

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

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

February 6, 2014

MINUTES

The 383rd meeting of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) was held at Maryland State Department of Education, 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201 on February 6, 2014. Mr. Darren Hornbeck, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

The following members were in attendance: Ms. Merlyn M. Bell, Ms. Shirley Brandman, Ms. Cathy G. Cerveny, Dr. Lorraine E. Cornish-Harrison, Ms. Louise E. DeJesu, Dr. Colleen Eisenbeiser, Mr. Ronald S. Goldblatt, Esq., Mr. Darren R. Hornbeck, Dr. Alyssia James, Dr. Mary Ellen Lewis, Ms. Dawn Pipkin, Ms. Jean Satterfield, Ms. Valerie Saxton Sharpe and Dr. Theresa D. Stafford.

The following members were absent:

Dr. Ayana English-Brown, Dr. Donna Newcomer, Dr. Jamey Tobery-Nystrom, Dr. Barbara Martin Palmer, Dr. Bryan D. Powell, Ms. Michelle Revells, Dr. Carl Roberts, and Dr. Karen L. Roe.

The following Maryland State Department of Education staff members were present:

Dr. Joann Ericson, Mr. Derek Simmonsen, Esq., Attorney General's Office and Ms. Karen J. Gardner (Recorder).

PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Recognition of Guests

Ms. Geraldine Duval, MSEA, Mr. Dave Kehne, FCPS, and Ms. Cheryl Novotny, FCPS.

Public Comment

None

State Board Update

Mr. Tony South updated the PSTEB on the actions of the January 28, 2014 State Board meeting. Highlights included:

- Approved the extension of Emergency Regulation for COMAR 12A.02.06.03, State Aid for Students Enrolled in "Early College Programs." With this action termination of the emergency status of this regulation was extended from March 1, 2014 to September 1, 2014.

- Adopted amended regulations and new regulations for COMAR 13A.08.01, General Regulations (Student Discipline in Maryland Public Schools). The adopted changes in regulations are designed to keep students in school and maintain progress toward graduation, while strengthening school safety.
- Voted to oppose the following legislative proposals that have been submitted in this session of the General Assembly:

House Bill 76: Implementation of the Common Core Standards – Prohibition;
House Bill 117: Maryland School Assessment (and all similar bills); and
House Bill 423: Implementation of Next Generation Science Standards – Prohibition.

Mr. South informed the PSTEB that the next State Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2014.

Approval of the January 9, 2014 Minutes

After reviewing the January 9, 2014 minutes and noting that a correction needed to be made on page one regarding the attendance of Ms. Shirley Brandman who was mistakenly listed as present, Mr. Darren Hornbeck entertained a motion to approve the minutes as amended.

MOTION: Dawn Pipkin/Merlyn M. Bell

To approve the
January 9, 2014 minutes
amended

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Ms. Jean Satterfield, Assistant State Superintendent, Division of Educator Effectiveness, announced that, because of a promotion, Ms. Jolynn E. Tarwater no longer represents MSEA; therefore, she is no longer a PSTEB member. Ms. Satterfield will draft a thank you letter to Ms. Tarwater for her service. A new member will be appointed on February 14, 2014 in Annapolis to finish the term.

Proposed Agenda Items for March 6, 2014 Meeting

Ms. Jean Satterfield suggested the following items for the March 6, 2014 meeting:

- Approval of February 6, 2014 minutes;
- State Board Report;
- COMAR 13A.12.04.03, reaching a decision on proposed changes to Superintendents;
- General preparation for Special Education Teacher Certification:
Speaking to newly graduated teachers, 1st year and 3rd year, who are currently employed, as well as seasoned teachers who have not had recent training to get a perspective, also to include teachers in-State as well as out of state; and
- U-Teach Program presentation by Ms. Michelle Dunkle.

MOTION: Shirley Brandman/Theresa D. Stafford

to approve the agenda items
for March 6, 2014.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

COMAR 13A.12.04.03 Superintendent

The PSTEB continued its discussion of the proposed, revised requirements for superintendent. Dr. Joann Ericson reviewed the COMAR 13A.12.04.03 regulation and distributed a chart outlining possible changes which the PSTEB had been discussing over the past several months. The PSTEB continued to discuss various aspects of the proposed changes to the regulation including: course work, teaching experience, and reciprocity.

Dr. Ericson discussed two new options added to the chart. Discussion continued with comparisons of the current requirements vs. the two newly proposed options for consideration:

Requirements	Compromise Option 1	Compromise Option 2
Degree	Master's or higher	Master's or higher
Teacher Certification	No	Yes
Experience	3 yrs. or more teaching <i>and</i> 2 yrs. adm/sup in a PreK-12 education organization	3 yrs. teaching 2 yrs. adm/sup
Course Work	24 credits beyond master's degree that would include developing and articulating shared vision, organizational management, promoting and maintaining a positive school culture and instructional program for learning, values and ethics of leadership, and collaboration with diverse stakeholders	2 yr. program (60 hours) including graduate course work in adm and sup; course work from Master's may be applied
Experienced Professional	Yes	Yes

Mr. Hornbeck stated that after the last two PSTEB meetings, the Work Group and PSSAM “*and/or*” suggestions were taken out of the proposals under the “Experience” consideration. The discussion continued around the two new proposals. The PSTEB members all agreed that they supported the adoption of the “experienced professional” in the revised regulation.

After reviewing and discussing the two new proposed options, the majority of PSTEB agreed with only a few exceptions. Some members wished to present these proposed changes to the organizations they represent. PSTEB members all agreed they were in support of Compromise 1, but there needed to be more discussion about the credits/hours. This regulation will be on the March agenda again to review and possibly bring to a vote.

Ms. Satterfield will not be present at the next meeting due to an assignment she has to fulfill for Dr. Lowery, but she requested that the PSTEB revise the language and vote on this so that staff may take the proposed changes to the State Board at its March meeting.

PARCC Assessment Challenges for Teachers

Ms. Satterfield introduced Ms. Cecilia Roe, MSDE, the Division of Curriculum and Assessment, who presented an update on the implementation of the PARCC assessments. Mr. Hornbeck introduced Ms. Cheryl Novotny, Testing Coordinator at Linganore High School, and Mr. Dave Kehne, Principal. They discussed and shared 2013 to 2015 Testing Overviews, PARCC Testing Timetables, as well as HSA Proctoring Schedule as of January 2014. Linganore High School has been selected to field test PARCC in two Geometry Honors classes and selected to field test ELA/Literacy English 9 and 11. The handouts show a comparison for the Testing Overview and discussed challenges and concerns.

Ms. Roe displayed the PARCC website and compared the PARCC and MSA assessments. Ms. Roe distributed several handouts for the PSTEB to review which consisted of the MSA Reading Vocabulary and Reading Comprehension samples for Grade 5 and Mathematics samples. Ms. Roe demonstrated how to use the online “tools” at the PARCC website, as well as the tutorial for students and parents. There are sample tests and generic rubrics on the website as well.

Adjournment

Mr. Hornbeck entertained a motion to adjourn;

MOTION: Cathy G. Cerveny / Merlyn M. Bell

VOTE: UNANIMOUS