



**Minutes
State Board of Education
September 17, 2020**

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The State Board of Education meeting was held on Thursday, September 17, 2020, in person at the Iowa Department of Education, Grimes State Office Building, ICN Room, 400 E. 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa, and via Zoom. State Board members present were Brooke Axiotis, Bettie Bolar, Brian Kane, Mike Knedler, Joshua Byrnes, Georgia Van Gundy, Mike May, John Robbins, Kimberly Wayne, and Hannah Groos. Iowa Department of Education staff members present were Ann Lebo, David Tilly, Amy Williamson, Shan Seivert, Thomas Mayes, Janet Boyd, Dennis Harden, Isbelia Arzola, Eric Heitz, Jeremy Varner, Eric St Clair, Larry Bice, Carolyn Cobb, Marietta Rives, Sara Nickel, Heather Doe, Jim Flansburg, Jennifer Adkins, April Pforts, Maryam Rod Szabo, Tom Cooley, Matt Ludwig, Kris Kilibarda, Holly Barnes, Janice Evans, Teresa Garcia, Lyn Jenkins, David Canaday, and Jody Crane. Also in attendance were Chad Biermeier and Angie Brandel, University of Dubuque; Chad Timm, Simpson College; Heidi Doellinger, Iowa State University; Theresa Engle, Briar Cliff University; Lia Plakans and Nancy Langguth, The University of Iowa; Ryan Wise, Bengu Tekinalp, Randy Peters, and Trent Grundmeyer, Drake University; Carrie Weber, Ahlers and Cooney, P.C.; Robin Madison, Legislative Services Agency; Amy Kelsey; Kristin Rozeboom, House Republican Caucus Staff; Bridget Godes, Senate Democratic Caucus Staff; Rebecca Bates, American Institutes for Research; Dave Epley, House Democratic Caucus Staff; Alice Neira; Bill Eggers; Colleen Mulholland, J.D. Cryer, Benjamin Forsyth, Catherine Miller, Tim Gilson, Denise Schares, and Darcie Davis-Gage, University of Northern Iowa; William Decker, Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency; and Karleen Stephens, Diagonal Community School District.

STATE BOARD WORK SESSION - HOW IOWA EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS PREPARE EDUCATORS FOR EQUITABLE INSTRUCTION

Larry Bice, Administrative Consultant, Bureau of Leading, Teaching, Learning Services, explained the purpose of the work session. Standards for educator preparation, in 281 Iowa Administrative Code chapters 79 and 77, require educator preparation programs to prepare educators to meet the learning needs of diverse students.

Representatives from the following colleges and universities presented information regarding how their institutions prepare educators for equitable instruction:

- University of Dubuque
- The University of Iowa
- Drake University
- University of Northern Iowa
- Simpson College
- Iowa State University

There was discussion regarding the information presented.

STATE BOARD BUSINESS MEETING

Brooke Axiotis called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Mike Knedler made a motion and John Robbins seconded to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

This meeting was conducted in electronic format, with remote access information provided in the notice of the meeting, as permitted by section nine of Governor Reynolds's proclamation of May 26, 2020.

COMMUNICATION

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Director's Report

Ann Lebo, Director, Iowa Department of Education (Department), provided updates on several topics including:

- State Board members will receive weekly updates.
- Introduction of Earl Whipple, Administrator, Division of School Finance and Support Services.
- Department organizational restructuring, including floor plan shifting, opening the building, installation of a security system, with a long-term goal of determining efficiencies that include minimizing the Department's footprint.
- Rethink K-12 Education Models Grant, \$17 million
- Recommendations from the Governor's Economic Recovery Advisory Board.

- Communication with the field and information that is available on the Department’s website:
 - Recordings of webinars and resources;
 - Waivers;
 - COVID-19 website link that shows the positivity rates for schools on a rolling 14-day average; and
 - Salary information for public school educators and area education agency administrators.
- Outreach efforts to expand the substitute teacher pool.
- Funding for schools interested in using the Canvas platform and those requesting reimbursement for using a different platform.
- Department’s budget request to the Department of Management for the next fiscal year.
- Pending litigation.
- Special State Board meeting to discuss the Davenport Community School District.

There was discussion regarding the parameters for approving waivers, and whether waivers are available for extracurricular activities.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mike May made a motion and Brian Kane seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried.

BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION AGENDA

Rules: Chapter 12 – General Accreditation Standards (Notice)

Thomas Mayes, Legal Counsel, Department of Education, presented proposed amendments to the Chapter 12 rules. This proposed rulemaking implements Division III of House File 2629. It adds computer science to the general accreditation standards and requires school districts and schools to develop and implement a computer science plan, by July 1, 2022, that implements those standards.

There was discussion regarding the effective date, whether computer science will be a graduation requirement, whether students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) will be required to take a computer science course, and what schools are required to offer.

Motion: Mike Knedler made a motion and John Robbins seconded that the State Board give notice of its intent to amend Chapter 12.

Vote: The motion carried.

Rules: Chapter 22 – Senior Year Plus Program (Notice)

Thomas Mayes presented proposed amendments to the Chapter 22 rules. This proposed rulemaking updates Iowa's Senior Year Plus Program by removing the limitation to part-time enrollment, as required by House File 2629. It also makes updates to the Summer College Credit Program.

Jeremy Varner, Administrator, Division of Community Colleges and Workforce Preparation, responded to a question regarding the assessment and proficiency requirements referenced in Item 1-22.2(2)(b).

Motion: Mike May made a motion and John Robbins seconded that the State Board give notice of its intent to amend Chapter 22.

Vote: The motion carried.

Rules: Chapter 24 – Community College Accreditation (Notice)

Thomas Mayes presented proposed amendments to the Chapter 24 rules. These amendments to 281 Iowa Administrative Code chapter 24 implement House File 2454. This legislation establishes additional criteria by which a community college may qualify career and technical education faculty by using a combination of education and work experience.

There was discussion regarding an error in Item 1-24.5(1)(a)(1), and concessions made for career and technical instructors at the community college level but no exception for career and technical high school instructors.

Motion: Mike Knedler made a motion and Kimberly Wayne seconded that the State Board give notice of its intent to amend Chapter 24.

Vote: The motion carried.

In re Open Enrollment of C.M. (Des Moines Independent Community School District)

Thomas Mayes presented *In re Open Enrollment of C.M. (Des Moines Independent Community School District)*. On July 13, 2020, the Appellant filed an appeal under Iowa Code sections 282.18(5) and 290.1 of the Des Moines Public School District (“District”) Board decision dated July 7, 2020, denying the open enrollment determining C.M. could be accommodated in another school within the District.

It was recommended that the State Board affirm the local board’s denial of the open enrollment application because of the failure to show the fourth element of the State Board’s criterion.

Motion: John Robbins made a motion and Brian Kane seconded that the State Board approve the proposed decision finding that there was no good cause due to pervasive harassment, denying the late-filed open enrollment request.

There was discussion regarding the cost to the family, concern for the student, the need for all of the criteria to be met and the need for the State Board to review the criteria.

Vote: A roll call vote was taken: Aye: Brooke Axiotis, Bettie Bolar, Joshua Byrnes, Brian Kane, John Robbins, Georgia Van Gundy and Kimberly Wayne. Nay: Mike Knedler and Mike May. The motion passed.

In re Open Enrollment of J.F. (Red Oak Community School District)

Thomas Mayes presented *In re Open Enrollment of J.F. (Red Oak Community School District)*. On July 28, 2020, the Appellant filed an appeal under Iowa Code sections 282.18(5) and 290.1 of the Red Oak Community School District (“District”) Board decision dated July 27, 2020, denying the open enrollment application. The parents objected to the District’s mask requirement, asserting the mask requirement was a barrier due to G.F.’s hearing loss. The administrative law judge found the District took appropriate steps to meet G.F.’s needs in the District.

There was discussion about whether the Governor’s proclamation relating to COVID-19 has any bearing on this situation, and what the parents’ options would be if the measures taken by the school district prove to be unsuccessful.

Motion: Mike May made a motion and John Robbins seconded that the State Board approve the proposed decision finding that there was no good cause due to a serious health condition, denying the late-filed open enrollment request.

Vote: The motion carried.

Briar Cliff University Practitioner Preparation Program Approval

Larry Bice spoke about the practitioner preparation program approval process. Theresa Engle, Chair, Education Department, Briar Cliff University, was introduced.

Bice shared background information on Briar Cliff, which offers endorsements in elementary education, many secondary content fields, art, music and special education strategist I at both the elementary and secondary levels. The university produces approximately 20 educators per year.

Bice reviewed and discussed the report findings, which includes commendations/strengths, recommendations, and concerns for each of the 281 Iowa Administrative Code chapter 79 standards.

There was discussion regarding the retention rate, minority ratio, scholarship opportunities, what the university attributes to the success rate, online learning efforts, faculty diversity, minority student recruitment efforts, and accountability/efforts to resolve concerns.

Motion: Brian Kane made a motion and Joshua Byrnes seconded that the State Board award full approval to the Briar Cliff University Practitioner Preparation Program through the next review scheduled for the 2026-2027 academic year.

Vote: The motion carried.

Engle provided comments regarding the review process.

Update on the State Board of Education and the Department of Education Equity Committees

Kimberly Wayne provided background information on work of the State Board's Equity Committee. She spoke about the development and reviewed a document titled "Draft: Iowa State Board of Education Equity Statement." Wayne also reviewed a document titled "Draft: State Board of Education Equity Goals (Scope: Prek – Community Colleges)."

State Board members discussed the documents and suggested changes.

Isbelia Arzola, Consultant, Bureau of School Improvement, provided an update on the Department's social justice and equity webinar series.

State Board Policy Development Priorities 2020-21

State Board members reviewed a draft of their 2020-21 policy development priorities and suggested changes.

Brooke Axiotis turned the gavel over to Bettie Bolar.

The agenda was adjusted to accommodate Diagonal Community School District representatives.

Diagonal Community School District Accreditation Update

Eric Heitz, Administrative Consultant, and Janet Boyd, Consultant, Bureau of School Improvement, reviewed a document titled "Diagonal CSD Noncompliance Citations and Required Actions Update August 29, 2020."

Karleen Stephens, Superintendent, Diagonal Community School District, provided an update on the following citations: administrator and teacher evaluations, offer and teach, and career and technical education class offerings.

There was discussion regarding the Iowa Quality Preschool Program Standards, and the efforts to correct the noncompliance citations.

Perkins V State Plan Briefing

Dennis Harden, Chief, Bureau of Career and Technical Education, introduced himself and shared his background information. Harden presented information on Iowa's state plan for implementation of Perkins V.

A PowerPoint was presented that addressed:

- *The Strengthening Career and Technical Education for 21st Century Act* was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Trump on July 31, 2018
- The ACT was passed for five years with year one being a transition year
- New Act is referred to as Perkins V
- Perkins IV to Perkins V
- Strategic Vision for Career and Technical Education in Iowa
- Focus on Career and Technical Student Organizations

- Perkins V Funding
- Reserve Fund
- Definitions
- Core Indicators of Performance – Secondary
- Quality Indicators – Secondary
- Core Indicators of Performance – Postsecondary
- Timeline

There was discussion regarding the information presented, the State Board's priorities, and the Career and Technical Education Council's membership and student representation.

The Annual Condition of Secondary Career and Technical Education Report

Dennis Harden presented *The Annual Condition of Secondary Career and Technical Education Report*. This report is published annually and provides information on student enrollment in career and technical education courses and programs during academic years 2015 through 2019. Demographic characteristics of secondary career and technical education students and educators and information on career and technical student organizations, secondary career and academic planning, work-based learning and regional centers are also included in the report.

A PowerPoint was presented that addressed:

- Report Outline
- Secondary CTE Courses and Programs
- Secondary CTE Programs by Service Area
- Secondary CTE Enrollment and Participation Rate
- Enrollment by Grade Level and Service Area
- Characteristics of Secondary CTE Students
- Number of CTE Courses Taken by Students
- Human Resources
- Work-Based Learning
- Work-Based Learning Student Characteristics
- Regional Centers
- Career Academy
- Summary

Brian Kane made a motion and Mike Knedler seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Brooke Axiotis
President

Ann Lebo
Director