

**PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD**

**April 6, 2017  
Minutes**

The 416<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) was held at the Maryland State Department of Education, 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201 on March 2, 2017. Dr. Alyssia James called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

**The following members were in attendance:** Dr. Mae Alfree, Mr. Peter Baily, Ms. Jennifer Berkley, Mr. Darren Hornbeck, Dr. Alyssia James, Ms. Kathleen Kelbaugh, Ms. Maleeta Kitchen, Mr. Christopher Lloyd, Dr. Barbara Martin-Palmer, Dr. Kristine McGee, Ms. Dawn Pipkin, Ms. Debra Poese, Ms. Karen Saar, Ms. Sarah Spross, and Dr. Jamey Tobery-Nystrom.

**The following members were absent:** Ms. Louise DeJesu, Mr. Charles Hagan, Dr. Kandace Hoppin, Mr. Philip Kauffman, Dr. Mary Ellen Lewis, Dr. John Mayo, and Ms. Geralda Thompson.

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

**PRELIMINARY ITEMS**

**Recognition of Guests**

Ms. Geraldine Duval, MSEA

**Public Comment**

None

**DISCUSSION**

**State Board**

No State Board report was given.

**Legislative Update**

Ms. Sarah Spross did a legislative update on the following House Bills (HB 1486, SB604, SB786, and HB715).

HB 1486- Teachers and Teacher Preparation Programs - Research-Based Reading Instruction -This bill requires PSTEB, by January 1,2019, to require specified teaching candidates to successfully pass a written test of research-based reading instruction that includes specified elements. This only applies to candidates applying for a certificate to teach students with disabilities, as a reading specialist, as a reading teacher, or kindergarten through fifth grade. PSTEB and the State Board of Education must jointly set standards that contain specified elements for the delivery of research-based reading instruction by teacher preparation programs in the State. This bill was referred to Interim Study by the House Ways and Means Committee.

SB 786-Education -Restraint and Seclusion -Consideration and Reporting -This bill, as amended, requires the State Superintendent of Schools to convene a Task Force to consider when restraint and seclusion should be prohibited in schools and contraindications for restrain and seclusion. The Task Force is also tasked with reviewing existing regulations relating to seclusion and making recommendations to the State Board on their findings and recommendations by October 1, 2017. The State Board is required to submit any proposed regulations by

December 1, 2017. Each public agency and non-public school is required to submit an annual report to MSDE on professional development related to positive behavioral interventions. This bill received a Favorable with Amendments Report by the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee. This bill passed the Senate Floor 47-0. This bill is now in the House Rules Committee. *The house crossfile, HB 331, has not had any movement in the House Committee on Ways and Means as of April 3.*

SB 604 - Visual Impairments - Requirements for School Personnel Training, Student Screening, and Maryland Medical Assistance Program Coverage - This bill, as amended, requires each local board of education, by July 1, 2018, to require school personnel who conduct vision screenings to complete a specified training course regarding understanding and recognizing symptoms of visual impairments, including visual and binocular processing disorders. A vision screening conducted by a local board of education or local health department must include administration of a specified computerized screening to detect possible symptoms of visual impairments. DHMH must provide each local health department with the equipment for the screenings. This bill received a Favorable with Amendments Report from the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee. This bill passed the Senate Floor 46-0.

This bill had a hearing in the House Committee on Ways and Means on March 21. *The house crossfile, HB 458, has not had any movement in the House Committee on Ways and Means as of April 3.*

HB 715 - Institutions of Higher Education - Teacher Preparation Programs - Accreditation and Approval - This bill, as amended, authorizes MSDE to approve the offering of teacher preparation programs by qualified institutions of higher education, in addition to the option of an institution receiving national accreditation. The bill clarifies that an institution must have approval to operate by MHEC or under operation of law in order to offer an undergraduate or graduate teacher preparation program in the State. MSDE and MHEC must recognize an accrediting agency for national accreditation, instead of the U.S. Department of Education under current law. The bill applies prospectively. An institution of higher education that was in compliance with the provisions of § 11-208 of the Education Article as of July 1, 2016, must be deemed to have remained in compliance unless and until the institution receives notification from MSDE, in consultation with MHEC, that it is in violation of the bill. This bill received a Favorable with Amendments Report from the House Committee on Ways and Means. This bill passed the House Floor 138-0. This bill had a hearing in the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee on March 29.

### **SB493 Workgroup Update**

Ms. Spross informed the Board that the workgroup did not meet in March and the next meeting will be April. The April meeting will include both the workgroup and the committees. Only Committee 4 – Revising the Institutional Performance Criteria met on March 29, 2017. Ms. Spross gave a brief update on each of the committees and where they stand at the present.

The five new committees:

1. Certification Restructuring
2. Quality Teacher Incentives
3. Professional Development for Teachers and Administrators
4. Revising the Institutional Performance Criteria
5. Mentoring

Ms. Kelly Meadows gave the Board a brief update on Committee 1 – Certification Restructuring. Committee 5 discussed in depth the alternatives to basic skills and the conditional certificate.

- Using math and reading coursework (college level credit bearing) in lieu of basic skills
- Not requiring the basic skills if the applicant has a Bachelor's Degree
- Using a composite score for the Core
- Allowing a local school system superintendent to approve an "equivalent" measure for basic skills (e.g. evaluation, portfolio)
- Length of the conditional certificate

Ms. Meadows stated that at the next meeting, Ms. Heather Lageman would be discussing micro credentialing

**BREAK**

**ESSA UPDATE**

Dr. Mary Gamble did a brief update on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). She informed the Board that on April 3, 2017, was the first deadline and 5 months now, on September 18, 2017 the plan will be submitted. She also stated that the law was signed in 2015 and no changes have been made to it, since it was signed. High on the radar is the finalization of the accountability system. Dr. Gamble stated that she would be presenting to the State Board in April.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Approval of March 2 and March 6 Minutes**

**Approval of March 2 Minutes**

Dr. Alyssia James entertained a motion to approve March 2 minutes.

**MOTION:** Dr. C. Mae Alfree/Ms. Kathleen Kelbaugh To approve the March 2 minutes.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**Approval of February 2 Minutes**

Dr. Alyssia James entertained a motion to approve February 2 minutes with the suggested change.

**MOTION:** Ms. Kathleen Kelbaugh/Dr. C. Mae Alfree To approve the March 6 minutes.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**Approval of Proposed Agenda Items for May**

- Approval of Minutes
- SBOE Updates/Legislative Session/SB493 Workgroup Update
- Elementary Reading Workgroup Update
- Kirwan Commission Update
- Testing Commission Update (Tentative)

Dr. Alyssia James entertained a motion to adopt the items that Ms. Spross mentioned for the April Agenda.

**MOTION:** Ms. Jennifer Berkley/Ms. Dawn Pipkin To approve the May Agenda.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**Meeting Adjourned**

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

**MOTION:** Dr. C. Mae Alfree/Ms. Debra Poese To adjourn the meeting.

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS

**Meeting adjourned 11:50 a.m.**