

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

200 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2021

The 458th meeting of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) was held, via Web Ex, on June 3, 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, Ms. Geralda Thompson and Ms. Amy Wilson

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

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

Ms. Alexandra Cambra, Mr. Robert Eccles, Dr. Hsin-Yuan Chen, Mr. Zachary Hands and Ms. Ruth Downs (Recorder).

The following Attorney General Staff members was present: Ms. Christle Sheppard-Southall, Esq. and Mr. Sean Fitzgerald, Esq. - Assistant Attorney Generals.

PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Recognition of Guests via Web Ex

Ms. Tina Dove, MSEA
Ms. Geraldine Duval, MSEA
Dr. Dionne Curbeam, MATE
Dr. Mary Pat Fannon, PSSAM

Public Comment

None

Announcements

Mr. Lloyd introduced the newest PSTEB member, Dr. Dionne Curbeam. Dr. Curbeam was appointed as a representative for the Maryland State Education Association (MSEA).

Mr. Lloyd announced that Dr. Patricia Saelens was appointed as the new Superintendent for Queen Anne's County Public Schools.

On behalf of the PSTEB, Mr. Lloyd thanked Ms. Jennifer Berkley for dedication and service to the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board.

State Board Update

Mr. Lloyd presented the summary of the Maryland State Board Meetings for May 25th and May 26th. He asked the PSTEB members to review the reports and if they have any questions, to please send them to him and he will reach out to Dr. Simpson to get the information.

Communications Update

Mr. Lloyd stated that this would be his last meeting. He informed the members that he has communicated that information

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to both President and Vice President of the State Board of Education. They have asked meet with the new Chair and Co-Chair of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board. Mr. Lloyd will arrange that meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of June 3, 2021, Minutes

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to approve the June 3, 2021, minutes based upon the motion and the second with the revisions.

MOTION: Dr. Debi Gartland/Dr. Winona Taylor to approve the June 3, 2021, minutes. The minutes were approved without objection.

July Meeting

Mr. Lloyd asked the Board if they wish to meet in July or not. Usually, PSTEB does not meet, because they don't have a quorum. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 1, 2021. Ms. Meadows informed the Board that MSDE may have regulatory language to review. Mr. Lloyd stated that any transition should be appropriately placed, and the meeting should be virtual. The question was asked, "What if MSDE does not have the regulations in July, would the meeting still take place?" Ms. Sheppard-Southall informed the Board that if MSDE does not have the regulations that the Board can decide to cancel the meeting if the cancellation is posted on the website.

Mr. Lloyd asked the members to vote yes or no if they believe that PSTEB should meet on July 1.

Vote: Yes: 14 No: 1 Abstain: 1

Approval of Proposed Agenda Items for July 1, 2021

- Approval of Minutes
- State Board Update
- Communication Update
- Regulations, as Appropriate
- Summer meeting dates for August/September
- Staff Member for PSTEB
- Update Website for Public

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to adopt the seven agenda items for the July 1, 2021, meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Winona Taylor/Mr. Louis D'Ambrosio to approve the July 1, 2021 meeting agenda with the listed items. The July 1, 2021, PSTEB agenda was approved without objection.

Review of Blueprint sections and relationship with PSTEB.

Ms. Kelly Meadows gave an update on the Blueprint sections and the relationship with PSTEB.

In Consultation with AIB

- Statute 6-120 -- Practicum requirements - (Pages 107-111)
- Statute 6-121 -- Teacher Preparation Program components, recruitment, communication with LSSs, requirements for IHEs offering graduate courses with Administration. – (Pages 111-113)

PSTEB and State Board (no AIB)

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- Statute 6/1/1002F(2)(II) -- Level two of the Career Ladder – Approved of 30 credit program of study (i.e., master’s equivalent) - (Page 125)
- 6-1006B -- Criteria to reach Licensed Principal Tier on the Career Ladder, Waiver process of criteria. (Pages 135-136)
- Subtitle 10 (6-1001 through 6-1013) – (Iii) The State Board, in consultation with the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board, shall establish a process through which an individual may receive a waiver to serve as a licensed principal if the individual: 1. Is not an NBC teacher; but 2. Meets other qualifying criteria, as determined by the State Board, in consultation with the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board. (Pages 122-149)

MSDE

- Statute 6-125 -- Selection of a Literacy Exam, Content Standards, Content Assessments - (Pages 117-118)
- Statute 6-126 -- Selection of approved Performance Assessments, Reading Instruction Assessment, Report to General Assembly. – (Pages 118-119)

Discussion:

The Board requested a status update on the review of the Blueprint by MSDE. Ms. Meadows provided an update, stating that MSDE has been reviewing the Blueprint looking for any misalignments since February 2021. The MSDE anticipates having amendments to the regulations with a chart summarizing the recommendations in July or August.

The question was asked, “When will the Accountability and Implementation Board (AIB) will be established?” Mr. Lloyd stated that it will happen when the nominating committee recommend who they want on the Accountability and Implementation Board (AIB). The nominating committee with consist of six individuals. The committee will have a list of nine nominees and seven of the nominees will be picked for the AIB with staggered terms. He stated that he did not know of the timeline, but it should be established this year.

Mr. Lloyd stated that the Blueprint is a critical component for the State of Maryland. It is clearly important to have the AIB to monitor the full statue. There are three state bodies to do the work (PSTEB, SBOE and AIB). It is critical that those boards have authentic and complete work for the children of Maryland.

Communication Plan

Mr. Lloyd stated that following today’s session, he will communicate with the President of the State Board. He will communicate with the President of the State Board of the process for electing a new Chair and Co-chair for PSTEB. He will help to facilitate a meeting with the President and Vice President of the SBOE with the new Chair and Co-chair of PSTEB, at the request of the State Board President.

Executive Session

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for advice from legal counsel at 10:43 a.m.

MOTION: Dr. Winona Taylor/Dr. Debi Gartland approved the motion to adjourn to Executive Session. The motion was approved without objection.

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to arise from Executive Session at 11:05 a.m. and re-enter the regular meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Debi Gartland/Ms. Geralda Thompson approved the motion to arise from Executive Session and re-enter the regular meeting. The motion was approved without objection.

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Re-entering Meeting

The meeting was opened back up at 11:07 a.m. Mr. Lloyd stated that he wanted to move to affirm the action taken during Executive Session.

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to re-enter the regular meeting and affirm the action that had taken place during the Executive Session.

MOTION: Dr. Winona Taylor/Ms. Geralda Thompson approved the motion to re-enter the regular meeting and affirm the action that had taken place during the Executive Session. The motion was approved without objection.

Ms. Maleeta Kitchen was nominated to become the new Chair of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board and she accepted.

Vote: Yes: 15 No: 0 Abstain: 1

Mr. Darren Hornbeck was nominated to become the new Co-chair of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board and he accepted.

Vote: Yes: 15 No: 0 Abstain: 1

Effective July 1, 2021, the new Chair Ms. Maleeta Kitchen and the new Co-chair Mr. Darren Hornbeck's term will begin. Mr. Lloyd stated that he would be available to assist with the transition. He thanked the Board members for the service and hard work.

Adjourned

Mr. Lloyd adjourned the PSTEB meeting without objection.

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.