ranking Minority Member, Ohio Senate
Vacant, House of Representatives Primary and Secondary Education Committee, Chair, Ohio House of Representatives
Vacant, 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
Yenetta Harper
Kathleen Herrmann
Tom McGee
Kara Putinsky
Dave Schklar
John Soloninka

General session

I. Call to Order: Mr. Wagner called the business meeting to order at 1:13 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 January 15, 2021, agenda as distributed. Ms. Robinson made the motion to accept the agenda and Mr. Brown 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 December 11, 2020 minutes. Mr. Carey made the motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Kendralla 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.

- Nothing to report. Appreciate everyone being here during these times.

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

- The ODE staff are continuing to work from home through the end of May. That also means any meetings that are scheduled will continue to be virtual through the end of May. That is our latest timeline.
- Some legislation passed in the during the lame duck session. There were 11 bills that passed. In every one of those 11 bills there is something education related. The “to dos” for the Department is over 100 when we itemize all those actions out. We are setting up timelines and the project work.
- The Department is trying to assist the governor’s office, the Department of Health and our school districts in getting their intent to have their staff vaccinated. If they are or are not intending to administer vaccinations to their staff members, because they are on the priority list. Ms. Huziak-Clark asked if student teachers would be included. Ms. Everidge-Frey stated the Department is not making that determination about who is considered essential. We have relayed that the universities would like the student teachers included in that. We were told that more information would be coming to the local superintendents. Mr. Brown stated that from a superintendent’s perspective, they

have also been in conversations with the local health department and each health department is interpreting it differently. The language in the phrasing is any adult who works within a school building, so our health department has said to include student teachers.

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

- The State Board approved the ETS Praxis Reading test for use as part of the 3rd grade reading guarantee for teachers.
- The January meeting is an organizational meeting as there are new members. There were not many action items. We have 5 new members to the State Board. One is appointed, Tim Miller. The others were elected: Diana Fessler, Christina Collins, Brendan Shae and Michelle Newman. With those new members there was an election for the president and vice president of the State Board. They remained the same so president remains Laura Kohler and Charlotte McGuire is the vice president.
- Since it was an organizational meeting, they received training on public records, parliamentary procedures, rulemaking process and personnel items. The professional conduct cases regrettably have issues because there are always a lot of questions and amendments around them. We saw some training about the steps that those personnel items go through before they get to the State Board.
- The senior executive directors of the 4 centers at the Department gave an overview of the work that their centers do and the work coming out of their centers that will be going to the State Board for this upcoming year.
- There was a lot of discussion around Ed Rising. We are going to be giving them more information about that.

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.

- We have a new Vice Chancellor for academic affairs. Stephanie Davidson retired as of December 31st. Dr. Tom Sudkamp has started in the role of Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs.
- The dual licensure programs, the intervention specialist PK5, middle childhood and AYA program standards are currently posted for public comment. We should be seeing programs being submitted for those licensure grade bands. These new licenses were approved by this group and the State Board of Education.
- For our “3 to Get Ready” campaign, I have spoken to some students about the impact of the program as well as the leadership of Rowan University in New Jersey about diversifying the educator pipeline. One student made a comment that was very impactful. They said “I didn’t know how to apply to college”. “3 to get Ready” is a campaign that we have in the state that we partner with K12, districts and talk about the college application process and having students complete multiple applications to colleges and then celebrate college signing day.

- X. Report from the Office of Educator Effectiveness: Ms. Harper presented the report:
- We met with the Ohio Diversity Taskforce on December 4th. There were about 45 people in attendance, and we divided them into work groups. They will be working on the three taskforce recommendations to attract more individuals to the field and to prepare, retain more individuals of color in the field of education and empower change. The work groups will be giving us feedback.
 - Educators Rising Ohio – We got some good feedback at the board meeting. We have 32 chapters at 19 different schools. We are going to be giving a grant opportunity for school districts and community schools to access some funds to start their own chapters. The Ed Rising conference will be held virtually on March 22-23. It is a great opportunity to see how our young people in Ohio are advancing in the pathway to our field. We are asking for volunteer judges.
 - The Ohio licensure test staff finalized the scope of work, which is the work plan for the educator licensure test RFP. The RFP is undergoing further additions and revisions and will be posted soon, hopefully Monday. Members on the licensure committee, higher ed committee and higher ed subcommittee assisted with the revisions to the scope of the work in September 2019.
 - The Ohio Leadership Council – The staff are pursuing ownership with OLAC to extend resources and professional learning related to teacher and principal leadership initiatives. Our office supports OLAC and we are planning to expand our principal leadership initiatives and resources in the 20-21 school year. We are going to convene Ohio leaders to create resources specifically for Ohio. We want to expand supports around OPES as we are retooling that.
 - OPES 1.0 and 2.0 – You saw the video that will be shared at virtual meet ups. We cannot get feedback through the pilot model. We are doing virtual meet ups and gathering feedback in many ways. We will bring you the feedback as we start finalizing the OPES framework.
 - OSCES (The Ohio School Counselor Evaluation System) – We are planning to train a second cohort of state trainers that will take place in February and all the opportunities are virtual.
 - The Ohio Teacher Leader Liaison network is up and running. We are getting good feedback from the teachers. The 52 teacher leader liaisons will continue to meet through the remainder of the school year. They are organizing the 3rd annual Teacher Leadership Summit to be held virtually on June 9th. We are planning for at least a thousand participants.
 - We had a new award this year, the Rise Award. It recognizes inspirational school employees. It is a national award. We select nominees to go up for this national award for the governor. Two people were selected to be nominated from the state of Ohio. Sandy Pearson, paraprofessional from Toledo Public Schools and Barbara Ward, a bus driver from Fairland Local. They have been selected as Ohio Rise recipients and a timeline has been developed in conjunction with the governor's office and we will recognize them virtually on January 22nd.

- Our web-based recruitment system that we supported for a long time to post educational jobs for schools and districts will be discontinued in June 2021. We will communicate this information to the schools and districts and help them transition to the OhioMeansJobs website.

XI. Committee Reports:

Licensure Committee: The report was presented by Mr. Friess, chair of the committee.

- Mr. McGee explained that the rule OAC 3301-24-13 for relinquishing licenses is up for review. After discussion with the committee, there are no recommended changes to it. After a quick review, it is not something that is utilized often and it is initiated by teachers. If there is an area on their license that they are no longer interested in teaching, they can have it removed. Rule OAC 3301-24-13 was up for a 5-year review and on behalf of the committee, we would like to motion to recommend the 5-year review with no changes to the current rule. Are there any questions? Mr. Friess made a motion to recommend the 5-year rule review with no changes to it. Ms. Gibson called the roll. All members present were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

Standards Committee: The report was presented by Mr. Wagner, for the chair of the committee who was absent.

- The Standards Committee discussed drafting a statement of support for the State Board's resolution "To condemn racism and to advance equity and opportunity for black students, indigenous students, and students of color. In our committee's discussion, highlights included the importance of the resolution, what can be actionable and a statement of support. And so, our statement of support would include why we support the resolution and how we would embed this into our work in the Education Standards Board. We would support this and how we embed it.
- Ms. McDonald stated she would like to make it an action item, unless someone has an objection, that we can demonstrate our consensus to do the work that the committee suggested. Ms. McDonald moved that the ESB create a letter of support for the Board of Education resolution to condemn racism and advance equity. Also, the ESB will create an action plan to show how our work will support that resolution. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Ms. Bell stated that she would like to discuss the motion. Ms. Bell stated that she does not think the letter goes far enough. She expressed her concern that it may come back on us, as a board; she also noted that the resolution the state board created did not go far enough. Ms. McDonald stated that this motion is just to create that letter and what that letter of support would look like will be determined later. We can put in the components that we want to put in that letter of support. Ms. Gibson called the roll. All members present were in favor. None opposed Motion passed.

XII. Discussion items:

- There were no discussion items.

XIII. Action items:

- A 5-year review of OAC 3301-24-13 to relinquishing a license was discussed and voted on during the committee reports. See above.
- Drafting a letter of support for the State Board of Education resolution to condemn racism and advance equity was discussed and voted on during the committee reports. See above.

XIV. Old business: There was no old business.

XV. New business:

- Ms. McDonald provided an update on Educators Rising. We are going to have a virtual conference for the students and will continue with their competitions, which also will be done virtually. We are looking for judges. You may have received an email request. I will send this information to Shawna, to send on to you. The students will be submitting their presentations and documents by March 3rd. The judges will have the opportunity to score in a specific competition of those submissions between March 3rd and March 17. The judges would have to be available for a question-and-answer period on March 22nd and this would be a virtual meeting when they would meet with the students. Ms. Everidge-Frey asked if it would be okay if you could work with Yenetta and the team to come up with ways the Board could be more involved. They could help us increase the number of chapters, but could they also volunteer to be judges? Ms. McDonald stated that there are different types of presentations that you do not need an education background to be a judge.

XVI. Announcements:

- Mr. Wagner noted that the next ESB meeting will be March 12, 2021.

XVII. Adjournment: Mr. Wagner called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Kendralla made the motion for adjournment, and Ms. Robinson seconded the motion. All members were in favor, none opposed. Meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.