

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Legislation and Bylaws Committee

April 1, 2009
8:30 a.m.
State Office Building
Hartford, CT

MINUTES

Members Present

Beverly Bobroske, Janet Finneran and Jay Voss

Staff Present

Mark McQuillan, George Coleman, Pam Bergin, Karen Flanagan, Katherine Nicoletti, and Carol Basile

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes from the March 4, 2009, meeting were approved with no changes.

Legislative Update

Katherine Nicoletti briefly reviewed the 10 bills on the 2009 Education Committee Bills Log that had been approved by the Education Committee so far. She advised the committee that the Education Committee's deadline to report out bills is April 6. There is a Committee meeting on April 1 and possibly ones on April 3 and April 6.

Mrs. Nicoletti distributed an Education Committee agenda for their April 1 meeting which lists the bills they will be discussing and voting out of committee. She advised that things might get confusing due to name and number changes of several bills on this list. For example, she noted that the secondary school reform bill, SB 944, An Act Concerning a Plan for Academic and Personal Success for Every Middle and High School Student, is now HB 6488, An Act Concerning High School Reform. She also reminded the committee that although bills have been approved by the Education Committee, the money to fund these education initiatives has to be approved by the Appropriations Committee.

Mrs. Bobroske asked that the SBE's Legislative Update be moved up on the SBE agenda to accommodate Mrs. Nicoletti's schedule so she will be available to answer questions from Board Members.

Mrs. Bobroske requested that the full SBE get copies of the Log and Education Committee agenda. Since committee members were particularly interested in the new versions of two bills on the list: SB 939, An Act Concerning Educator Certification, and HB 6488, An Act Concerning High School Reform, she also requested that the whole SBE be e-mailed copies of those bills following the Education Committee meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Basile