

IV.A.

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION Hartford

Minutes of Special Meeting July 12, 2007

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the State Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") met on July 12, 2007, at the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

I. **Call to Order** – Chairperson Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Present: Allan Taylor, Chairman
Beverly Bobroske
Alice Carolan
Donald Coolican
Lynne Farrell
Janet Finneran
Theresa Hopkins-Staten*
Patricia Luke
Jay Voss

Absent: Valerie Lewis, Ex-Officio

III. **Executive Session**

The Board voted unanimously to move into executive session at 9:36 a.m. for the purpose of discussing matters defined in subsection (e) of Section 1-225a of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.), specifically, pending litigation.

Present at executive session were Board members: Mrs. Bobroske, Mr. Coolican, Ms. Finneran, Mr. Taylor, Dr. Farrell, Dr. Carolan, Dr. Voss and Mrs. Luke. Also present were: Commissioner Mark McQuillan, Deputy Commissioner George A. Coleman, Ralph Urban, Assistant Attorney General, and Ms. Karen Flanagan, Attorney for the Department of Education. Mrs. Hopkins-Staten and Commissioner Lewis were absent.

By unanimous consent, the Board voted to adjourn its executive session at 9:55 a.m. The Board reconvened in public session at 10.00 a.m. Present: Mrs. Bobroske, Mr. Coolican, Ms. Finneran, Mr. Taylor, Dr. Farrell, Dr. Carolan, Dr. Voss, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten (arrived at 9:55 a.m.) and Mrs. Luke.

IV. Consideration of Minutes of the June 25, 2007, Special State Board of Education Meeting

Mrs. Luke moved, Ms. Finneran seconded, that the Board approves the minutes of the June 25, 2007, Special State Board of Education meeting.

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

Motion carried.

V.A. Accountability Legislation – Bill No. 8003

Commissioner McQuillan and Associate Commissioners Dowaliby and Rabinowitz presented an overview of the accountability legislation.

V.B. Sheff v. O’Neill – Development of New Incentives for Districts to Participate in the Interdistrict Choice Program

Commissioner McQuillan presented the report to the Board. Discussion followed.

V.C. Highville Mustard Seed Charter School

Commissioner McQuillan presented the report to the Board. Commissioner McQuillan introduced Attorney General Richard Blumenthal. Discussion followed.

By unanimous consent, the Board recessed its meeting at 11:25 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:50 a.m. Present: Mrs. Bobroske, Ms. Finneran, Dr. Carolan, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten, Mrs. Luke, Dr. Farrell, Mr. Taylor and Dr. Voss were present. Commissioner Lewis and Mr. Coolican were absent.

VI.A. Consideration of Reinstating Professional Educator Certificate in the Matter of Orlando Hernandez

Mrs. Luke moved, Ms. Finneran seconded, that pursuant to its authority under subsection (g) of Section 10-145d-612a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, the State Board of Education hereby conditionally grants Orlando Hernandez’s Request for Reinstatement of his Connecticut professional educator

certificate, endorsed for middle grades education, subject to and in accordance with the Consent Agreement between the Commissioner of Education and Certificate Holder, dated July 11, 2007, In the Matter of Orlando Hernandez, Former Certificate Holder, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

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

Motion carried.

VII. Consent Agenda

Ms. Finneran moved, Mrs. Bobroske seconded the Board approves by unanimous consent, agenda item VII.A., Approval of Pre-electrical Engineering & Applied Electronics Trade Authorization.

VII.A. Approval of Pre-electrical Engineering & Applied Electronics Trade Authorization

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 10-95i of the Connecticut General Statutes, authorizes the establishment of a Pre-Electrical Engineering & Applied Electronics trade for the period September 2007 through June 2012, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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By unanimous consent, the Board adjourned its meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Mark K. McQuillan, Secretary