

REPORT FROM THE NORMANDY SCHOOLS COLLABORATIVE

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Sections 161.092, 162.081, RSMo

Consent Item

Action Item

Report Item

DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 1:

All Missouri students will graduate college and career ready.

SUMMARY:

On May 20, 2014, the State Board of Education (State Board) determined the only feasible way to maintain schools in the Normandy School District was to lapse the district and provide direct oversight by the State Board of Education. The State Board authorized the establishment of the Normandy Schools Collaborative (NSC) to be governed by a Joint Executive Governing Board (JEGB) to provide leadership to the new local education agency, pursuant to Missouri law, Section 162.081, RSMo.

At the State Board of Education meeting on June 16, 2014, three (3) members were appointed to the Normandy Schools Collaborative JEGB, and an additional two (2) members were appointed on June 30, 2014. At the June 30 meeting, the State Board also voted to allow the JEGB to select a chair within 30 days. JEGB member Dr. Charles Pearson was selected to serve in this capacity.

During the December 16, 2014 meeting, the State Board of Education, upon recommendation from the Department, approved the following changes to the operations of the Normandy Schools Collaborative:

- The State Board of Education delegates all final authority for the evaluations, hiring and discipline of personnel to the Joint Executive Governing Board (JEGB). If, in any case, the JEGB wishes to defer this authority, the State Board of Education remains open to recommendations and is prepared to take action in support of these recommendations upon request.
- The State Board of Education directs the Department to provide support to the JEGB and the NSC administration in the evaluation, hiring and other personnel functions of the NSC upon request, but will defer final authority to the JEGB and the NSC.

In January 2015, Dr. Pearson submitted to the Department his resignation from the JEGB; and the JEGB accepted Superintendent Dr. Tyrone McNichols' resignation from the NSC. The JEGB then selected Ms. Andrea Terhune to serve as the new JEGB chair and Dr. Pearson to serve as the interim superintendent. The JEGB directed Dr. Peter Kachris to launch a superintendent search.

This report will focus on these recent changes and their impact.

PRESENTER(S):

Andrea Terhune, Chair of the Joint Executive Governing Board; Peter Kachris, NSC Transition Officer and Consultant to the JEGB; and Commissioner Vandeven will lead the discussion of this agenda item.