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### CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

*Hartford*

#### Minutes of Meeting

February 7, 2007

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the State Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") met on February 7, 2007, at the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

- I. Present: Janet Finneran, Acting Chairman  
Beverly Bobroske  
Alice Carolan  
Edna Chukwurah  
Donald Coolican  
Sloan Danenhower  
Lynne Farrell\*  
Patricia Luke\*  
Timothy McDonald  
Valerie Lewis, Ex-Officio\*
- Absent: Theresa Hopkins-Staten  
Allan Taylor, Chairman

Acting Chairperson Finneran called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

#### **IV.1 Consideration of Minutes of the January 3, 2007, State Board of Education Meeting**

Dr. Carolan made the following correction on page 1: move Sloan Danenhower's name from Present to Absent.

Dr. Carolan moved, Mr. Coolican seconded, that the Board approves the minutes of the January 3, 2007, State Board of Education meeting, as corrected.

VOTE: In Favor: Carolan, Coolican, Finneran  
Opposed: 0  
Abstained: Bobroske, McDonald  
Absent: Farrell, Luke, Hopkins-Staten, Taylor

Motion carried.

**IV.2 Consideration of Minutes of the January 17, 2007, State Board of Education Special Meeting**

Dr. Carolan moved, Mrs. Bobroske seconded, that the Board approves the minutes, of the January 17, 2007, State Board of Education special meeting.

VOTE: In Favor: Bobroske, Carolan, Coolican, Finneran, McDonald  
Opposed: 0  
Abstained: 0  
Absent: Farrell, Luke, Hopkins-Staton, Taylor

Motion carried unanimously.

**V.A. Quarterly Financial Report**

Brian Mahoney, Chief Financial Officer, Finance & Internal Operations, presented the report to the Board. Discussion followed.

[\*Mrs. Luke arrived at 9:41 a.m.]

[\*Dr. Farrell arrived at 9:49 a.m.]

**VI. Consent Agenda**

Mrs. Bobroske moved, Mr. McDonald seconded, that the Board approves by unanimous consent, agenda items VI.A., Approval of Summer Food Service State Plan; VI.B., Advanced Placement Test Fee Grant Application; VI.C., Adoption of Rolling Capital Improvement and Capital Equipment Plan; VI.D., Trade Reauthorizations; and VI.E., Tuition and Fee Schedule.

**VI.A. Approval of Summer Food Service State Plan**

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 13 of the National School Lunch Act of 1946, as amended by P.L. 108-265, approves the State Plan for Fiscal Year 2007 - Summer Food Service Program for Children, for submission to the United States Department of Agriculture, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

**VI.B. Advanced Placement Test Fee Grant Application**

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education approves the application for Advanced Placement Test Fees, from the United States Department of Education, in accordance with Section 1703 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

**VI.C Adoption of Rolling Capital Improvement and Capital Equipment Plan**

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-95i of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the Connecticut Technical High School System's Rolling Capital Improvement and Capital Equipment Plan 2008-2012, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

**VI.D. Trade Reauthorizations**

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 10-95i of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves reauthorization of the following trades for the periods indicated:

The Retail, Tourism Cluster

- Baking from January 2007 to January 2012
- Culinary Arts from January 2007 to January 2012
- Fashion Technology from January 2007 to January 2012
- Hairdressing/Barbering from January 2007 to January 2012

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

**VI.E. Tuition and Fee Schedule**

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education approves the Tuition and Fees for Adult Programs and Facility use at the Connecticut Technical High Schools for the 2008-09 School Year, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE In Favor: Carolan, Bobroske, Coolican, Farrell, Finneran,  
ON Luke, McDonald  
MOTIONS: Opposed: 0  
Abstained: 0  
Absent: Hopkins-Staten, Taylor

Motions carried unanimously.

**VII.A. Approval of Policy Concerning School-Based Health Centers**

Mr. Coolican moved, Mrs. Luke seconded, that the Board approves the Policy on School-Based Health Centers at Connecticut Technical High Schools and Charter Oak Health Center at A. I. Prince and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE: In Favor: Bobroske, Carolan, Coolican, Farrell, Finneran, Luke, McDonald  
Opposed: 0  
Abstained: 0  
Absent: Hopkins-Staton, Taylor

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Luke moved, Mrs. Bobroske seconded, that discussion item VIII.A., Report on the Operation of Charter Schools (2005-2006) be moved to an action item and renumbered XII.F.

VOTE: In Favor: Bobroske, Carolan, Coolican, Farrell, Finneran, Luke, McDonald  
Opposed: 0  
Abstained: 0  
Absent: Hopkins-Staton, Taylor

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **VIII.B. Attendance Consortium Report**

Frances Rabinowitz, Associate Commissioner, Division of Teaching, Learning and Assessment, introduced Valerie LaMotte, Office of Policy and Management, Michael McKee, Superintendent, Stonington Public Schools, and Gary Hoachlander, MPR Associates, who presented the report to the Board. Discussion followed.

#### **VIII.C. Designation of Teacher Shortage Areas (2006-07)**

Frances Rabinowitz, Associate Commissioner, Division of Teaching, Learning and Assessment, presented the report to the Board. Discussion followed.

#### **IX. Report of the Chair**

- Dr. Carolan and Mrs. Bobroske visited Amistad Academy in January. They reported that this visit was a wonderful experience, and the school's success is, in large part, due to good teachers and a caring school community.

- Connecticut is among 10 states invited by NASBE to participate in an informational and planning conference on the NASBE "Adolescent Literacy Network." The conference will take place in Alexandria, Virginia, on April 19-20. A four-member team including a State Board of Education member, is invited to participate, all expenses paid. Participating states will then be eligible to submit a grant proposal for one of five \$15,000 grants to support state activities in including adolescent literacy in school improvement strategies.
- Upcoming NASBE meetings: Allan Taylor and Theresa Hopkins-Staten will attend Governmental Affairs; Beverly Bobroske will attend Board of Directors meeting in March.
- Congratulations to Dr. Carolan, Ms. Chukwurah and Mr. Danenhower, who appeared before the Executive & Legislative Nominations Committee and were approved by the General Assembly.

#### **X. Report of the Commissioner**

- Connecticut students continued to make significant gains in taking and passing Advanced Placement (AP) examinations in 2006. The number of exams with passing scores increased 6.4 percent. Course participation and the number of exams taken by low-income, black and Hispanic students in Connecticut also increased from 2005 to 2006.
- State Board of Education members are invited to the Data Showcase Conference being held at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell on April 10-11, 2007.
- The Department is developing a plan in the event of pandemic flu. This Contingency of Operations Plan (COOP) report will be delivered to the Governor by February 14. It will outline how the Department will get students home safely and what types of alternate educational services will be available if school closes for extended periods of time.
- At your March meeting, the Department is planning a presentation on USD #1, Corrections, and will share the outline with the Policy Committee.

[Commissioner Lewis arrived at 11:37 a.m.]

#### **XI. Committee Reports**

- **Audit and Department Matters Committee** – Mrs. Luke reported that the Audit and Department Matters Committee will be meeting on March 7, 2007. The Highville report is in the Office of the Attorney General.

- **Legislation and Bylaws Committee** – Mr. McDonald reported that the Governor’s Budget address is scheduled for today. The committee will receive a summary of the impact on our agenda.
- **Policy Development Committee** – Ms. Finneran reported that the committee will meet following today’s regular meeting.
- **Connecticut Technical High School Committee** – Mr. Coolican reported that the next committee meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2007.
- **NASBE** – Mrs. Bobroske reported that she attended the NASBE Board of Directors meeting on January 19-20, 2007. Andy Rothenberger was a presenter and he asked each of the Board of Directors to bring issues back to the NASBE Board regarding the National Standards in Mathematics and Reading. One potential topic will be a study on health issues with teenagers.

Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Bobroske and Mrs. Hopkins-Staten will be attending the NASBE Legislative Conference in Virginia on March 15-17, 2007. Margaret Spellings, Secretary of Education is scheduled to address the group.

**XII.A. Approval of Teach for America as Provider of Alternate Route to Certification**

Mrs. Luke moved, Mr. McDonald seconded, that the Board, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(f)(1) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants program approval for the period March 1, 2007, through September 30, 2009, with an interim report due and interim visit to take place during spring 2008, for the purpose of certifying graduates from Teach For America’s (TFA) Alternate Route to Certification (ARC) program leading to recommendation for the Connecticut temporary 90-day teaching certificate in the following endorsement areas:

<b>Program</b>	<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Program Level</b>
Elementary Education	K-6	Initial
<u>Secondary Education:</u>		
General Science	7-12	Initial
Biology	7-12	Initial
Chemistry	7-12	Initial
Physics	7-12	Initial

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English	7-12	Initial
History/Social Studies	7-12	Initial
Mathematics	7-12	Initial
World Languages:		
French	7-12	Initial
Spanish	7-12	Initial

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

Mrs. Bobroske moved, Mr. McDonald seconded, to table agenda item XII.A.,  
Approval of Teach for America as Provider of Alternate Route to Certification.

Motion In Favor: Finneran, Bobroske  
To Opposed: Coolican, Carolan, Luke, Farrell, McDonald  
Table: Abstained: 0  
Absent: Hopkins-Staten, Taylor

Motion to table failed.

Mrs. Luke moved, Mr. McDonald seconded, the following amendment to the original  
motion:

The Department shall develop an oversight plan to ensure Teach for America (TFA)  
meets and maintains standards of the Alternate Route to Certification.

Motion In Favor: Bobroske, Coolican, Carolan, Farrell, Finneran, Luke, McDonald  
To Opposed: 0  
Amend: Abstained: 0  
Absent: Hopkins-Staten, Taylor

Motion, to amend, carried unanimously.

Motion In Favor: Bobroske, Coolican, Carolan, Farrell, Luke, McDonald  
As Opposed: 0  
Amended: Abstained: Finneran  
Absent: Hopkins-Staten, Taylor

Motion, as amended, carried.

**XII.B. Approval of Masters of Arts in Teaching Program at Central Connecticut State University**

Mrs. Luke moved, Mrs. Bobroske seconded, that the Board, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(f)(1) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants program approval for the period March 1, 2007, through September 30, 2010, with an interim report due and interim visit to take place during fall 2008, for the purpose of certifying graduates from Central Connecticut State University's (CCSU) Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program for educator preparation at the initial certification level in the following endorsement areas:

<b>Program</b>	<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Program Level</b>	<b>Program Type</b>
<u>Secondary Education:</u>			
English Language Arts	7-12	Initial	Graduate
Math	7-12	Initial	Graduate
Science			
General Science	7-12	Initial	Graduate
Biology	7-12	Initial	Graduate
Chemistry	7-12	Initial	Graduate
Earth Science	7-12	Initial	Graduate
Physics	7-12	Initial	Graduate
World Languages			
Spanish	7-12	Initial	Graduate
Technology Education	PreK-12	Initial	Graduate

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE: In Favor: Bobroske, Carolan, Coolican, Farrell, Finneran, Luke, McDonald  
Opposed: 0  
Abstained: 0  
Absent: Hopkins-Staton, Taylor

Motion carried unanimously.

**XII.C. Approval of Capitol Region Education Council as Provider of Alternate Route to Certification**

Mrs. Luke moved, Dr. Farrell seconded, that the Board, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(f)(1) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants program approval for the period March 1, 2007, through September 30, 2009, with an interim report due and interim visit to take place during spring 2008, for the purpose of certifying graduates from the Capitol Region Education Council (CREC) Alternate Route to Certification (ARC) program leading to a cross endorsement in the area of special education for Connecticut educators currently holding a teaching certificate, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE: In Favor: Bobroske, Carolan, Coolican, Farrell, Finneran, Luke, McDonald  
Opposed: 0  
Abstained: 0  
Absent: Hopkins-Staten, Taylor

Motion carried unanimously.

**XII.D. Receipt of Report on Reducing Racial, Ethnic and Economic Isolation**

Mrs. Bobroske moved, Mr. McDonald seconded, that the Board, pursuant to Section 10-226h(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes approves the report on District Efforts to Reduce Racial, Ethnic and Economic Isolation of Connecticut Students, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE: In Favor: Bobroske, Carolan, Coolican, Farrell, Finneran, Luke, McDonald  
Opposed: 0  
Abstained: 0  
Absent: Hopkins-Staten, Taylor

Motion carried unanimously.

**XII.E. Receipt of Report on School Readiness Need and the Costs to Serve All 3- and 4-Year-Old Children in 19 Priority School Districts**

Mrs. Bobroske moved, Mr. McDonald seconded, that the Board, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-4(d), approves *A Report of School Readiness Need and the Costs to Serve All 3- and 4-Year-Old Children in 19 Priority School Districts* and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE: In Favor: Bobroske, Carolan, Coolican, Farrell, Finneran, Luke, McDonald  
Opposed: 0  
Abstained: 0  
Absent: Hopkins-Staton, Taylor

Motion carried unanimously.

**XII.F. Report on the Operation of Charter Schools (2005-06)**

Mrs. Luke moved, McDonald seconded, that the Board, adopts the Report on the Operation of Charter Schools in Connecticut, February 2007, prepared pursuant to Section 10-66gg of the Connecticut General Statutes, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE: In Favor: Bobroske, Carolan, Coolican, Farrell, Finneran, Luke, McDonald  
Opposed: 0  
Abstained: 0  
Absent: Hopkins-Staton, Taylor

Motion carried unanimously.

By unanimous consent, the Board adjourned its meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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George A. Coleman, Secretary