

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

200 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2021

The 456th meeting of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) was held, via Web Ex, on March 4, 2021. Mr. Christopher Lloyd called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

The following members were in attendance: Ms. Jennifer Berkley, Ms. Linda Chinnia, Mr. Louis D'Ambrosio, Dr. Debi Gartland, Mr. Charles Hagan, Mr. Darren Hornbeck, Ms. Maleeta Kitchen, Mr. Christopher Lloyd, Ms. Kelly Meadows, Ms. Kelli Midgley, Dr. Kindel Nash, Ms. Debra Poese, Ms. Karen Saar, Ms. Sandra Skordalos, Dr. Winona Taylor, and Ms. Geralda Thompson.

The following members were absent: Mr. Peter Baily, Dr. Patricia Saelens and Dr. Jack Smith.

The following Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) staff members were present: Ms. Alexandra Cambra, Mr. Robert Eccles, Mr. Zachary Hands and Ms. Ruth Downs (Recorder).

The following Attorney General Staff member was present: Ms. Christle Sheppard-Southall, Esq., Assistant Attorney General.

PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Recognition of Guests via Web Ex

Dr. Mary Pat Fannon, PSSAM

Ms. Geraldine Duval, MSEA

Public Comment

None

Announcements

Mr. Lloyd informed the PSTEB members that based on the results of the doodle poll, the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 from 9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Mr. Lloyd stated to the members that he was not able to move the letter in regards to SB464, due to family issues.

Mr. Charles Hagan informed the PSTEB members that he will be stepping down at the end of his term. Mr. Lloyd extended his deepest appreciation on behalf of the PSTEB Board and thanked Mr. Hagan for all of the work he did while on the Board.

Mr. Lloyd reiterated to the PSTEB members that Ms. Sarah Spross former Assistant State Superintendent has left for Cooperstown, New York and Dr. Salmon has appointed Ms. Kelly Meadows as State Superintendent designee for the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board.

Ms. Christle Sheppard-Southall informed the PSTEB members that the 60 day timeframe starts once the Board receives the transmittal. So in reference to the two regulations, the Board received the transmittal on January 26, 2021. The clock started on January 26, 2021 and will end on March 26, 2021 (60 calendar days).

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She also informed the members that when a bill is overridden by both chambers in Annapolis, the bill becomes a law 30 days after the override. So the bill was overridden on February 14, 2021, and it will become law on March 14, 2021.

State Board Update

Mr. Lloyd presented the summary of the Maryland State Board for the February 23rd Board of Education meeting. He asked the PSTEB members to review the report and if they have any questions, to please send them to him and he will reach out to Dr. Simpson to get the information.

Legislative Update

Mr. Zachary Hands informed the PSTEB Board that Senate Bill 464 – *Educational Interpreter Certification Requirements* has not moved so far.

Mr. Hands introduced House Bill 1166 – *Education – Physical Restraint and Seclusion – Requirements, Reporting, and Training* to the PSTEB members. Mr. Hands stated that this bill only requires collaboration from the Professional Standards Teacher Education Board.

The purpose of this bill is for prohibiting a public or nonpublic school from using a physical restraint on a student as a behavioral health intervention, except under certain circumstances; prohibiting a public agency or nonpublic school from using seclusion as a behavioral health intervention for a student, except under certain circumstances; requiring a certain risk assessment to be completed at certain points for a student who has an individualized treatment plan and experiences a seclusion; requiring a public agency, nonpublic school, or individualized education plan team to hold certain meetings at the earliest opportunity, under certain circumstances; requiring a certain report on the use of physical restraint or seclusion incidents to include certain information; requiring the State Department of Education to seek certain verification from a public agency or nonpublic school under certain circumstances.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Lloyd opened the floor up for discussion in regards to HB1166. The members discussed HB1166 and whether or not it was intended to address the Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports system (PBIS). It was mentioned that this bill is not the same as PBIS. There is a lot of overlap, but HB1166 is broader and noted as a positive step further. House Bill 1166 is more general than PBIS and is a better defined system. After discussing the bill, Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to support House Bill 1166. He instructed the members to answer “Yes” if they do support the bill or “No” if they do not support the bill.

MOTION: Ms. Kelli Midgley/Dr. Deborah Gartland entertained a motion to support House Bill 1166. The motion was voted on and approved.

Vote: Favor: 14

Opposed: 1

Abstain: 1

Mr. Lloyd stated that he will draft a letter from a procedural stand point to accurately show what the Professional Standards Teacher Education Board voted and decided on today. He will submit the letter on behalf of the PSTEB members.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to move into Executive Session.

MOTION: Dr. Winona Taylor/Ms. Maleeta Kitchen entertained a motion to move into Executive Session.

10:30 a.m. -- Adjourned to Executive Session.

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to adjourn from Executive Session.

MOTION: Dr. Deborah Gartland/Dr. Winona Taylor entertained a motion to adjourn from Executive Session.

10:52 a.m. -- Adjourned from Executive Session.

BREAK 10:52 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of February 4, 2021 Minutes

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to approve the February 4, 2021 minutes.

MOTION: Dr. Debi Gartland/Dr. Winona Taylor to approve the March 4, 2021 minutes. The March 4, 2021 PSTEB minutes were approved without objection.

Approval of Proposed Agenda Items for April 8, 2021

- Approval of Minutes
- State Board/Legislative Update
- Communication Update
- Regulations as Appropriate
- Induction Update
- Pathway for Teachers of Non-public Schools

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to tentatively adopt the agenda items for the April 8, 2021 meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Winona Taylor/Ms. Geralda Thompson to approve the April 8, 2021, meeting agenda with the listed items. The April 8, 2021, PSTEB agenda was approved without objection.

COMAR 13A.07.06 Programs for Professionally Licensed Personnel
(Repeal and Replace – Permission to Publish)

Mr. Lloyd updated the PSTEB members on the COMAR regulations. He informed the members that some language was transmitted to the State Board and was adopted.

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- COMAR 13A.07.06.03.A11 – Adopt language as recommended by PSTEB.
- COMAR 13A.07.06.08.D5(a) – Adopt language as recommended by PSTEB.
- COMAR 13A.07.06.10A2 – Adopt language as approve for publication by the State Board of Education.
- COMAR 13A.07.06.13B4 – Adopt a hybrid of language approved for publication by State Board of Education and recommended by PSTEB.
- COMAR 13A.12.07.06.15 – Adopt language as approved for publication by State Board of Education.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Lloyd informed the members that the State Board acted on both pieces of COMAR. The State Board chose not to override PSTEB in February but chose to add some language to regulations. He stated that the State Board acted on January 26, 2021, and that PSTEB would have 60 days to send something back to the Board by March 26, 2021, around the permission to publish. Several members expressed their concerns with particular items in the COMAR 13A.12.07.06, such as:

- Five year program review cycle is not aligned with the seven year review process.
- Regulation would hold Teacher Preparation accountable for areas that they do not control.
- Data Collection – Institutes of Higher Education(IHEs) do not have the ability to do that.
- Competencies – Cultural Competencies were raised as an issue.

Mr. Lloyd instructed the members to take the chart and deconstruct it, so that the PSTEB members can do a side by side and so that they can see what is different in the regulation. He instructed the IHEs to take the proposed language in COMAR 13A.12.07.06 and compare it to the other language and to bring back the comments to the next meeting on March 17, 2021.

Workflow

Mr. Lloyd informed the PSTEB members that the letter that needs to be sent to the legislature in regards to HB1166, he might move this to the communication committee. Ms. Kitchen will co-chair writing the letter to send to Annapolis and will send the draft to Mr. Lloyd by March 11, 2021 for him to submit to the legislation no later than March 12, 2021.

Mr. Lloyd advised the PSTEB members to work through COMAR 13A.12.01-.07 *Educator Licensure* framework, that includes two items on the chart. He informed the members that the goal is to be able to act prior to March 26 and preferably seek to meet various interest and seek compromise. Mr. Lloyd instructed the members to also have in the back of their minds that PSTEB may need to meet the following week. The goal is to conclude all work on the 17th of March.

Adjourned

Mr. Lloyd adjourned the PSTEB meeting without objection.

Meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.