

Minnesota Board of School Administrators

BOSA Monthly Meeting

Minnesota Department of Education Board Room CC13
1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113

January 12, 2015

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Nancy Antoine, Tracine Asberry, Jean Haar, Deb Henton, Denise Kapler, Mary Mackbee, Robert Meyer, Louise Sundin, Via Conference call: Kim Hartung

Board Members Excused: N/A

Staff:

Fiona Ruthven, Asst. Attorney General & Counsel to the Board
Janet Mohr, Executive Director BOSA
Karen Millar, Administrative Assistant

Guests:

Bill Wold, Capella University
Hue Nguyen, MDE

CONVENE: MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY Mary Mackbee at 12:49 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF 01/12/2015 AGENDA:

ROBERT MEYER MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. NANCY ANTOINE
SECOND. MOTION CARRIED.

II. APPROVAL OF 12/31/2014 MINUTES:

NANCY ANTOINE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. JEAN HAAR
SECOND. MOTION CARRIED.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jan Mohr reported on the following:

- Meetings with Education MN, MDE and BOT about the role of a dean of students in school districts. Concerns have been raised by school counselors and others, since there is no licensure requirement for a dean of students. The position is a hybrid that is perceived to cross the boundaries of positions that require a license such as school counselors and principals. There is much more to be learned about the practices of deans. This issue has come before the Board of Teaching (1/09/2015 – see handout). Will keep the Board updated on the conversation.
- Bethel University 5-year review was December 17 and 18. Thank you to Kim Hartung and Jean Haar for assistance. Thank you to the review committee –

David Law, superintendent representative, Dr. Barbara Wilson, higher education, Nan Records, special education and Dr. Lori VanderHeiden, K-12 principal. Great job on the review of an outstanding program.

- 2015 Legislative Platforms – MASA, MASE, AMSD, MREA, Education MN.
- Monthly Budget Expenditures (handout provided).
- No update on board position appointments.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Ethics Committee:

Reviewed 13 files. Closed 2 cases.

One stipulation agreement will be presented in closed session

B. Licensing Committee:

DENISE KAPLER MOVED to approve a request for a Superintendent variance for Minneapolis Public Schools, Special District 1, for Michael Goar from February 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. DEB HENTON SECOND. Discussion: Also submitted application to move forward with the alternative superintendent license. He has enrolled and been accepted in a preparation program at U of MN.

Discussion of Minneapolis Public School Board appointment of interim position. MOTION CARRIED with one abstention by Tracine Asberry.

DENISE KAPLER MOVED to approve a request by Michael Goar, the Chief Executive Officer of Minneapolis Public Schools, to move his candidacy forward for an alternate superintendent license. NANCY ANTOINE SECOND. MOTION CARRIED with one abstention by Tracine Asberry.

Two other candidates in the alternative superintendent licensure process have completed their portfolios and are requesting to come before the Credential Review Committee. Karl Aaro (approved to proceed with alternative license on 10/14/2013) is scheduled for review in January and Ed Dorman (approved to proceed with alternative license on 3/10/2014) will be scheduled for review in February.

C. Communications/Legislative Update: No report.

D. Professional Development and Program Review:

JEAN HAAR MOVED to grant continuing approval to Bethel University prep program for their three licensure areas – K-12 principal, superintendent and director of special education. DENISE KAPLER SECOND. MOTION CARRIED.

Committee is continuing to discuss issue surrounding licensing of school

psychologists and speech pathologists as special education directors.
Update in February.

E. Executive Committee: No additional report.

V. MDE Report:

Hue Nguyen, Assistant Commissioner of MDE - Legislature is in its second week. Awaiting the release of the Governor's budget.

VI. Board Member Report: No report.

VII. Public Comments: No report.

VIII. Old Business: No report.

IX. Licensure Matter: (closed session)

ROBERT MEYER MOVED to close session. DEB HENTON SECOND.
Session was closed at 1:48 p.m.

ROBERT MEYER MOVED to reopen session. DEB HENTON SECOND.
Session reopened at 1:53 p.m.

X. New Business: No report.

XI. ADJOURN:

ROBERT MEYER MOVED to adjourn. DENISE KAPLER SECOND.
MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Next meeting – Monday, February 9, 2015

Respectfully submitted by

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