



STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING - NOVEMBER 16, 2016

Board Meeting. The State Board of Education met in Des Moines on November 16, 2016. The meeting began with public comment on proposed changes to Iowa Administrative Code chapter [79](#), which were scheduled to be adopted and filed, and Director Ryan Wise's remarks, which previewed the upcoming conversations on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) changes. Interim Finance Director Matt Coulter, CFO of Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services, and Dr. Ann Lebo, the new Executive Director of the Board of Educational Examiners, were introduced to the Board.

Administrative Rules Review. The Board reviewed five sets of administrative rules.

- Chapter 79 rules were planned to update standards for teacher preparation programs to meet national standards and better allow teacher certifications to transfer in and out of Iowa. These rule changes also addressed standards related to the reading endorsement. Public comment was made that the changes in these rules were not sufficient to address the deficiencies in teacher preparation programs around early identification of dyslexia. The Board voted down the rules and instructed staff to begin rewriting more specific rules.
- Chapter 62 (State Standards for Progression in Reading) rules were adopted and filed.
- Chapter 24 (Community College Accreditation), Chapter 12 (General Accreditation Standards: Science Assessment), and Chapter 46 (Career and Technical Education) rules were given notice of intended action.

Educator Preparation Program Reviews. The Board reviewed two educator preparation programs and saw a report on the state of educator preparation programs in Iowa based on research completed over the last year.

- *Graceland University.* The Board accredited the program in light of changes the program made in response to the review.
- *William Penn University.* There were four areas of concern around equity of program between the on-campus teacher preparation program and the distance learning program. The Board expressed concerns that these issues were the same that existed at the last time the program was accredited. The program was given a single-year provisional approval, pending changes to be reviewed at an accreditation evaluation next year.
- On a survey of recent graduates' self-reflection on preparation to be in the classroom, and their principal's reflection on their preparedness, new teachers and principals responded that the area new teachers were least prepared in was classroom management. In the future, this information will be provided to the Area Education Agencies (AEAs) and teacher mentors so that they can focus on these skills with novice teachers.

Recommendations from the Council on Educator Development. The Board saw a presentation from Dr. Brad Buck (Cedar Rapids CSD, Superintendent), Jon Sheldahl (Great Prairie AEA, Chief Administrator), and Matt Ludwig (Bureau of Educator Quality) on the work that the Council has done over the past three years. The Council determined a set of recommendations to support educator development across Iowa, focusing on the Council's last recommendation, the implementation of statewide learning progressions for teachers that give them a model for growth on teaching skills. The complete report is available [here](#).

Bullying Data and Prevention Efforts. The Board saw a review of the data that is collected by the Department of Education on founded incidents of bullying and harassment. This data is collected at the aggregate level from local education agencies and includes the protected category that was targeted, method of bullying or harassment, location, type of person perpetrating the bullying/harassment, and consequences. This data collection has become more consistent over time through guidance from the Department.

Other Items. The State Board of Education also saw a review of the state literacy standards which led to minor revisions, approved the early childhood paraeducator certification program at Green Hills AEA, and accredited Mississippi Bend AEA. They also reviewed a brief update on Smarter Balanced rollout and ESSA implementation at the state level. Representatives from the Department also gave an overview of the first steps in the standards adoption and review process for recommended standards in the fine arts, which will be the first of the recommended state standards that the Department reviews.

The next meeting of the State Board of Education will be Thursday, January 19, 2017.

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