

Opening, Call to Order, Roll Call, Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes, Formal Public Comment

Meeting called to order at 1:10 p.m. by President Gray. The following members of the State Board were present: Teri Quinn Gray, President; Nina Lou Bunting, Vice President; G. Patrick Heffernan, and Barbara B. Rutt. Deputy Secretary of Education Karen Field Rogers was present to serve as the Deputy Executive Secretary for the State Board and the Board's Executive Director, Donna Johnson, was also present.

The agenda was approved as presented. A motion was made by Mrs. Bunting and seconded by Mr. Heffernan to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The minutes of the Board's work session of October 13, 2016 were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mrs. Rutt to approve the minutes of the Board's work session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bunting and carried by voice vote.

The minutes of the Board's regular meeting of October 13, 2016 were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mrs. Rutt to approve the minutes of the Board's regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heffernan and carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

Two individuals signed up to address the State Board during public comment.

John Marinucci, Executive Director of the Delaware School Boards Association, provided the Board with an update on the activities, assistance, meetings and professional development offered by DSBA in the last month. He also provided the Board with DSBA's future plans to cut costs and provide more resources and board member training.

Eileen Reynolds provided public comment on hearing specialists and the push of some schools to manage hearing loss through sign language only. She stated that hearing impaired students should not be taught in a nonverbal environment but in an environment that is more appropriate.

Committee Reports and Executive Director's Update

Board members highlighted their monthly activities. Mrs. Bunting commented that she was in attendance at the NASBE Conference when Governor Markell received the NASBE Policy Leader of the Year Award. She also attended the Teacher of the Year Dinner and the Board's retreat. Mrs. Rutt stated she attended the Governor's Advisory Committee for ESSA on behalf of Dr. Gray and the Board and also attended the Board retreat.

Ms. Johnson noted the news articles and information posted under the Executive Director's report many that pertain to ESSA. Dr. Gray commented that she also attended the NASBE Annual

Conference and the 9th Vision Coalition of Delaware event at the University of Delaware. Dr. Gray also highlighted the Delaware STEM Symposium.

Report on NASBE Conference

Ms. Johnson read the report Mr. Coverdale provided on his attendance at the NASBE Conference. She also commented on the grant meeting the State Board participated in and highlighted several of the guest speakers. Mrs. Bunting highlighted sessions she attended on early learning and ESSA.

Secretary's Report

Deputy Secretary Rogers provided Dr. Godowsky's Secretary's report noting the recent Department staff meeting Governor Markell attended to thank Department staff and the Teacher of the Year banquet where Wendy Turner became Delaware's 2017 Teacher of the Year. Secretary Godowsky also noted in his report attending the joint DOE/Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control ribbon cutting for the new Science Lab. Ms. Rogers highlighted other events attended by Secretary Godowsky including the Department's FY 18 budget hearing.

Educators as Catalysts Showcase

Presidential Award Winners for Excellence in Teaching Mathematics and Science

The U.S. Department of Education recently announced Delaware's honorees for Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) for 2014 and 2015. Awarded each year by the White House, PAEMST is given to mathematics and science teachers from each of the 50 states and four U.S. jurisdictions. In addition to honoring individual achievement, the goal of the PAEMST award program is to exemplify the highest standards of mathematics and science teaching. Awardees serve as models for their colleagues, inspiration to their communities, and leaders in the improvement of mathematics and science education. The Board honored Delaware's National PAEMST Awardees for Math: Kristin Gray from the Cape Henlopen School District for 2014 and Robin Corrozi also from the Cape Henlopen School District for 2015. For Science, the awardees were Kimberly Simmons, Capital School District for 2014 and John Scali, MOT Charter High School for 2015.

ESSA Update

Amelia Hodges and Candice Brooks provided the ESSA update for the State Board. The second round of conversations were noted as well as meetings of the Governor's Advisory Committee and discussion groups. Ms. Johnson noted that written comments would be submitted on behalf of the State Board. Dr. Hodges stated that the second draft of the ESSA Plan should be released before December 31st.

The Board recessed from 2:23 to 2:38 p.m.

State and School Accountability Reports - Delaware Schools Success Framework

Karen Field Rogers along with Adrian Peoples and Chantel Janiszewski provided the Board with the accountability report. The Board was informed about the information that is available on the state profiles link on the Department website. It was noted that the Department is working with all schools on their achievement goals, not just priority and focus schools. There was discussion by the Board on the participation rate and that it would be helpful to see that data separately as well as a legend on the reports for clarification. The Board also indicated that a statewide report for the state as a whole would be beneficial as it looks at its future goals.

Ed Prep Scorecard

Shannon Holston and Nermin Zubaca provided the Board with a brief presentation on the Educator Preparation Program Reports that would be published in December. The reports are a tool for higher institutions to use the data to make program decisions and the reports also identify strong programs and provides public transparency on the performance of the educator preparation programs. Senate Bill 51 and Regulation 290 created the accountability structure for educator preparation programs. Ms. Holston outlined the six domains used on the scorecards. It is hoped that future scorecards will have additional multi-state data to verify employment of Delaware higher education institution graduates.

Department Regulations

Tina Shockley informed the State Board that Regulations 925 and 926, regulations pertaining to children with disabilities, requires a 60 day comment period. These amendments will be presented for action at the Board's December meeting. Dale Matusevich was present to respond to questions from the Board.

Regulation 286 Application Fee for Educator Licensure was presented to the State Board for action. The amendments are due to legislation passed during the last session of the General Assembly. Licensure applicants are charged but applicants hired in Delaware public schools will have the fee reimbursed. Angeline Rivello was present to respond to questions from the Board. It was noted that as currently worded the reimbursement was only for teachers and it would take legislation to provide it to new specialists and leaders. A motion was made by Mr. Heffernan to approve the amendments to Regulation 286. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bunting and carried unanimously by voice vote. The Board signed the appropriate Order.

Regulation 612 Possession, Use or Distribution of Drugs and Alcohol was also presented to the State Board for action. The amendments are required to comply with legislation. John Sadowski was present to respond to questions. A motion was made by Mrs. Bunting to approve the amendments to Regulation 612. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heffernan and carried unanimously by voice vote. The Board signed the appropriate Order.

The Board recessed from 3:49 p.m. to 3:58 p.m.

Charter Schools

David Blowman and Denise Stouffer presented the Charter items to the State Board. The Board received an update on the Financial and Organizational Performance Frameworks and the

on-site training that has been provided to charter schools. The charter office has also begun training charter school boards on how to use the frameworks and the data resources. The Charter School Office held its new charter school application technical assistance session and the timeline for the renewal application of Academy of Dover was highlighted. The Charter Office is also meeting with Prestige Academy to provide support as it prepares to close its doors at the end of the school year.

Professional Standards Board

Chris Kenton, Executive Director of the Professional Standards Board, presented the agenda items for the Professional Standards Board. He provided the Board with an update to the Board on the new assessment that the Board inquired about last month. Mr. Kenton stated that the CKT assessment would be presented to the LCC for consideration of adoption to replace parts of the elementary multi-subject assessment.

Regulation 1561 Bilingual Teacher was presented for action. This regulation is part of the five-year review cycle and shall apply to the issuance of a Standard Certificate for Bilingual Teacher. No public comment was received to date. A motion was made by Mrs. Rutt to approve the amended regulation 1561. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bunting and carried unanimously by voice vote. The Board signed the appropriate Order.

Regulation 1565 World Language Teacher was presented to action. It is part of the five-year review cycle. This regulation shall apply to the issuance of a Standard Certificate for World Language Teacher. No public comment was received. Mr. Kenton noted the non-technical changes were made to the regulation that were not substantive and did not require republication. A motion was made by Mr. Heffernan to approve the amended regulation with the verbal changes presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bunting and carried unanimously by voice vote. The Board signed the appropriate Order.

Appeals

Deputy Attorney General Valerie Dunkle noted that an appeal had been received and a hearing officer had been appointed. Oral argument for the appeal is scheduled for December 9th.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Rutt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heffernan and carried unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 4:26p.m.

Respectfully Submitted;

Karen Field Rogers, Deputy Executive Secretary and
Deputy Secretary of Education