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Educator Standards Board (ESB) Report

2023-2024 OEA ESB Members

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DESCRIPTION OF THE BOARD MEMBERSHIP SELECTION PROCESS

ORC 3319.60 Educator Standards Board -

The act establishes an Educator Standards Board comprised of 21 members for developing and recommending standards for teachers and principals to the State Board of Education.

(1) Ten teachers employed in a school district: three teachers in a secondary school, two teachers in a middle school, three teachers in an elementary school, one teacher in a pre-kindergarten classroom, and one teacher who serves on a local professional development committee.

At least one of these eight teachers must be certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The Ohio Education Association shall submit fourteen nominees for these appointments. from which the State Board may select seven members.

In January, HB 33's substantial effects resulted in the board having to adjust their current tasks and pacing. ESB committees will now occur on Fridays with the Business Meeting and voting agenda of the board. This was done to save time and money.

State Superintendent of Instruction Mr. Paul Craft provided openings comments and introductions at the February meeting which included the new roles and responsibilities of SBOE. Teacher of the Year (TOR), Educator Licensure, Office of Professional Conduct, Teacher/Counselor Evaluations and Territory Transfers will be their work.

The superintendent discussed current finances for SBOE board and its staff. Although currently approximately 11.5 million dollars is received via licensure fees, SBOE is set to run out of money in June. The board will conduct further discussions for immediate and long-term actions.

Specific legislative changes to the Resident Educator (RE) license and related Summative Assessment (RESA) were reviewed. While several rules were forwarded to the State Board of Education (SBOE) for discussion and approval, there was almost unanimous agreement regarding the cost, time, and pedagogical implications of new grade bands (rule 3301-24-18). The rule in question also indicates the grade band licensure implications in terms of added and required Science of Reading (SOR) trainings.

The new Pre-Service Teacher Permit proposed language had a healthy discussion which resulted in several changes. It was eventually sent to SBOE for their review and approval. These permits will begin to be issued July 1, 2024. ESB will continue to address rules which need revision, creation or update based upon legislative action. The board will then resume their work on updating the Professional Learning Standards for Educators.