

The State Board of Education/State Board for Vocational Education held a work session on Thursday, August 19, 2010 in the Cabinet Room of the Townsend Building, Dover, Delaware.

Present were: Dr. Teri Quinn Gray, President; Jorge L. Melendez, Vice President; Gregory B. Coverdale, Jr., G. Patrick Heffernan, Dr. Terry M. Whittaker and Dr. James L. Wilson. Also in attendance were Dr. Judi L. Coffield, State Board Policy Analyst; and Catherine Hickey, Deputy Attorney General and legal counsel to the State Board. Dan Cruce, Deputy Executive Secretary and Deputy Secretary/Chief of State, was also in attendance.

Also in attendance: Susan Furick, K-12; Edwin Fredie, K-12; Dr. Patricia Bigelow.

President Gray called the work session to order at 9:20 a.m. and read the amended work session agenda. She noted that in addition to discussing strategic planning, goals and measures, the Board would plan its calendar for 2010-2011. Dr. Gray indicated that Mr. Cruce would be joining the Board later to provide an update on SB 310 and the evolution of the new Moyer Academy.

Dr. Gray began by noting that approval of the amended 501 State Content Standards was an item on the regular monthly agenda. This action would be adopting the Common Core Standards and she indicated that she is proposing that the State Board do a position statement video to be placed on the Common Core website. She asked that Dr. Whittaker make the presentation for the video. The Board members discussed the statement and revisions were made.

The Board discussed the summary of its retreat and its policy on public comment. Dr. Gray indicated that the Board's public comment policy would be presented to the Department for reflection. The Board's new policy will be presented at the September State Board meeting. It will be noted on the Board's agenda, its website and announced verbally. The State Board's Procedures Manual will also be updated.

The Board discussed its accomplishments for 2009-2010 and its focus for the upcoming year. There was discussion on the Board's message and its tasks for each area. There was agreement to align the Board's monthly agenda to address these areas.

A motion was made by Mr. Melendez for a brief recess. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heffernan and carried unanimously. The Board discussed topics for upcoming work sessions including the standard setting process and end of course exams. There was agreement that the Board members needed sufficient time to review materials prior to making decisions.

Susan Furick and Edwin Freddie from K-12 joined the Board to discuss the evolution of the new Moyer Academy. They provided the Board with background information on themselves as well as K-12 and the changes that have been made to date. They noted changes have been made to the school's curriculum and sequencing and explained issues with transcripts and credits that they are addressing with the school's current students. The Board received information on the teaching staff that has been hired and the training they will receive prior to school opening. There was discussion on course offerings and the use of virtual classrooms. The school will offer several languages and will conduct a survey to determine the interests of its students in extracurricular activities. Dr. Gray invited Ms. Furick and Dr. Freddie to provide an update to the Board after the school receives its baseline achievement data.

Mr. Cruce provided an update on Senate Bill 310 which gave the Department the opportunity to contract with K-12 and to open a new school at Moyer Academy. He noted there was consensus to keep the only City of Wilmington high school open and to keep these students together, but provide them with a better program.

A motion was made by Mr. Melendez to adjourn the work session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wilson and carried unanimously. The works session was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

The State Board of Education/State Board for Vocational Education held its regular meeting on Thursday, August 19, 2010 in the Cabinet Room of the John G. Townsend Building, Dover, Delaware.

Present were: Dr. Teri Quinn Gray, President; Jorge L. Melendez, Vice President; Gregory B. Coverdale, Jr., G. Patrick Heffernan, Dr. Terry M. Whittaker and Dr. James L. Wilson and Daniel Cruce, Deputy Executive Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Education/Chief of Staff.

Also in attendance were Dr. Judi L. Coffield, State Board Policy Analyst; Dr. Linda Rogers, Associate Secretary for Teaching and Learning; Dr. Amelia Hodges, Associate Secretary College and Workforce Readiness; and Karen Field Rogers, Associate Secretary for Financial Reform and Resource Management were in attendance.

Catherine Hickey, Deputy Attorney General, was present to act as legal counsel.

Also attending: Charlie Michels, Professional Standards Board (PSB); Susan Francis, Delaware School Boards Association (DSBA); Herb Harris, Pearson; G. Scott Reihm, Delaware Association of School Administrators; Christi Linton, CTB/McGraw Hill; Andrew Fordman, Dr. Michael Stetter, and Dennis Savage.

Call to Order

President Gray called the regular meeting of the State Board of Education/State Board for Vocational Education to order at 1:00 p.m. She welcomed all guests to the State Board's monthly public meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

President Gray stated that the first order of business was approval of the agenda. She noted that there were no addendum items, but indicated that there would be a change in the order of items with the regulations of the Professional Standards Board discussed prior to presentations. It was also noted that under Board Business the Board would appoint its voting delegate to the National Association of State Board's of Education Annual Conference.

A motion was made by Mr. Melendez to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wilson and carried with the following vote recorded:

Ayes:	Nays:
Dr. Gray	None
Mr. Coverdale	
Mr. Heffernan	
Mr. Melendez	
Dr. Whittaker	
Dr. Wilson	

Approval of Minutes

Board members received a draft copy of the minutes from the work session and regular meeting of July 15, 2010 and a final signed copy at the Board meeting. Dr. Gray asked if there were any additions or amendments. She stated that edits were made to her report and included in the final minutes.

A motion was made by Dr. Whittaker to approve the minutes from the work session of July 15, 2010 as distributed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melendez and carried with the following vote recorded:

Ayes:	Nays:
Dr. Gray	None
Mr. Coverdale	
Mr. Heffernan	
Mr. Melendez	
Dr. Whittaker	
Dr. Wilson	

A motion was made by Dr. Wilson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 15, 2010 as distributed. The motion was seconded by Dr. Whittaker and carried with the following vote recorded:

Ayes:	Nays:
Dr. Gray	None
Mr. Coverdale	
Mr. Melendez	
Dr. Whittaker	
Dr. Wilson	

Mr. Heffernan abstained as he was not present at the meeting.

Formal Public Comment on Action Items

It was indicated that this was the time the Board set aside for formal public comment. President Gray indicated that no individuals signed up to address the Board.

Committee Reports from State Board Members

Mr. Heffernan attended a meeting of the Restructuring Committee. The Committee reviewed plans presented by districts according to the criteria set looking for innovative and solid plans.

Dr. Coffield attended the Kent County briefing by Innovative Schools that showcased three different models for turnaround schools. She attended a meeting of the Curriculum Cadre and the P-20 Council meeting. At the P-20 Council meeting, Dr. Coffield presented updates on behalf of two subcommittees, DECAN and Delaware's Promise Drop Out Prevention. Also on behalf of the subcommittees, Dr. Coffield is working with staff from the Technology, Management and Information work group of the Department on the data dashboard. She is also working with Regional Education Lab Mid-Atlantic (RELM-A) on the Delaware early warning system.

Dr. Whittaker attended the briefing by Innovative Schools held in New Castle County which presented highly effective school improvement models. Funding is provided by Bill Gates to low performing and urban challenged schools. Characteristics to describe the transformations of these schools include high expectations, rigor, engaging teaching, technology, and sustainability. Mr. Cruce announced that Seaford High School was recently approved to be a recipient of a three year grant to make curriculum changes aimed at increasing student achievement. Dr. Whittaker stated that Innovative Schools extended an invitation to the members of the State Board to visit their school sites.

President Gray reiterated that Innovative Schools encouraged site visits and tours. She attended one presentation by USED I where Sir Michael Barber delivered a very encouraging presentation on what it takes for implementation and sustainability to turn schools around. The Department was commended for its efforts and for starting the conversation to make school improvement a reality.

Board Business

Board members were asked to designate a voting delegate for the NASBE Annual Conference in July. Dr. Whittaker nominated Mr. Coverdale and Dr. Wilson closed the nominations. Mr. Coverdale agreed to represent the Delaware State Board of Education as its voting delegate. The nomination was carried unanimously.

Professional Standards Board

Charles Michels, Executive Director of the Professional Standards Board, presented the Professional Standards Board item.

Amend 1521 Elementary Teacher (For Discussion)

Professional Standards Board, acting in cooperation and collaboration with the Department of Education, is seeking the consent of the State Board of Education to amend regulation DE Admin. Code 1521 Elementary Teacher. It is necessary to amend this regulation in order to facilitate proper and current formatting trends. There are no changes in certification requirements. This regulation sets forth the requirements for an Elementary Teacher.

Mr. Michels noted that no written comments have been received and this amendment is part of the five year review cycle.

Action on this amendment will be proposed at the September State Board of Education meeting.

Recognition of State Board Member

Dr. Gray asked Dennis Savage to come forward. She stated that she wanted to thank Mr. Savage for his thirteen years of service to the State Board of Education and the children of Delaware. Dr. Gray commented that Mr. Savage began as a teacher many years ago. Mr. Savage was presented with the State Board's Order of Excellence, the highest award it can bestow upon a citizen of the State.

Mr. Cruce, on behalf of Secretary Lowery, presented Mr. Savage with the Secretary's Merit Award and Mr. Michels, on behalf of the Professional Standards Board, presented Mr. Savage with a pen set.

Mr. Savage thanked the presenters and noted that there are good things happening in Delaware. He said that as a Race to the Top recipient, Delaware can do bigger and better things. Mr. Savage commended the members of the State Board of Education citing that the current Board is energetic and eager to do great things. Congratulations were extended.

Delaware Comprehensive Assessment System (DCAS) Update and Report of Standard Setting Process

Dr. Linda Rogers, Associate Secretary for Teaching and Learning, reported that the standard setting process was completed last week with approximately 150 panelists participating from across the state. The panelists represented teachers, school districts, parents, and the community and all received a full day of training. Dr. Rogers explained that the results have just been received and will need to be reviewed thoroughly. She requested that the Board plan part of its work session next month to have a discussion on the results of the standard setting process. The discussion will also include raising the standards as was the recommendation of the panelists for all levels and all subject areas. Dr. Rogers noted that materials would be prepared for the Board to review for the work session and action will be proposed to approve the results of the standard setting process at the regular monthly September State Board meeting.

There was discussion on bridging from the DSTP to DCAS. Dr. Rogers responded that impact data will be provided comparing DCAS scores to DSTP scores and to NAEP results. The impact data will also be compared to international benchmarks, PISA. Setting the cut scores was discussed and it was explained that the Board would receive information on the recommended scores for each level and what it would mean for Delaware schools. Dr. Rogers stated that the cut scores would be reviewed in a year to ensure that the Department is doing the right thing for our students.

DPAS II Student Growth Measures

Dr. Amelia Hodges, Associate Secretary, College and Workforce Readiness Branch, Dr. Wayne Barton, Director of Teacher and Administrator Quality Development, and Peter Shulman, Leader of the Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Unit, provided the Board with an update of the progress on defining DPAS II student growth measures. The

Board received the DPAS II Working Committees schedule that began with its first meeting on June 16th between the IAT and partners' group to review best practices on the national level. The partners' group has met since that time and in July, a two-day training was conducted with assistance from Dr. Goe, Dr. Beers and the Hope Street Group. Dr. Barton estimated that about 400 educators have been trained.

The Board members also received an outline of the selection process for appropriate measures of student growth in DPAS II and the matrix of appropriate measures of student growth for DPAS II Component V. Mr. Cruce pointed out that the Delaware State Education Association (DSEA) is working with the group and has been very helpful. The Board will receive its next update in the beginning of 2011.

2010 School Accountability Overview and Ratings

Joanne Reihm, Education Associate for Accountability, provided an overview of the accountability system and the 2010 school ratings. She began with the new changes for 2009-2010 and explained that the targets have increased to 79% in reading and 67% for math. Targets for next year will increase to 84% and 75% respectively. Also new this year is the option for non-Title I schools in school improvement to participate in a Title I program and enter Title I sanctions at year one. The last change concerns the graduation rate calculation. In order to meet the target in this area, there must be substantial growth of at least 2 percentage points from the previous year or they must meet the established graduation rate target for the current year. She reiterated that substantial growth is not maintaining.

Ms. Reihm explained that the school rating is determined by Adequately Yearly Progress (AYP); State Progress Determination (SPD) and a combination of AYP and SPD plus school accountability history. She reviewed the definitions of the school ratings and what must happen to be placed "under school improvement" as well as how a school can come out of "under school improvement."

The school accountability ratings were released on July 30, 2010. Out of the 210 schools, 192 school received ratings with 141 using the growth model and 51 using the original model. The breakdown indicated that 89 schools made AYP with 52 Title I schools and 37 non Title I schools. The total number of schools not making AYP was

103, and of those, 59 were Title I schools and 44 non Title I schools. Sixty-three schools were rated as Under Improvement, which is an increase from 48 schools last year. Of those schools, 29 are classified as Title I schools and 34 as non Title I schools. District ratings will be released in September. The Board was provided with a breakdown on the number and type of school in each rating category.

School Accountability Sanctions - Restructuring of Schools

Dr. Lori Duerr, Education Associate, LEA and School Success Support presented the LEA restructuring plan for Woodbridge High School. She explained that the school initially intended to be a Title I school, but a decision was made for a change in governance structure. The school has been working on its plan and using data to provide targeted for professional development. The Board concurred with the recommendation of the Department to approve the restructuring plan.

The Board recessed for five minutes.

Secretary's Report, Review and Discussion

Department of Education Regulations

Dr. Susan Haberstroh, Education Associate, Regulation Review, presented the regulations on the agenda for the Department of Education.

Regulation 501 State Content Standards (For Action)

The Secretary of Education is seeking the consent of the State Board of Education to amend 14 DE Admin. Code 501 State Content Standards to reflect the State's adoption of the Common Core Standards in English language arts and mathematics. The Common Core Standards were developed in partnership with the National Governors Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). State stakeholders participated in the review of the standards.

Dr. Mike Stetter, Director of Curriculum was also present to respond to questions from the Board. He explained that the adoption would be followed by an implementation process which would provide resources and professional development to teachers who would need to adjust instruction for new materials and curricula at different grade levels

especially in mathematics. It was noted that some districts are planning to map their curriculum this year.

There was discussion on the alignment of the Common Core Standards to the assessment program. It was indicated that the DCAS assessment would contain field test items aligned to the Common Core Standards. He reminded the State Board that the Common Core Standards in English/language arts align very well with Delaware's content standards, but in mathematics some adjustments would need to be made. He gave the example of a unit currently being taught in grade 8 moving to grade 7 in the middle school or moving a unit from middle school to the elementary grades. Dr. Stetter commented that Regulation 501 addresses the Delaware state content standards, which after adoption would include the Common Core Standards. Regulation 502 is the process or the curriculum alignment to those standards. Amendments to Regulation 502 will be presented at a later date.

President Gray asked about a targeted timeline for the implementation. Dr. Stetter responded that it would occur over this year so teachers and education leaders will have the necessary preparation and material.

A motion was made by Dr. Whittaker to approve the amendment to Regulation 501 State Content Standards and adopt the Common Core Standards. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melendez and carried with the following vote recorded:

Ayes:	Nays:
Dr. Gray	None
Mr. Coverdale	
Mr. Heffernan	
Mr. Melendez	
Dr. Whittaker	
Dr. Wilson	

The Board signed the appropriate Order. Dr. Gray announced that the State Board would be adding a statement on the adoption of the Common Core Standards with a video by Dr. Whittaker and it would be posted on the Common Core website.

Secretary's Report

Dan Cruce, Deputy Secretary of Education/Chief of Staff provided a Race to the Top (RTTT) update to members of the State Board. He distributed a summary of activities that have occurred since the last State Board meeting. The U.S. Department of Education has approved Delaware's LEA plans and Mr. Cruce explained that the Department has only approved the year one plans for each LEA. Funding is now available. The Department will engage the LEA's in the Change Management Program for years two through four. Mr. Cruce explained that a Change Management Advisory Council was established by Secretary Lowery to guide the development of the program. He stated that Peter Shulman would be leading the Change Management Unit at the Department and announced that Noreen Lasorsa from Christiana High School would be joining the Department's Project Management Office on August 30th. Governor Markell, Secretary Lowery and her senior staff will attend a meeting with U.S. Secretary of Education Duncan to provide an update on RTTT work. Secretary Duncan has requested periodic meetings to discuss issues, hear about lessons learned and learn of any assistance that can be provided to states on Race to the Top.

Charter Schools

Dan Cruce, Deputy Secretary of Education, introduced John Carwell, the Department's new Education Associate in the Charter School Office. He explained that there are currently 21 charter schools in Delaware. He explained that along with Mr. Carwell, the charter office includes Karen Scaggs, the administrative assistant, Scott Kessel with finance, and Dr. Patricia Bigelow who assists with teacher mentoring and professional development.

Application to Modify an Existing Charter: East Side Charter School (For Action)

This school's Board of Directors has submitted an Application to Modify the school's charter seeking approval to reduce the administrative duties of the management company. This modification falls within the range for a minor modification, as defined

by DOE Regulation 275 9.9.1.8. It was explained that minor modifications do not require approval of the Charter School Accountability Committee.

Mr. Cruce stated that it was the recommendation of Secretary Lowery to grant this modification, and she is seeking the concurrence of the State Board. A motion was made by Dr. Wilson that after review of the record and consideration of the Secretary's decision, the Board concurs with the decision to grant the modification. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melendez and carried unanimously with the following vote recorded:

Ayes:	Nays:
Dr. Gray	None
Mr. Coverdale	
Mr. Heffernan	
Mr. Melendez	
Dr. Whittaker	
Dr. Wilson	

**Application to Modify an Existing Charter: Family Foundations Academy
(For Action)**

This school has submitted an Application to Modify the school's charter seeking approval to retrofit the multiple purpose room of the existing site to accommodate grades 6 and 7. This modification falls within the range for a minor modification, as defined by DOE Regulation 275 9.9.1.7.

Mr. Cruce stated that it was the recommendation of Secretary Lowery to grant this modification, and she is seeking the concurrence of the State Board. A motion was made by Dr. Whittaker that after review of the record and consideration of the Secretary's decision, the Board concurs with the decision to grant the modification. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heffernan and carried unanimously with the following vote recorded:

Ayes:	Nays:
Dr. Gray	None
Mr. Coverdale	
Mr. Heffernan	
Mr. Melendez	
Dr. Whittaker	
Dr. Wilson	

**Progress on Conditions Placed on Academy of Dover Charter School
(For Information)**

Academy of Dover Charter School was placed on probation at the October 23, 2008 State Board meeting. A monthly report was presented to the Board as to the progress the school is making to meet conditions placed on the charter.

**Charter Schools Update
(For Information)**

The Board received the monthly update on charter schools.

Other Action Items

**Proposed Personal Finance Standards
(For Discussion)**

Dr. Michael Stetter, Director, Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development presented an overview on the proposed Personal Finance Standards. These standards are proposed for addition to the existing Social Studies Standards as a fifth content strand. Geography, Civics, History, Economics are the existing strands. The proposed standards have been modeled after a national set of standards. Dr. Stetter commented that with the rise in debt totals and bankruptcy, these standards are a positive addition to the Social Studies Standards. The goal of the standards is to prepare students for personal and societal financial decision making and to provide Delaware graduates with knowledge to make sound financial decisions. As the fifth strand of the Social Studies Standards, Personal Finance will focus on financial responsibility, planning and decision making; money management; savings and investing and risk protection. It was

noted that these standards would not affect the career and technology courses on financial literacy.

There was discussion by the State Board on the appropriate grade level for such a course. Since the course is not required for graduation, schools have flexibility in when to offer the course. It was explained that the standards outline to schools and districts that if this course is provided, these are the standards that the course must meet. The Board received a copy of the proposed Personal Finance Standards. A copy has been sent to the registrar, and a public notice requesting comment has been posted. Action will be proposed at the next State Board meeting.

The Board recessed for five minutes.

Appeals and Reviews

Catherine Hickey, Deputy Attorney General and legal counsel for the State Board, recommended that the State Board enter into Executive Session as the appeals contained information on a pupil's file.

A motion was made by Dr. Wilson to enter into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melendez and carried unanimously with the following vote recorded:

Ayes:	Nays:
Dr. Gray	None
Mr. Coverdale	
Mr. Heffernan	
Mr. Melendez	
Dr. Whittaker	
Dr. Wilson	

The Board returned to open session on a motion by Dr. Whittaker. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melendez and carried unanimously with the following vote recorded:

Ayes:	Nays:
Dr. Gray	None
Mr. Coverdale	
Mr. Heffernan	
Mr. Melendez	
Dr. Whittaker	
Dr. Wilson	

**C.R. v. Red Clay School District Board of Education
(2010-02) (For Action)**

Dr. Gray made a motion that after reading and considering the record of the proceedings below (including the hearing transcript), any submissions to the hearing officer, and the Proposed Order and it appearing the Proposed Order is fully supported by the record, free of legal error, and otherwise within the local board's powers, that the Proposed Order of the Hearing Officer be accepted and adopted as the decision and order of the State Board of Education.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Whittaker and carried with the following voice voted recorded:

Ayes:	Nays:
Dr. Gray	None
Mr. Coverdale	
Mr. Heffernan	
Mr. Melendez	
Dr. Whittaker	
Dr. Wilson	

The Board signed the appropriate Order.

**V.S. v. Christina School District Board of Education
(2010-04) (For Action)**

Dr. Gray made a motion that after reading and considering the record of the proceedings below (including the hearing transcript), any submissions to the hearing officer, and the Proposed Order and it appearing the Proposed Order is fully supported by the record, free of legal error, and otherwise within the local board's powers, that the

Proposed Order of the Hearing Officer be accepted and adopted as the decision and order of the State Board of Education.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Coverdale and carried with the following voice voted recorded:

Ayes:	Nays:
Dr. Gray	None
Mr. Coverdale	
Mr. Heffernan	
Mr. Melendez	
Dr. Whittaker	
Dr. Wilson	

The Board signed the appropriate Order.

**B.R. v. Appoquinimink School District Board of Education
(2010-06) (For Action)**

Ms. Hickey explained that this appeal was received on June 24, 2010 and Dr. David Taylor was appointed to act as the hearing officer. The matter was scheduled for consideration on August 4, 2010 and on July 22, 2010, a letter on behalf of the student was received, asking that the appeal be withdrawn or rescinded. The parties were notified that the request would be presented as a request for dismissal at the August 19, 2010 meeting for the State Board consideration.

Dr. Gray made a motion that since the State Board's hearing officer has received a letter from the student's parent that he desired to rescind or cancel the appeal of the disciplinary decision of the Appoquinimink School District Board of Education; there has been no objection received from Respondent; there appears to be no reason that this matter should proceed, and that the matter be Dismissed.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Whittaker and carried with the following voice voted recorded:

Ayes:	Nays:
Dr. Gray	None
Mr. Coverdale	
Mr. Heffernan	
Mr. Melendez	
Dr. Whittaker	
Dr. Wilson	

The Board signed the appropriate Order.

**T.W. v. Capital School District Board of Education
(2010-04) (For Information)**

Notice was given that this appeal was received by the Executive Secretary on behalf of the State Board of Education on July 16, 2010, who in accordance with prior authorization by the State Board appointed Dr. Thomas Pledgie on July 20, 2010 to act as the hearing officer.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dr. Whittaker to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melendez and carried with the following vote recorded:

Ayes:	Nays:
Dr. Gray	None
Mr. Coverdale	
Mr. Heffernan	
Mr. Melendez	
Dr. Whittaker	
Dr. Wilson	

August 19, 2010

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Cruce
Deputy Executive Secretary and
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**Executive Session
Appeals and Reviews**

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A motion was made by Dr. Wilson to enter into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melendez and carried unanimously with the following vote recorded:

Ayes:	Nays:
Dr. Gray	None
Mr. Coverdale	
Mr. Heffernan	
Mr. Melendez	
Dr. Whittaker	
Dr. Wilson	

The Board discussed the appeals on the agenda with its legal counsel.

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Ayes:	Nays:
Dr. Gray	None
Mr. Coverdale	
Mr. Heffernan	
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The motion was seconded by Mr. Coverdale and carried with the following voice voted recorded:

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Mr. Heffernan	
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