

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

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2024

The 492nd meeting of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) was held, via Zoom, on March 8, 2024. Ms. Maleeta Kitchen called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m.

The following members were in attendance: Ms. Joy Bacon, Garima Bhatt Handley, Ms. Melissa Carpenter, Dr. Dionne Curbeam, Dr. Cheryl Dyson (virtually), Dr. Debi Gartland, Ms. Maleeta Kitchen, Dr. Kristine McGee (virtually), Ms. Kelly Meadows, Ms. Kimberly Moore, Ms. Amy Poirier, Ms. Sandra Skordalos, Dr. Ebony Terrell-Shockley, Ms. Joy Lee Spain, Dr. Winona Taylor, Dr. Nikki Woodard

The following members were absent: Dr. Sean Bulson, Ms. Karen Yoho, Ms. Stephanie Farmer

The following Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) staff members were present:
Ms. Nichole Crowder (Recorder), Jason Keys

The following Attorney General Staff members were present: Mr. Sean Fitzgerald, Esq. - Assistant Attorney General.

Recognition of Guests

Mr. Skinner; MSEA

PRELIMINARY ITEMS

The Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) started the meeting with introductions for the new members of the board.

Public Comment

- Paul Lemle of MSEA gave public comment on the proposed literacy policy
- Ms. Liz Zogby gave public comment on the concerns regarding the Special Education Requirement for Specialists and Administrators/Supervisors.

Announcements

- Dr. Terrell Shockley announced that the University of Maryland College Park is having their 3rd Annual Pinning Ceremony on October 10, 20224
- Ms. Kitchen has announced that she is stepping away from the board as the PSTEB Chair.

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Election of Vice Chair of PSTEB

- Ms. Kitchen open the floor for nomination for vice chair of the PSTEB Board
- Ms. Carpenter nominated Ms. Sandra Skordalos for vice chair.
- Dr. Kitchen Allen has nominated Dr. Ebony Terrell Shockley for vice chair.
- Dr. Christine McGree has nominated Dr. Terrell Shockley for vice chair.
- Dr. Skordalos and Dr. Terrell Shockley both accepted their nomination for vice chair.
- Dr. Nikki Woodward second the nomination for Dr. Skordalos for vice chair
- Dr. Dionne Curbeam second the nomination for Dr. Terrell Shockley for vice chair
- The Board has elected Dr. Sandra Skordalos as elected as Vice Chair of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board.

PRESENTATION

Ms. Nancy Perkins and Ms. Alaina Jackson Mackell from the Office of Teaching and Learning gave a detailed presentation on the Science of Reading.

Presentation Outline

1. History of the “Reading Wars”
2. Science of Reading Overview
3. Science Aligned Literacy Instruction
4. Reflection and Questions

After the presentation Ms. Perkins and Jackson Mackell gave the board the opportunity to pose questions regarding the Science of reading presentation.

Discussion Items

Special Education Coursework for Specialists and Administrators

- Ms. Meadows gave a summary and explained the current requirement for the special education course for Specialists and Administrators. There was a question proposed as to what the board’s options were regarding the special education requirement. She explained the anticipation of revisiting this requirement because of the number of concerns received regarding the barriers this requirement. Some feel that this requirement may cause major barriers in recruitment with educators in these areas.
- Ms. Meadows referenced a memorandum from a previous meeting with 4 options to remedy those concerns.
 1. Do nothing to change requirement
 2. Amend the regulation by taking that requirement out
 3. Remove required course from initial requirement and require course at renewal
 4. Expand the use of the temporary professional license to specialists and administrators
- The Board agreed that they should take another look at all the options available to remedy the barriers of recruitment.
- Most of the board agreed that they would have concern with waiting for renewal to present the special education course

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- The board agreed that the most comfortable solution to addressing the special education requirement for specialists and administrators would be option 4.
{To expand the use of the temporary professional license to specialists and administrators.}
- Ms. Meadows stated that she would come back to the board in October with potential language for the board to vote on to publish.
- Mr. Hornbeck encouraged the board to go back and talk to their constituents to get feedback.

Approval of October's Meeting Minutes

July's meeting minutes approved with necessary corrections

Proposed Agenda Items for October

- Call to order
- Public comment
- Announcements
- Legislative Update
- Communication Updates
- Approval of July Minutes
- Supply and Demand Presentation
- Board elections

Mr. Hornbeck adjourned the meeting at 12:40 pm