Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development Approved Minutes July 14, 2017 Audio conference originating in Juneau, AK

Chair Fields called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Kenny Gallahorn was excused, Charles Michael, LTC Toole, and Dr. Keith Hamilton were absent. After the pledge of allegiance, the board adopted the agenda for July 14. Board members declared no conflicts of interest.

Public comment

No public comment was received.

Agenda Item 1. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) 2nd draft. Commissioner Johnson said the second draft of the state plan has been changed due to the DEED team gathering public input; he encourages everyone to read the draft. The Team will continue to make changes as input continues to come in. Sondra Meredith, Administrator of Teacher Education & Certification, and Margaret MacKinnon, Federal Programs Coordinator, will introduce the second draft. Email any questions or suggestions to Sondra Meredith; this will help them to have answers prior to the August 1 meeting. Questions will be answered then so everyone can hear them; and an Executive Summary will be posted on the department's website by the end of the day.

Agenda Item 2A. Cut Scores, PEAKS & Dynamic Learning Maps Regulations. Margaret MacKinnon explained the need to change the regulations.

Agenda Item 3A. Cut Scores, PEAKS & Dynamic Learning Maps Regulations. Vice-Chair Hull moved and Second Vice-Chair Harmon seconded the following motion: After considering all public comment, I move the State Board of Education & Early Development adopt proposed amendments to 4 AAC 06.737 Standards based test, 4 AAC 06.739 Assessment achievement level scores, and 4 AAC 06.775 Statewide assessment program for students with disabilities. The motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote.

Board comments

Barbara Thompson thanked department staff for all their hard work on the ESSA plan

Rebecca Himschoot had no comments.

Keith Hamilton had no comments other than "kudos to the staff".

John Harmon appreciated all the hard work of department staff and members of the public.

Sue Hull had no comments other than to thank everybody for their hard work.

LTC Toole agrees with other comments.

James Fields welcomed LTC Van Meter to the board, and gave his thanks to LTC Toole for the time he gave to the board; and thanked everybody for their hard work.

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.