

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

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

May 1, 2014

Minutes

The 386th 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 May 1, 2014. Dr. Theresa Stafford called the meeting to order at 9:45 am.

The following members were in attendance: Ms. Merlyn Bell, Ms. Shirley Brandman, Ms. Cathy Cerveny, Ms. Louise DeJesu, Dr. Colleen Eisenbeiser, Mr. Ronald Goldblatt, Esq., Dr. Alyssia James, Ms., Maleeta Kitchen, Dr. Mary Ellen Lewis, Dr. Donna Newcomer, Dr. Barbara Martin Palmer, Ms. Dawn Pipkin, Dr. Karen Roe, Ms. Jean Satterfield, Ms. Valerie Saxton Sharpe, and Dr. Theresa Stafford.

The following members were absent: Dr. Lorraine Cornish-Harrison, Ms. Ayana English Brown, Mr. Darren Hornbeck, Dr. Bryan Powell, Ms. Mary Jo Smith, and Dr. Jamey Tobery-Nystrom.

The following Maryland State Department of Education staff members were present: Dr. Joanne Ericson, Ms. Ruth Downs (Recorder), and Derek Simmons, Esquire, Attorney General's Office.

PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Recognition of Guests:

Ms. Geraldine Duval, Maryland State Educators Association (MSEA)

Public Comment

None

State Board

Ms. Jean Satterfield presented action items from the April State Board meeting in Mr. Tony South's absence. The State Board granted permission to publish amendments to Mathematics and English Language Arts. Permission was granted to publish amendments for graduation requirements. Permission was granted to allow State Aid payment to Local Education Agencies (LEA) and when students are enrolled in a state-approved Institution of Higher Education (IHE) if the student is receiving both high school and college credit for college courses completed.

The State Board approved a request from the Wicomico County Public Schools to waive the last day of school which falls on a Monday.

The State Board congratulated Mr. Mark Muzaga on his selection as the 2014 Milken National Educator for Maryland.

Mr. Sean McComb, an English Teacher from Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts from Baltimore County, was named the 2013-2014 National Teacher of the Year.

On May 20th local teachers will be recognized by the State Board.

Approval of April 3, 2014 Minutes:

Dr. Theresa Stafford entertained a motion to approve the minutes as amended.

MOTION: Ms. Cathy Cerveney and Dr. Donna Newcomer to approve the April 3, 2014 minutes as amended

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Proposed Topics for June Meeting

Approve May minutes

State Board Update

COMAR Chapters 03 & 04, Proposed Changes

Adoption of regulations related to Teachers of the Blind/Visually Impaired and STEM Instructional Leader, Elementary

Teacher Panel on Differentiation

Discussion Action

Dr. Joann Ericson gave an overview of COMAR 13A.12.03, Specialists, and COMAR 13A.12.04, Administrators and Supervisors. She indicated that the proposed regulatory changes for COMAR 13A.12.03; Specialists will require considerable discussion and the formation of multiple work groups.

COMAR 13A.12.04, Administrators and Supervisors would also require considerable discussion and the formation of multiple work groups. There were no proposed changes categorized as Level 1 (i.e., editorial, non-substantive changes). Many of the proposed changes to this chapter are Level 2, (i.e. proposed substantive changes) that have resulted from on-going conversations with constituency groups and require minimal input. The proposed changes to Level 3 (i.e. substantive changes) involve gathering input from constituency groups.

Examples of Level 3 changes are as follows:

- **Reading Teacher**, All areas in this chapter require a Master's. This area does not and it is a teacher designation. Reading Specialist requires a Master's. This will require conversations with our schools systems to see if Reading Teacher is still needed.
- **School Counselor**, There are a number of questions about this regulation. The regulation is not clear for out-of-state individuals. The State School Counselor's organization is meeting and will provide information at the next PSTEB meeting.

- **Library Media Specialist**, The group has been meeting regularly. The regulation changed eight years ago which made it more difficult for people to come into the State and get this certification. Some say the best library media specialists are teachers. People with Bachelor's degrees from PA are using the same textbook and course of study. A workgroup will be convened for this certification area.

Examples of Level 2 Changes are as follows:

- **Administrators and Supervisors**, Expand those responsible for supervision to include "related services", e.g., Supervisors of Guidance, Supervisor of School Psychologist Services, etc.

Supervisor, Guidance will need to be changed to Supervisor, School Counselor to align with other regulatory changes. Currently regulations require the person to have 3.0 to 9.0 credits in supervision. It is recommended, for consistency, that certificate holders should have the same requirements as required for Administrator I. A workgroup will be convened to address inconsistencies.

Resident Assistant Principal is currently not in use in the State; we need to consider whether or not it is needed.

Ms. Michelle Dunkle presented information on the Continuing Professional Development Course approval process and the new on line application process. Ms. Dunkle worked with focus groups of users to get feedback on the process. A web-based workflow process was developed based on input from users. The new process allows school systems to go on line to submit their information for approval for professional learning for teachers.

There are over 4,000 CPD courses that provide renewal credits for certificate holders in Maryland. Teachers and local school systems will be able to look and see where and what coursework is available. There are videos embedded in the application to provide information on the standards used to develop coursework.

Dr. Roe asked the question, "Can the courses be on-line?" The courses can be on-line, hybrid or face-to-face.

Dr. Stafford thanked Michelle and invited her back once the new system has been launched.

Ms. Satterfield reminded the PSTEB members to fill out the Maryland Ethics form. She will send out the website information to the PSTEB.

Dr. Stafford entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: Ms. Dawn Pipkin/Dr. Donna Newcomer moved to approve the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.