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## State Board of Education (SBE) Board Meeting Minutes

**Friday, August 22, 2014**

**4:00 p.m. Call to Order**

Members Attending: Dr. Kristina Mayer, Mr. Bob Hughes, Ms. Connie Fletcher, Mr. Tre' Maxie, Mr. Peter Maier J.D., Ms. Isabel Munoz-Colon, Ms. Holly Koon, Mr. Kevin Laverty, Mr. Jeff Estes (9)

Members Excused: Ms. Madeleine Osmun, Ms. Mara Childs, Ms. Judy Jennings, Dr. Deborah Wilds, Mr. Randy Dorn, Dr. Dan Plung, Ms. Cindy McMullen J.D. (7)

Staff Attending: Mr. Ben Rarick, Ms. Linda Drake, Ms. Sarah Lane, Mr. Parker Teed, Ms. Colleen Warren J.D., Ms. Tamara Jensen (6)

Staff Excused: Mr. Jack Archer, Ms. Denise Ross, Ms. Julia Suliman, Dr. Andrew Parr (4)

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Member Laverty.

**Motion made** to suspend the bylaws to allow Member Laverty to chair the meeting.

**Motion seconded.**

**Motion carried.**

Member Koon recused herself from voting on the Collection of Evidence (COE) cut scores. She stated that she is a biology teacher and is a Collections of Evidence coordinator.

Ms. Drake stated that the Board is considering approval of Exhibit B, the list of private schools. Ms. Drake stated that the list includes Saddle Mountain School, which OSPI recommended in July, but with "serious questions regarding Saddle Mountain School's total instructional hour offering for its site-based program." Due to these concerns, the Board decided to defer consideration of approval until more information could be obtained. In consultation with Colleen Warren, SBE counsel, Ms. Drake exchanged some email correspondence with the school indicating that the school has the expectation that their onsite students will attend the required instructional hours. Mr. Drake stated that she believes the information provided by the school sufficiently addresses OSPI's concern, and the Board should consider approval of the school.

**Motion made** to approve the schools listed on Exhibit B as approved private schools for the 2014-15 Academic School Year.

**Motion seconded.**

**Motion carried.**

**4:20-4:30 Public Comment**

No members of the public commented.

**4:20-4:40 Recommendation for the Achievement Level Cut-Score for the Biology Collection of Evidence and the Revisited Achievement Level Cut-Score for the Math Year 1 Collection of Evidence**

Mr. Michael Middleton, Director, Alternative Assessments, OSPI

Dr. Tom Hirsch, Consultant, Assessment and Evaluation Services

Mr. Middleton provided an overview of the process to set Collection of Evidence (COE) cut scores. One panel was established to revisit the Math Year 1 COE and another panel to set the Biology COE. Dr. Hirsch stated his opinion that the recommendations were made appropriately. For the Biology COE, the cut score was set at 41 by both the course panel and the moderation committee. For the Math Year 1 COE, the cut score was set at 24 by both the course panel and the moderation committee.

Board members asked the following questions:

- Was the process for setting these cut-scores conducted in accordance with nationally accepted practices?
  - OSPI staff stated there were no deviations from the procedures.
- Was the process approved by the Board in March followed with fidelity to develop these cut scores?
  - OSPI staff stated that the process was followed with fidelity.
- Were there any unanticipated outcomes from the standard-setting process?
  - OSPI staff stated that there were not unanticipated outcomes and that this was a very successful standard-setting process.

**4:40-4:51 Board Discussion and Business Items**

**Motion made** to approve the cut score of 41 proposed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction's Standard Setting, Course-Level and Articulation Panel for the Biology Collection of Evidence requiring a student to achieve a score of 41 or higher on the collection in order to meet or exceed standard for the Biology assessment.

**Motion seconded.**

**Motion carried.**

**Motion made** to approve the cut score of 24 proposed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction's Standard Setting, Course-Level and Articulation Panel for the Math Year 1 Collection of Evidence requiring a student to achieve a score of 24 or higher on the collection to meet or exceed standard for the Math Year 1 assessment.

**Motion seconded.**

**Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned** by Member Laverty at 4:51 p.m.