



**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 20, 2024, 9 a.m. (CT)**  
**Online and MacKay Building, 800 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD**

**Call to Order/Pledge/Roll Call**

President Perkins called the meeting to order at approximately 9 a.m. (CT).

Members present (all online):

Steve Perkins  
Rich Meyer  
Terry Nebelsick  
Linda Olsen  
Phyllis Heineman  
Jean Moulton

**Adoption of Agenda**

Motion by Heineman to approve revised May 20, 2024, agenda; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nebelsick. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Olsen to approve minutes of April 22, 2024; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Meyer. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Comment (SDCL 1-25-1)**

No public comment

**First Read of Rules – ARSD 24:05:30 (Due Process)**

Linda Turner, Director of Special Education and Early Learning, Department of Education (DOE), provides high-level summary of proposed changes to ARSD 24:05:30 for the board to consider at a future meeting.

**Public Hearing – ARSD 24:28 (Educator Certification and Permits)**

The Board of Education Standards convened the public hearing on ARSD 24:28 – adopted under the authority of SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3, and 13-42-3.2 – at approximately 9:11 a.m. (CT) on May 20, 2024, in Pierre, SD. This meeting was held virtually with a listening location in Pierre.

**Hearing Officer:** South Dakota Board of Education Standards

**Members of the Board in Attendance:** Steve Perkins, Rich Meyer, Terry Nebelsick, Linda Olsen, Phyllis Heineman, Jean Moulton



**Others in Attendance:** Secretary of Education Joseph Graves, Kristin Berger, Mary Stadick Smith, Linda Turner, Laura Scheibe, Jane Cronin, Dr. Kathryn Blaha, Kathy Riedy, Rob Munson, Rep. Stephanie Sauder, Jessica Filler; other members of the public virtually and in person

### **Oral Testimony**

Dr. Kathryn Blaha, Director, Division of Accreditation and Certification, DOE

- Dr. Blaha presented the proposed rules package. Two packages related to ARSD 24:28 have been combined into one, at the recommendation of the Legislative Research Council (LRC).
- She described the processes for seeking feedback from stakeholders and the effect of the proposed rule changes. She reviewed types and numbers of comments received associated with this rules package: 3 requests for testimony registration; correspondence through email with one party; correspondence by phone – two parties. These proposed rules have been developed out of the needs associated with improving the certification process, the timeliness of processing applications, and the experience of educators and districts, and compliance with HB 1020 and HB 1187 from the 2024 legislative session. An overview of the package was provided.

### Proponents

None

### Opponents

- Representative Stephanie Sauder
  - District 4, House of Representatives
  - Bryant
  - Sponsor of HB 1187 for the one-year Career and Technical Education (CTE) permit.
  - Opposed to the current five-year requirement. Feels someone with experience prior to five years could still have the knowledge to teach.
  - Agency discussion in response - See Rebuttal Comments
  - No agency action taken
- Jessica Filler
  - Director of Policy and Legal Services, Associated School Boards of South Dakota
  - Pierre
  - Page 21 of package: 24:28:09:39 – adding 4,000 hours of work-related experience is too much of a burden, especially with the time constraint of the last five years
  - Noted that SDCL 13-48-3 requires two years of notice to be given prior to rules going into effect if the rules reflect an increase in requirements
  - Unclear what validated work experience means
  - Page 29 of the package: 24:28:09:55 – eligibility requirements concerned with the 2,000 hours requirement; wants the endorsement categories to be less restrictive and more broad



- Page 57 of the package: 24:28:17:28 – ½ credit requirement for renewal – what does that equal, requests clarification
- Agency discussion in response - See Rebuttal Comments.
- No agency action taken
- Rob Munson
  - Executive Director, School Administrators of South Dakota
  - Parkston
  - CTE permit - concerned with the renewal requirements as being a burden for the proposed one-year CTE permit and against the intention of the bill
  - Agency discussion in response - See Rebuttal Comments
  - No agency action taken

## Rebuttal

- Dr. Kathryn Blaha, DOE
  - Page 21 – 24:28:09:39 – reference of 4,000 hours is coming from LRC change of how the hours are written from numerical form to written form, not an additional requirement for the 5-year CTE permit
  - Regarding the question on meaning of validated – explained that work experience must be signed off
  - SDCL reference for two-year wait period, noted that the department is not adding new requirements to the 5-year CTE permit
  - Many revisions were made for clarity based off of LRC recommendations
  - Page 57 – 24:28:17:28 – performing artist permit is an existing one-year permit and looking to mirror requirements for the one-year CTE permit; ½ of 1 credit equates to 7.5 continuing education contact hours – could be training from the schools or from their field
  - Page 29 – 24:28:09:55 – list of endorsements identified as eligible for the one-year CTE permit
- Laura Scheibe, DOE
  - Encourage community members' involvement with students and coursework
  - Endorsements are tied to pathways within CTE; pathway endorsements connect to standards and mirror the content area
  - Teacher certification is one component of running an approved CTE program, but additional requirements to run an approved CTE program for graduation requirements and Perkins funding
- Secretary Joseph Graves, DOE
  - Encourage board to accept the package as presented
  - Conversations regarding questions and concerns were had, but what remains needs to remain
  - Requirements for continuing education: Education is a profession – there are qualifications; all other certificates and permits require continuing education



- requirement; if remove continuing education then could be used beyond the purpose intended; 7.5 hours is one day of professional development provided by the district
- Have spent decades to develop strong CTE program with grants, programs, and facilities available; don't want to reduce CTE to what it once was

#### Board questions and discussion

Motion by Heineman to approve rules as proposed; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moulton. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### Summary of Changes to Proposed Rules Because of the Public Hearing or Comment

- None

**Adjournment:** Public hearing for ARSD 24:28 concluded at approximately 10:40 a.m. (CT)

#### Adoption of ETS Cut Scores for Regenerated Praxis Tests

Dr. Kathryn Blaha, Director of Accreditation and Certification, DOE, presents information on three Praxis tests that have been updated by ETS, which requires setting of new cut scores for educators seeking endorsements.

- Social Studies 5581 – recommended cut score of 153
- Family and Consumer Sciences 5123 – recommended cut score of 151
- Technology and Engineering Education 5053 – recommended cut score of 157

Motion by Olsen to accept cut scores as proposed; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heineman. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### SD Teacher Evaluation Process

Hope Paulson, Teacher/Principal Effectiveness, DOE, presents information about the teacher evaluation process in South Dakota.

#### Secretary's Report

Secretary Graves provides update related to teacher shortages, upcoming events/resources for social studies implementation, and how to proceed with SLO (student learning objective) rules.

#### General Discussion

None

#### Adjournment

Motion by Heineman to adjourn; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Meyer. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:21 a.m. (CT).