

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford**

POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Janet M. Finneran, Chair
Lynne S. Farrell
Patricia B. Luke

**Minutes of the Meeting of
June 3, 2009 (approved 8.4.09)**

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Janet Finneran called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the State Department of Education, 165 Capitol Avenue, Room 305, Hartford, Connecticut. Present for all or part of the meeting were Committee members Janet Finneran, Chair, and Mrs. Patricia Luke. Dr. Lynne Farrell was absent. Also present were Commissioner Mark McQuillan, Deputy Commissioner George A. Coleman, Associate Commissioners Marion Martinez, Barbara Beaudin and Charlene Russell-Tucker, Assistant to the Commissioner Pamela Bergin and Education Manager Cheryl Resha.

II. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mrs. Luke, seconded by Ms. Finneran, the committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2009, Policy Development Committee meeting.

III. Draft Position Statement on Coordinated Approach to School Health

Committee members discussed the revised draft version of the Position Statement on a Coordinated Approach to School Health. The following changes were recommended and accepted: Remove the word "unintended" before "teen pregnancy" throughout the position statement and guidelines; and change the last sentence of the second paragraph to read: "Students engaging in higher risk behaviors and those with chronic physical and mental health needs are, in many cases, the same students who face the greatest health and educational disparities." The Committee asked that this statement be submitted to the full Board for discussion at its July 1, 2009, meeting.

Commissioner McQuillan recommended to the Committee that it develop a statement on Secondary School Reform. The Committee agreed that this would be a timely topic for its consideration.

III. Adjourn

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

