

**MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
200 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201**

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

**June 7, 2018
Minutes**

The 425th meeting of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) was held at the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201 on May 3, 2018. Dr. Alyssia James called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

The following members were in attendance: Dr. Mae Alfree, Ms. Jennifer Berkley, Ms. Linda Chinnia, Mr. Charles Hagan, Dr. Kandace Hoppin, Mr. Darren Hornbeck, Dr. Alyssia James, Ms. Maleeta Kitchen, Dr. Kristine McGee, Ms. Kelli Midgley, Ms. Debra Poese, Ms. Sandra Skordalos, Ms. Sarah Spross, and Ms. Geralda Thompson.

The following members were absent: Mr. Peter Baily, Mr. Christopher Lloyd, Dr. John Mayo, and Ms. Karen Saar.

The following Maryland State Department of Education staff members were present: Ms. Kelly Meadows, Ms. Ruth Downs (Recorder), and Ms. Jackie LaFiandra, Esq., Attorney General's Office.

PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Recognition of Guests

Ms. Tina Dove, MSEA
Ms. Geraldine Duval, MSEA

Public Comment

No Public Comment.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of May Minutes

Dr. Alyssia James entertained a motion to approve the May minutes.

MOTION: Ms. Jennifer Berkley/Ms. Geralda Thompson To approve the May 3 minutes.

JULY MEETING

Ms. Sarah Spross explained that she was concerned with getting a quorum at the July meeting, since it fell on July 5, 2018. Ms. Spross explained that she had been hearing that the Board needed more time to discuss the pertinent issues. She stated that if there was not a quorum at the meeting, the Board could discuss the issues but no action could be taken on the issues. Ms. Spross stated that she is very cognizant of how busy everyone is, and if there is not a quorum, she would hate for the people at the meeting to have to revisit the discussion again in August. She indicated that there will be regulations from the SBOE but they will not be ready for the PSTEB until August. There will not be a meeting held in the month of July.

Ms. Kelli Midgely asked if the meeting could be moved to July 12, since it overlaps with the MSEA meeting and many people will still be out of town. Dr. James stated that the PSTEB should continue with the plan to not have a July meeting, but if some action items do arise, members might be available to participate by telephone. It was recommended by Dr. James to hold July 12 open, if needed, for a possible telephone conference due to action items that could arise.

Approval to hold July 12 open

Dr. Alyssia James entertained a motion to hold July 12 open for a meeting, via telephone conference, in the event that there are actions that need to be addressed by the PSTEB.

MOTION: Dr. Kandace Hoppin/Dr. Kristine McGee To approve holding July 12 open for telephone conference is needed.

MEETING TIME

Ms. Sarah Spross asked if the PSTEB plans to keep the meeting time at 9 a.m. or switch back to 9:30 a.m.

Approval of PSTEB meeting time

Dr. Alyssia James entertained a motion to move the starting time of the PSTEB meetings back to 9:30 a.m. and change the ending time to 12:30 p.m.

MOTION: Ms. Maleeta Kitchen/Ms. Sandra Skordolas To approve moving the meeting start time to 9:30 a.m. and end time to 12:30 p.m.

Approval of Proposed Agenda Items for August

- Approval of Minutes
- State Board Update
- Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education
- Superintendent Update
- Reading Group Update
- Regulations (Adoption)
 - 13A.12.01.04 Options for Obtaining Initial Maryland Certification
 - 13A.12.01.05 General Requirements for Professional Certificates
 - 13A.12.01.08-1 Adjunct Certificate
 - 13A.12.03.04 Pupil Personnel Worker

DISCUSSION

State Board

Dr. Miya Simpson presented a summary of the May 22, 2018 State Board Meeting.

FOR ACTION:

- **Regulations**
 - Granted permission to publish emergency and proposed actions to amend Regulation .03 under Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 13A.14.06 *Child Care Subsidy Program*. The amendments update the childcare subsidy income eligibility levels resulting in more low-income families and children being served.

- Granted permission to publish amendments to COMAR 13A.15 *Family Child Care*, COMAR 13A.16 *Child Care Centers*, COMAR 13A.17 *Child Care--Letters of Compliance*; and COMAR 13A.18 *Large Family Child Care Homes*. The State Board approved amendments to regulations under these subtitles at their December 5, 2017 meeting that included: (1) background clearances; (2) child abuse and neglect information; (3) reasonable accommodations; (4) medical information for child care providers and staff of child care centers; (5) reasons to deny an applicant/application and health and safety training requirements for staff; (6) lead testing; (7) counting students; (8) swimming pool security; (9) care of children; (10) child discipline; and (11) reasons and procedures to suspend a registration or license. Due to the schedule of the General Assembly, the depth of the amendments to regulations, and an additional request, the regulations were returned to the State Board. The present change included adding “within 90 days of employment” to the Basic Health and Safety training equipment. This will allow providers 90 days to complete the training while working in a childcare program.
- Granted permission to adopt amendments to Regulation .03 and .04 under COMAR 13A.02.02 Emergency Plans, which incorporates by reference, the MSDE Emergency Planning Guidelines for Local School Systems and Schools to accommodate students, staff, and visitors, with disabilities on public school grounds, in accordance with the federal American with Disabilities Act.
- Grant permission to adopt amendments to Regulation .04 under COMAR 13A.05.02 State Administration, which governs the identification of significant disproportionality under the individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

➤ **Calendar Waiver Requests**

- Approved requests for Allegany County Public Schools to open pupil attendance prior to Labor Day for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Approved a request from Baltimore City Public Schools to waive the post-Labor Day school start date and the June 15 school end date for the following schools for the 2018-2019 school year: Baltimore Collegiate School, City Springs Elementary/Middle School, Furman L. Templeton Preparatory Academy, KIPP Harmony Academy, Lillie May Carroll Jackson School, and New Song Academy.
- Approved a request from Baltimore City Public Schools to waive the post-Labor Day school start date for the following schools for the 2018-2019 school year: Harford Heights Elementary, James McHenry Elementary/Middle, Mary Rodman Elementary, Academy for College and Career Exploration, Commodore John Rodgers Elementary/Middle.

FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:

- **ESSA Implementation and Timeline**
 - Update on the implementation of Maryland’s Draft Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Consolidated State Plan, focused on further clarification of the seven percent set-aside available in Title I, Part A and the definition of economically disadvantaged which is necessary for Maryland’s accountability system.
- **Recognition of 2018-2019 Maryland Teacher of the Year**
 - Recognized Maryland’s 2018-2019 local Teachers of the Year who represent their school systems in the State’s Teacher of the Year program and competition for Maryland and National Teacher of the Year.

- **2017 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Results**
 - Overview of Maryland’s 2017 NAEP Mathematics and Reading Results, released on April 10, 2018, as well as, national results and the results from Baltimore City.
- **Plan for Certification and Educator Preparation Programs**
 - Proposed action plan to address the recommendations of the MSDE comprehensive plan to increase the rigor and accountability of educator certification and teacher preparation programs in Maryland. The discussion also included an overview of the Maryland State Board of Education’s subcommittee report and final recommendations.
- **2018 Budget and Legislative Session Update**
 - Final legislative overview and status of education related bills presented during the 2018 General Assembly.

LEGAL OPINIONS AND ORDERS:

- *Chris K. v. Anne Arundel County Board of Education* – student discipline – Opinion No. 18-16
- *Kathy Tamburo v. Baltimore County Board of Education* – damages and calculations – Opinion No. 18-17
- *Mandy V. v. Anne Arundel County Board of Education* – residency – Opinion No. 18-18

Meeting Materials, Opinions, and Orders can be found on the State Board website.

The next meeting of the Maryland State Board of Education will be held on June 24, 2018 at the Nancy S. Grasmick State Education Building, 200 West Baltimore Street, 7th Floor Board Room, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

Letter from Delegate Luedtke

Ms. Spross presented the letter from Delegate Luedtke to the Board. The letter was in reference to HB493/SB638, which were two bills that the PSTEB had followed during the 2018 legislative session. The PSTEB opposed both of the bills, which were about reading and testing. See attached letter.

Ms. Spross stated that Delegate Luedtke’s first question not just specific to research-based reading methods, but rather is a national conversation that is occurring right now. In response to the second question, Ms. Spross explained to the PSTEB that, by regulation, certification exams are adopted by the SBOE and State Superintendent. . Ms. Spross stated that not only is this issue being discussed at the SBOE, and that a comprehensive review of certification tests is being conducted, but it is also being discussed at the Kirwan Commission.

After a lengthy and thorough discussion with the PSTEB, Ms. Spross stated that she would work with Dr. James to draft a letter to Delegate Luedtke in response to the letter received. The letter will include the following:

1. The history behind the reading workgroup.
2. Why the workgroups were formed.
3. The membership of the workgroup.
4. A timeline outlining the process of the workgroup.

Superintendent Certification Update

Ms. Spross informed the PSTEB that no vote was taken by the SBOE regarding the Superintendent certification regulations. The MSDE pulled the proposed regulations for further revision. The SBOE asked the MSDE to come back with a regulation that mirrored the requirements found in statute for a county superintendent. Ms. Spross gave the Board information on all 50 states, along with the letter requesting a joint conference meeting.

Ms. Spross explained some of the things that were identified.

1. Under 03B.a – minimum degree is not identified. By not identifying the degree, it could include an associate degree. (This puts it in conflict with our general requirements.)
2. Under 03B.B – Two years of graduate work is not defined. (Does this mean full time verses part-time?)
3. The third area public school administration, supervision and methods of teaching, is direct language out of the statute. (Does this mean a specific program enrollment, a specific topic area, or does this mean course work?)

Ms. Spross stated that if the regulation what was in statute as they had asked, there would be no more professional certification route. This would disallow an individual, coming to Maryland from out of state, a direct route to certification. This change would require graduate coursework to be defined, and an individual who has completed a program leading to superintendent, not to be qualified. Ms. Spross gave an overview of the various states requirements for superintendent.

After a lengthy discussion in regards to a Joint Conference Committee meeting, the SBOE did not decline a joint committee conference meeting. The SBOE agreed that, SBOE members must first determine what they agree are pertinent superintendent requirements before having a joint conference. The SBOE listened, sorted out the facts, and asked that MSDE come back in June with new proposed regulations including the components from the language proposed at its April meeting and to include new language regarding an extraordinary experienced professional.

Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education (Kirwan Commission) Update

Ms. Spross informed the PSTEB that, on May 17, she and Dr. Karen Salmon gave a presentation to the Kirwan Commission. The presentation was an update on State Assessment System (PARCC, KRA, Praxis, and WIDA). The Commission was supportive of the CKT Assessment but that Committee 2 has also identified Massachusetts' test as a good model.

The next Kirwan Commission meeting for Working Group 2: Thursday, June 14, 2018, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Location TBD. Full Commission and Working Groups 1, 3, and 4: Thursday, June 28, 2018, 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Room 120 HOB.

SBOE Subcommittee on Teacher Preparation Update

Ms. Spross provided a brief update on the State Board of Education Subcommittee. She informed the PSTEB that the SBOE subcommittee has met to get a better understanding of the approval process for Teacher Preparation Programs. Ms. Spross answered questions from the SBOE in regards to the Teacher Preparation Subcommittee of both the SBOE and the PSTEB. The members of the PSTEB subcommittee stated that they would start setting up dates and times to meet to prepare for the joint conference committee meeting with the State Board.

Meeting Adjourned

Dr. Alyssia James entertained a motion to adjourn the June meeting.

MOTION: Ms. Jennifer Berkley/Ms. Maleeta Kitchen To adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Meeting adjourned 12:25 p.m.