

Connecticut State Board of Education
Connecticut Technical High School Committee
Minutes of Meeting
March 11, 2009

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the Connecticut Technical High School Committee, the "Committee" met on March 11, 2009 at the Connecticut Technical High School System, Middletown.

Committee Members Present: Mrs. Beverly Bobroske
Ms. Theresa Hopkins-Staten
Ms. Janet Finneran
CTHSS Staff Present Dr. Abigail L. Hughes, Superintendent
Mr. James Chasse
Mr. Robert Martin
Mr. John Bruno

- I. Interim Chairwoman Bobroske called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
- II. Executive Session: None
- III. Consideration of February 11, 2009 Minutes
The minutes were unanimously approved with one change requested by Mrs. Bobroske.
- IV. Public Participation - None
- V. Consent Agenda - None
- VI. Items for Connecticut Technical High School Committee Action:
 - a. CTHSS Tuition and Fees – FY 2010-2011
 - Licensed Practical Nurse
 - Aviation
 - Apprentice
 - Other full-time Adult Programs
 - Adult Bilingual (job specific courses)
 - ESL (basic education)
 - Certified Nurse Aide
 - Extension Courses
 - School Lunch and Breakfast

The committee discussed the tuition and fees and asked that changes be made so that it is clearer to understand.

Ms. Hopkins-Staten moved, Ms. Finneran seconded, that the committee approve the CTHSS Tuition and Fees – FY 2010-2011 with the committee's changes.

VOTE:	In Favor:	Hopkins-Staten, Finneran, Bobroske
	Opposed:	0
	Absent:	
	Abstained:	0

VII. Items for Discussion

a. J.M. Wright Technical High School – Update

Dr. Hughes' update on Wright Tech included enrollment, mentoring, recruitment, fiscal concerns, and construction delays. Mrs. Bobroske asked that the Commissioner be brought up to date who can seek the help of the legislature. Mrs. Hopkins-Staten stated that the committee needs to see something on Wright Tech's plans and she requested for the next meeting, a template be prepared that would detail Wright Tech's plans. The committee also requested a database on reasons students leave.

VIII. Report of the Superintendent

- Dr. Hughes gave a brief overview of the Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the Aero Tech school at Brainerd Field which was held on March 9th.

IX. Other Matters

- At the request of Mrs. Bobroske, Bill No. 6370, An Act Concerning A Middle School College System, was handed out
- Mrs. Bobroske stated that she will call the state representative who questioned whether certified teachers administer the CAPT in high schools to confirm that they do.

X. Public Participation

- Ms. Patricia Keavney, V.P., SVFT, referred to the enrollment data supplied by Dr. Hughes indicating the **total** number of students leaving our schools (not just Wright) from 10/1/08 – 3/9/09. The data illustrated that 87 freshmen left and she, on behalf of the SVFT, was asking that every effort be made to recruit transfers to fill these vacancies.
- Mr. Mitchell Kogut, Business Development Leader, Education, TRANE, spoke of equipment his company no longer needs being shipped to the schools at no cost; HVAC positions; holding commercial tech curriculum apprenticeship classes during the summer at the company; supplying schools with classroom materials for training – open to teachers to learn the latest and building a relationship with the tech schools. He also commented on being impressed with students who were ill but were determined to take the NOCTI exam at Bristol Tech.
- Mr. John Bruno, Assistant Principal, Platt Tech, stated that at the legislative hearing, it was said that the Middle College proposal will not happen now but will be looked at in more detail by the legislature.
- Due to a committee member's conflict on meeting on Wednesday morning, the committee agreed on meeting on Tuesdays. Dr. Hughes will check with the principals at Norwich and Wright Tech for the April and May meetings and will get back to the committee.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Minutes approved at the April 7, 2009 meeting.