

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford

Minutes of Meeting
June 14, 2007

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the State Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") met on June 14, 2007, at the State Capitol, Old Judiciary Room, 210 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

I. Call to Order – Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Allan Taylor, Chairman
Alice Carolan
Donald Coolican
Edna Chukwurah
Sloan Danenhower
Janet Finneran
Theresa Hopkins-Staton
Patricia Luke
Jay Voss
Valerie Lewis, Ex-Officio

Absent: Beverly Bobroske
Lynne Farrell

II.A.1. Recognition of Vanguard Schools

Dr. Voss moved, Ms. Finneran seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS: Hamilton Avenue School in Greenwich has demonstrated dramatic improvement in student performance on state assessments; and

WHEREAS: Hamilton Avenue School's success is related directly to the implementation of specific school improvement strategies that can be replicated; and

WHEREAS: Hamilton Avenue School staff members, leaders and parents continually strive to increase student achievement through ongoing school improvement efforts; and

WHEREAS: The Vanguard School Committee has thoroughly reviewed and validated Hamilton Avenue School's application to become a Connecticut Vanguard School.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That The Connecticut State Board Of Education honors the staff and students at Hamilton Avenue School with the distinction of being recognized as a *"Significantly Improving" 2007-08 Vanguard School*.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

II.A.2. Recognition of Vanguard Schools

Mrs. Luke moved, Mr. Coolican seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS: Bristol Eastern High School in Bristol has demonstrated dramatic improvement in student performance on state assessments; and

WHEREAS: Bristol Eastern High School's success is related directly to the implementation of specific school improvement strategies that can be replicated; and

WHEREAS: Bristol Eastern High School staff members, leaders and parents continually strive to increase student achievement through ongoing school improvement efforts; and

WHEREAS: The Vanguard School Committee has thoroughly reviewed and validated Bristol Eastern High School's application to become a Connecticut Vanguard School.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That The Connecticut State Board Of Education honors the staff and students at Bristol Eastern High School with the distinction of being recognized as a *"Significantly Improving" 2007-08 Vanguard School*.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

II.A.3. Recognition of Vanguard Schools

Mr. Taylor moved, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS: Ponus Ridge Middle School in Norwalk has demonstrated dramatic improvement in student performance on state assessments; and

WHEREAS: Ponus Ridge Middle School's success is related directly to the implementation of specific school improvement strategies that can be replicated; and

WHEREAS: Ponus Ridge Middle School staff members, leaders and parents continually strive to increase student achievement through ongoing school improvement efforts; and

WHEREAS: The Vanguard School Committee has thoroughly reviewed and validated Ponus Ridge Middle School's application to become a Connecticut Vanguard School.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That The Connecticut State Board Of Education honors the staff and students at Ponus Ridge Middle School with the distinction of being recognized as a *"Significantly Improving" 2007-08 Vanguard School.*

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

Motion carried unanimously.

II. A.4. Recognition of Vanguard Schools

Ms. Finneran moved, Dr. Carolan seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS: Platt Technical High School in Milford has demonstrated dramatic improvement in student performance on state assessments; and

WHEREAS: Platt Technical High School's success is related directly to the implementation of specific school improvement strategies that can be replicated; and

WHEREAS: Platt Technical High School staff members, leaders and parents continually strive to increase student achievement through ongoing school improvement efforts; and

WHEREAS: The Vanguard School Committee has thoroughly reviewed and validated Platt Technical High School's application to become a Connecticut Vanguard School.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That The Connecticut State Board Of Education honors the staff and students at Platt Technical High School with the distinction of being recognized as a *"Significantly Improving" 2007-08 Vanguard School.*

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

Motion carried unanimously.

II.B.1. Recognition of BEST Teachers in Residence

Mrs. Hopkins-Staten moved, Mrs. Luke seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Robert Quilty, science teacher, Bristol School District, has demonstrated his commitment to the teaching profession by serving as a teacher-in-residence for the Beginning Educator Support and Training Program; and

WHEREAS, He has participated in the development and implementation of enhanced standards for new professionals entering Connecticut's classrooms; and

WHEREAS, He serves as a model (of accomplished teaching) for other educators in his district and state; and

WHEREAS, He has brought honor to his school district, community, state and profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Robert Quilty for his contributions to strengthening the profession of teaching.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

II.B.2. Recognition of BEST Teachers in Residence

Dr. Carolan moved, Ms. Finneran seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Joel Nick, social studies teacher, Wallingford School District, has demonstrated his commitment to the teaching profession by serving as a teacher-in-residence for the Beginning Educator Support and Training Program; and

WHEREAS, He has participated in the development and implementation of enhanced standards for new professionals entering Connecticut's classrooms; and

WHEREAS, He serves as a model (of accomplished teaching) for other educators in his district and state; and

WHEREAS, He has brought honor to his school district, community, state and profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Joel Nick for his contributions to strengthening the profession of teaching.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

II.B.3. Recognition of BEST Teachers in Residence

Mr. Coolican moved, Dr. Voss seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Frank Newman, mathematics teacher, Colchester School District, has demonstrated his commitment to the teaching profession by serving as a teacher-in-residence for the Beginning Educator Support and Training Program; and

WHEREAS, He has participated in the development and implementation of enhanced standards for new professionals entering Connecticut's classrooms; and

WHEREAS, He serves as a model (of accomplished teaching) for other educators in his district and state; and

WHEREAS, He has brought honor to his school district, community, state and profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Frank Newman for his contributions to strengthening the profession of teaching.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

II.B.4. Recognition of BEST Teachers in Residence

Dr. Voss moved, Mrs. Luke seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Phil Freemer, retired English language arts teacher, West Hartford School District, has demonstrated his commitment to the teaching profession by serving as a teacher-in-residence for the Beginning Educator Support and Training Program; and

WHEREAS, He has participated in the development and implementation of enhanced standards for new professionals entering Connecticut's classrooms; and

WHEREAS, He serves as a model (of accomplished teaching) for other educators in his district and state; and

WHEREAS, He has brought honor to his school district, community, state and profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Phil Freemer for his contributions to strengthening the profession of teaching.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

II.C.1. Recognition of Teacher-in-Residence

Mrs. Luke moved, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Desi Nesmith, an elementary school teacher with East Hartford Public Schools, has demonstrated his commitment to education in Connecticut by serving as a teacher-in-residence for the Connecticut State Department of Education, School Improvement Unit; and

WHEREAS, He has participated in the development and implementation of the Connecticut Accountability for Learning Initiative to support Connecticut's schools and districts; and

WHEREAS, He has become a certified trainer in Connecticut in Data-Driven Decision Making/Data Teams, Making Standards Work and Effective Teaching Strategies; and

WHEREAS, He serves as a model master teacher-leader for other educators in his district and state; and

WHEREAS, He has brought honor to his school district, community, state and profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT *RESOLVED*, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Desi Nesmith for his contributions to strengthening the profession of teaching.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

II.C.2 Recognition of Leaders-in-Residence

Mr. Taylor moved, Dr. Carolan seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Patricia Llodra, a 29-year veteran educator and former principal, has demonstrated her commitment to education in Connecticut by serving as a leader-in-residence for the Connecticut State Department of Education, School Improvement Unit; and

WHEREAS, She participated in the development and implementation of numerous educational leadership initiatives; and

WHEREAS, She has provided high-quality coaching and technical assistance as part of the Connecticut Accountability for Learning Initiative for selected Title I schools and the National Governors Association Grant; and

WHEREAS, She continually demonstrates her commitment to leadership development through her participation in numerous initiatives; and

WHEREAS, She serves as a model leader for other educators in the state; and

WHEREAS, She has brought honor to her community, state and profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT *RESOLVED*, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Patricia Llodra for her contributions to strengthening the profession of teaching.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

II.C.3 Recognition of Leaders-in-Residence

Ms. Finneran moved, Mr. Coolican seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS, M. Leon McKinley, a highly successful principal of elementary, middle and high school urban districts, has demonstrated his commitment to education in Connecticut by serving as a leader-in-residence for the Connecticut State Department of Education, School Improvement Unit; and

WHEREAS, He was an early innovator in the development and implementation of the Connecticut Accountability for Learning Initiative (CALI) to support Connecticut's schools and districts; and

WHEREAS, He participated in the development and implementation of the CALI Coaching and Technical Assistance program, and provided high-quality coaching and assistance to principals and leadership teams in low-performing schools; and

WHEREAS, He has become a certified trainer in Connecticut in Data-Driven Decision Making/Data Teams, Making Standards Work and Effective Teaching Strategies; and

WHEREAS, He continually demonstrates his commitment to closing the achievement gap through his participation in numerous initiatives; and

WHEREAS, He serves as a model leader for other educators in the state and has brought honor to his community, state and profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT *RESOLVED*, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors M. Leon McKinley for his contributions to strengthening the profession of teaching.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

II.C.4 Recognition of Leaders-in-Residence

Mrs. Hopkins-Staten moved, Mrs. Luke seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS, James Thompson, former principal of Simpson Waverly School, a Blue Ribbon School in the Hartford Public School district, has demonstrated his commitment to education in Connecticut by serving as a leader-in-residence for the Connecticut State Department of Education, School Improvement Unit; and

WHEREAS, He participated in the development and implementation of the Connecticut Accountability for Learning Initiative Coaching and Technical Assistance program to selected Title I schools identified as in need of improvement; and

WHEREAS, He has provided high-quality coaching and technical assistance to principals and leadership teams in four low-performing schools; and

WHEREAS, He continually demonstrates his commitment to closing the achievement gap through his participation in numerous initiatives; and

WHEREAS, He serves as a model leader for other educators in the state; and

WHEREAS, He has brought honor to his community, state and profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT *RESOLVED*, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors James Thompson for his contributions to strengthening the profession of teaching.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

II.D. Recognition of General Education Diploma Scholar

Dr. Carolan moved, Dr. Voss seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Melissa Burgess, a resident of Middletown, has demonstrated exceptional skill and proficiency in the five subject areas of the high school equivalency examination by attaining a perfect score of 4000 on the GED Test in 2006; and

WHEREAS, She has been named the Connecticut resident with the highest score on the examination by The General Educational Development Testing Service of the American Council on Education; and

WHEREAS, Her achievement will receive national attention as Connecticut's outstanding General Educational Development participant; and

WHEREAS, She has brought honor to herself, to the State Board of Education and the State of Connecticut;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT *RESOLVED*, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Melissa Burgess with great appreciation for her accomplishment in a major adult education endeavor.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

XII.E. Recognition of Connecticut Association for Adult Continuing Education Students

Mr. Coolican moved, Ms. Finneran seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Adult education exemplifies the concept of lifelong learning with over nine thousand Connecticut residents in adult secondary completion programs during the 2006 school year;

WHEREAS, The Connecticut Association for Adult and Continuing Education (CAACE), through its CAACE Student Award, recognized three individuals who have overcome numerous obstacles and hardships to earn a diploma through adult education; and

WHEREAS, These individuals exemplify the spirit and determination necessary to achieve a goal and serve as role models to all adult and young learners in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT *RESOLVED*, That the Connecticut State Board of Education recognizes the following individuals for their accomplishment in this major adult education endeavor.

Barbara Falkowski
Omri Lavine
Francesca Pugliese

Stratford Adult Education
Stamford Adult Education
Wallingford Adult Education

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

Motion carried unanimously.

XII.F. Recognition of Career and Technical Student Organizations – Community Service Awards

Mr. Taylor moved, Ms. Finneran seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) are a co-curricular, integral part of the local, state and national career and technical education programs; and

WHEREAS, The development of individual student leadership skills is the keystone of these organizations; and

WHEREAS, All CTSO chapters were asked to identify an outstanding service project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT *RESOLVED*, That the State Board of Education recognizes the following Career and Technical Student Organizations' outstanding service award recipients:

Distributive Education Clubs of America	DECA	Hamden High School, Hamden Byran Anderson, Chapter Advisor
Future Business Leaders of America	FBLA	Newtown High School, Newtown Patricia Walsh, Chapter Advisor
Family, Career and Community Leaders of America	FCCLA	Thurgood Marshall Middle School, Bridgeport John Valus, Chapter Advisor
FFA (Formerly known as Future Farmers of America)	FFA	Wamogo Regional High School, Litchfield Janine Thomas, Chapter Advisor
Health Occupations Students of America	HOSA	East Haven High School Nancy Tipping, Chapter Advisor
Technology Student Association	TSA	Litchfield High School, Litchfield Neil English, Chapter Advisor

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

Motion carried unanimously.

XII.G.1. Recognition of National Board Certified Teachers

Ms. Finneran moved, Mrs. Luke seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Tracy Ajello, an elementary school teacher at Dolittle Elementary School in Cheshire, has demonstrated exceptional teaching skills; and

WHEREAS, She has achieved National Board Certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

WHEREAS, She serves as a model for other educators in her district and state;
and

WHEREAS, She has brought great honor to the school district, her community
and her profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of
Education honors Tracy Ajello with great appreciation for her contributions to
strengthening the profession of teaching.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

XII.G.2. Recognition of National Board Certified Teachers

Mrs. Hopkins-Staten moved, Dr. Carolan seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Susan Craig, an elementary school teacher at J.F. Kennedy School
in Milford, has demonstrated exceptional teaching skills; and

WHEREAS, She has achieved National Board Certification through the National
Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

WHEREAS, She serves as a model for other educators in her district and state;
and

WHEREAS, She has brought great honor to the school district, her community
and her profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of
Education honors Susan Craig with great appreciation for her contributions to
strengthening the profession of teaching.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

XII.G.3. Recognition of National Board Certified Teachers

Dr. Carolan moved, Ms. Finneran seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Joanne Curley, a world language school teacher at Plainville High School in Plainville, has demonstrated exceptional teaching skills; and

WHEREAS, She has achieved National Board Certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

WHEREAS, She serves as a model for other educators in her district and state; and

WHEREAS, She has brought great honor to the school district, her community and her profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Joanne Curley with great appreciation for her contributions to strengthening the profession of teaching.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

XII.G.4. Recognition of National Board Certified Teachers

Mr. Coolican moved, Dr. Voss seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Kerry Hancock, an English language arts school teacher at New Britain High School in New Britain, has demonstrated exceptional teaching skills; and

WHEREAS, She has achieved National Board Certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

WHEREAS, She serves as a model for other educators in her district and state; and

WHEREAS, She has brought great honor to the school district, her community and her profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Kerry Hancock with great appreciation for her contributions to strengthening the profession of teaching.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

XII.G.5. Recognition of National Board Certified Teachers

Dr. Voss moved, Dr. Carolan seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Elizabeth LaMontagne, an elementary school teacher at Orchard Hill Elementary School in South Windsor, has demonstrated exceptional teaching skills; and

WHEREAS, She has achieved National Board Certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

WHEREAS, She serves as a model for other educators in her district and state; and

WHEREAS, She has brought great honor to the school district, her community and her profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Elizabeth LaMontagne with great appreciation for her contributions to strengthening the profession of teaching.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

XII.G.6. Recognition of National Board Certified Teachers

Mrs. Luke moved, Dr. Coolican seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Consuelo Magleby, a world language school teacher at Haddam-Killingworth High School in Higganum, has demonstrated exceptional teaching skills; and

WHEREAS, She has achieved National Board Certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

WHEREAS, She serves as a model for other educators in her district and state; and

WHEREAS, She has brought great honor to the school district, her community and her profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Consuelo Magleby with great appreciation for her contributions to strengthening the profession of teaching.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

XII.G.7. Recognition of National Board Certified Teachers

Mr. Taylor moved, Ms. Finneran seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Melissa Potamianos, an elementary school teacher at Orchard Hill Elementary School in South Windsor, has demonstrated exceptional teaching skills; and

WHEREAS, She has achieved National Board Certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

WHEREAS, She serves as a model for other educators in her district and state; and

WHEREAS, She has brought great honor to the school district, her community and her profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Melissa Potamianos with great appreciation for her contributions to strengthening the profession of teaching.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

XII.G.8. Recognition of National Board Certified Teachers

Ms. Finneran moved, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Lori Singer, a high school science teacher at Fitch Senior High School in Groton, has demonstrated exceptional teaching skills; and

WHEREAS, She has achieved National Board Certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

WHEREAS, She serves as a model for other educators in her district and state; and

WHEREAS, She has brought great honor to the school district, her community and her profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT *RESOLVED*, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Lori Singer with great appreciation for her contributions to strengthening the profession of teaching.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

XII.G.9. Recognition of National Board Certified Teachers

Mrs. Hopkins-Staten moved, Mr. Coolican seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Robin Tobin, an elementary school teacher at Orchard Hills School in Milford, has demonstrated exceptional teaching skills; and

WHEREAS, She has achieved National Board Certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

WHEREAS, She serves as a model for other educators in her district and state; and

WHEREAS, She has brought great honor to the school district, her community and her profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT *RESOLVED*, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Robin Tobin with great appreciation for her contributions to strengthening the profession of teaching.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

II.H.1. Recognition of State Board of Education Students

Ms. Finneran moved, Mr. Coolican seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 10-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes provides for the appointment of two student members to the Connecticut State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Governor M. Jodi Rell appointed Sloan W. Danenhower of Old Lyme to the State Board of Education for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, Mr. Danenhower has served with distinction and has contributed greatly to the Board's discussions of education policy issues;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education extends to Sloan W. Danenhower its appreciation for his commitment to educational excellence and equity in Connecticut public schools and best wishes for success in his future endeavors.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

II.H.1. Recognition of State Board of Education Students

Mr. Taylor moved, Ms. Finneran seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 10-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes provides for the appointment of two student members to the Connecticut State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Governor M. Jodi Rell appointed Edna N. Chukwurah of Bridgeport to the State Board of Education for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, During her tenure, Ms. Chukwurah has served with distinction and has contributed greatly to the Board's discussions of education policy issues;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education extends to Edna N. Chukwurah appreciation for her commitment to educational excellence and equity in Connecticut public schools and best wishes for success in her future endeavors.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

By unanimous consent, the Board adjourned its meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Mark K. McQuillan, Secretary