

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford**

Minutes of Meeting
February 4, 2009

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the State Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") met on Wednesday, February 4, 2009, (the January meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.) The Board will consider both agendas at the February 4, 2009 meeting which was held at the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

I. Call to Order

Vice Chairperson, Ms. Finneran, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Present: Allan Taylor, Chair*
Janet Finneran, Vice Chairperson
Beverly Bobroske
Donald Coolican
Lynne Farrell*
Theresa Hopkins-Staton
Christine Larson
Patricia Luke
Brandt Smallwood
Jay Voss

Absent: Michael Meotti, Ex-Officio

II. Public Participation

1. Marilyn Scanlon White, Legislative Chair for the Connecticut Reading Association, voiced her support in the Board's efforts to promote literacy instruction for Connecticut students. A copy of Ms. Scanlon White's statement can be found in the official files of this meeting.
2. Michael Carlo, concerned citizen, referenced correspondence he sent to the Board in January concerning towns hiring non-certified employees.
3. Paloma Lapuerta, Central Connecticut State University, spoke in support of the Position Statement on International Education.

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III. Executive Session

Mrs. Bobroske moved, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten seconded that the Board move into executive session at 9:55 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Present at executive session were Board members: Mrs. Bobroske, Ms. Larson, Mr. Smallwood, Mr. Coolican, Ms. Finneran, Mrs. Luke, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten, Mr. Taylor and Dr. Voss. Also present was Commissioner of Education Mark K. McQuillan. Dr. Farrell and Commissioner Meotti were absent

The Board reconvened in public session at 10:05 a.m. Present were Mrs. Bobroske, Ms. Larson, Mr. Smallwood, Mr. Coolican, Dr. Farrell, Ms. Finneran, Mrs. Luke, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten, Dr. Voss and Mr. Taylor. Commissioner Meotti was absent.

IV. Consideration of Minutes of the December 3, 2008, State Board of Education Meeting

Ms. Finneran moved, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the December 3, 2008, State Board of Education meeting.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

[Dr. Farrell arrived at 10:09 a.m.]

February agenda

VI.A. Presentation by Janice Gruendel, "Update on Early Childhood Cabinet"

Dr. Janice Gruendel, Governor's Senior Policy Advisor, Children & Youth Co-Chair, Early Childhood Education Cabinet, made a power point presentation entitled, "Charting Our Course in Tough Economic Times." Discussion followed.

January Agenda

VI.A. Proposed Revisions to Certification Regulations Panel Presentation

Dr. Marion Martinez, Associate Commissioner, Division of Teaching, Learning and Instructional Leadership introduced a Panel of Advisory Committee Members. (Carole PannoZZo, Executive Director of Human Resources, Bridgeport Public Schools; Dr. Everett Lyons, Principal, Bristol Eastern High School, Bristol Public Schools; Mary Loftus Levine, Connecticut Education Association, Margaret Liu, Teacher, Hartford Public Schools, and Dr. Edward Malin, Chair, Sacred Heart University) who discussed the proposed revisions to the certification regulations.

By unanimous consent, the Board recessed its meeting at 12:00 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 1:20 p.m. Present: Mr. Coolican, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Smallwood, Mrs. Luke, Ms. Finneran, Ms. Larson, Mrs. Hopkins-Statén, Dr. Voss, Dr. Farrell and Mrs. Bobroske. Mr. Meotti was absent.

February agenda

V.A. Quarterly Financial Report

Brian Mahoney, Chief Financial Officer, presented the report to the Board. A detailed discussion followed. Mrs. Hopkins-Statén expressed her concern regarding the consecutive second year of under spending in the critical area of Early Childhood education, and the fact that these dollars are being reallocated to cover other budgetary shortfalls.

V.C. Draft Position Statement and Guidelines on International Education

Dr. Marion Martinez, Associate Commissioner, Division of Teaching, Learning and Instructional Leadership, introduced Barbara Westwater, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Curriculum and Instruction and Daniel Gregg, Education Consultant, who presented the position statement to the Board. Discussion followed.

By unanimous consent the Board voted to add to the February 4, 2009 the Items Requiring Action from the January 28, 2009 meeting to the consent agenda.

January Agenda

VIII. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Luke moved, Ms. Finneran seconded, to approve the following consent agenda items: VIII.A., One-Year Extension for Institute of Higher Education Planned Program Accreditation Visits; VIII.B., Approval of Advanced Placement Test Fee Grant Application; VIII.C., Trade Cluster Reauthorization - Information Technology; VIII.D., Rolling Capital Equipment Plan; VIII.E., Receipt of Biennial Report of the Connecticut Technical High School System; and VIII.F., Approval of Request for Sabbatical Leave. The following are the action items that were scheduled for January 28, 2009 which are now part of the consent agenda:

VI.B., Recognition of Connecticut Technical High School System Teacher of the Year; VI.C., Recognition of Connecticut Technical High School System Principal of the Year; VI.D., Recognition of Connecticut Technical High School System Assistant Principal of the Year; VI.E., Recognition of Teacher of the Year Finalists; VI.F., Recognition of Teacher of the Year; VI.G., Recognition of Elementary School Principal of the Year; VI.H., Recognition of Elementary School Assistant Principal of the Year; VI.I., Recognition of Middle School Principal of the Year; VI.J., Recognition of High School Principal of the Year; VI.K., Recognition of High School Assistant Principal of the Year; VI.L., Recognition of Superintendent of the Year; VI.M., Recognition of Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science; VI.N., Recognition of Vanguard Schools; VI.O., Recognition of Milken Awardee; VI.P., Recognition of Education Leader of the Year and VI.Q., Recognition of School Business Official of the Year.

VIII.A. One-Year Extension for Institute of Higher Education Planned Program Accreditation Visits

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to subsection 10-145d-9(f)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes, grants all Connecticut educator preparation programs that are currently fully approved the option of a one-year deferral for continuing accreditation visits, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VIII.B. Approval of Advanced Placement Test Fee Grant Application

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education approves the application for an Advanced Placement Test Fee grant, under the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, for the period 2008-09, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VIII.C. Trade Cluster Reauthorization - Information Technology

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-95i of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the following trades for the periods indicated, as recommended by the Connecticut Technical High School Committee, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

- Electronic Technology from January 2009 to January 2014
- Graphics Technology from January 2009 to January 2014
- Information Systems Technology from January 2009 to January 2014

VIII.D. Rolling Capital Equipment Plan

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-95i of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the Connecticut Technical High School System's Rolling Capital Improvement and Capital Equipment Plan 2010-2014, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VIII.E. Receipt of Biennial Report of the Connecticut Technical High School System

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education pursuant to Section 10-95k of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the Biennial Summary Report for 2006-07 and 2007-08 as recommended by the Connecticut Technical High School Committee, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VIII.F. Approval of Request for Sabbatical Leave

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, in accordance with the terms set forth in the February 1988 Policy on Sabbaticals, approves the request of Sarah S. Ellsworth, Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Data Collection, Research and Evaluation, for the following sabbatical leave:

Every Wednesday from 11:00 to 4:30 (5.5 hours) starting January 7, 2009, ending on May 27, 2009 for a total of 115.5 hours (14.5 days); and

Every Tuesday and Thursday beginning June 2, 2009, and ending August 27, 2009, for a total of 26 days;

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VII.B. Recognition of Connecticut Technical High School System Teacher of the Year

WHEREAS: James Gallow, a Carpentry Department Head at H. H. Ellis Technical High School, Danielson, has been selected as the 2008-09 Teacher of the Year for the Connecticut Technical High School System; and;

WHEREAS: He serves as a model of accomplished leadership for other educators in the Connecticut Technical High School System and State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS: He has brought honor to his school, the Connecticut Technical High School System, his community and his profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education honors James Gallow with great appreciation for his contributions to strengthening the education profession.

VII.C. Recognition of Connecticut Technical High School System Principal of the Year

WHEREAS: Bruce Sievers, Principal of Howell Cheney Technical High School, Manchester, has been selected as the 2008-09 Principal of the Year for the Connecticut Technical High School System; and;

WHEREAS: He serves as a model of accomplished leadership for other educators in the Connecticut Technical High School System and State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS: He has brought honor to his school, the Connecticut Technical High School System, his community and his profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education honors Bruce Sievers with great appreciation for his contributions to strengthening the education profession.

VII.D. Recognition of Connecticut Technical High School System Assistant Principal of the Year

WHEREAS: Robert L. Sartoris, Assistant Principal of Cheney Technical High School, Manchester, has been selected as the 2008-09 Assistant Principal of the Year for the Connecticut Technical High School System; and;

WHEREAS: He serves as a model of accomplished leadership for other educators in the Connecticut Technical High School System and State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS: He has brought honor to his school, the Connecticut Technical High School System, his community and his profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education honors Robert L. Sartoris with great appreciation for his contributions to strengthening the education profession.

VII.E.1. Recognition of Teacher of the Year Finalists

WHEREAS: Tara Vázquez, an elementary school teacher at West Woods Upper Elementary School in Farmington, has demonstrated exemplary teaching skills;

WHEREAS: She was selected as a finalist in the 2009 Connecticut Teacher of the Year competition; and

WHEREAS: She has brought great honor to her community, her state and her profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Tara Vázquez with great appreciation for her contributions to the art of teaching.

VII.E.2. Recognition of Teacher of the Year Finalists

WHEREAS: Jennifer Collins Bourque, a social studies teacher at Madison Middle School in Trumbull, has demonstrated exemplary teaching skills;

WHEREAS: She was selected as a finalist in the 2009 Connecticut Teacher of the Year competition; and

WHEREAS: She has brought great honor to her community, her state and her profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Jennifer Collins Bourque with great appreciation for her contributions to the art of teaching.

VII.E.3. Recognition of Teacher of the Year Finalists

WHEREAS: Marjorie T. Albano, an art teacher at Windsor High School in Windsor, has demonstrated exemplary teaching skills;

WHEREAS: She was selected as a finalist in the 2009 Connecticut Teacher of the Year competition; and

WHEREAS: She has brought great honor to her community, her state and her profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Marjorie T. Albano with great appreciation for her contributions to the art of teaching.

VII.F. Recognition of Teacher of the Year

WHEREAS: Anthony J. Mullen, a science teacher at ARCH School in Greenwich, has demonstrated exemplary teaching skills;

WHEREAS: He has been chosen to represent his colleagues as the 2009 Connecticut Teacher of the Year;

WHEREAS: His accomplishments will receive national attention as Connecticut's representative in the 2009 National Teacher of the Year Program; and

WHEREAS: He has brought great honor to his community, his state and his profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Anthony J. Mullen with great appreciation for his contributions to the art of teaching.

VII.G. Recognition of Elementary School Principal of the Year

WHEREAS: Norma Fisher-Doiron, Principal of Southeast Elementary School in Mansfield, has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills;

WHEREAS: She has been chosen by her peers at the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) as Connecticut's 2008 Elementary School Principal of the Year/National Distinguished Principal;

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

WHEREAS: She served as Connecticut's representative in the 2008 National Distinguished Principal Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Norma Fisher-Doiron with great appreciation for her contributions to the education profession.

VII.H. Recognition of Elementary School Assistant Principal of the Year

WHEREAS: Amy Clarke, Assistant Principal of Katherine Brennan and Clarence Rogers Elementary Schools in New Haven, has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills;

WHEREAS: She has been chosen by her peers at the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) as Connecticut's 2008 Elementary School Assistant Principal of the Year; and

WHEREAS: She has brought great honor to her community, her state and her profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Amy Clarke with great appreciation for her contributions to the education profession.

VII.I. Recognition of Middle School Principal of the Year

WHEREAS: Sheryl Kempain, Principal of Killingly Intermediate School in Killingly, has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills;

WHEREAS: She has been chosen by her peers at the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) as Connecticut's 2008 Middle School Principal of the Year;

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

WHEREAS: She served as Connecticut's representative in the 2008 National Middle School Principal of the Year Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Sheryl Kempain with great appreciation for her contributions to the education profession.

VII.J. Recognition of High School Principal of the Year

WHEREAS: Donald Macrino, Principal of Waterford High School in Waterford, has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills;

WHEREAS: He has been chosen by his peers at the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) as Connecticut's 2008 High School Principal of the Year;

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

WHEREAS: He served as Connecticut's representative in the 2008 National High School Principal of the Year Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Donald Macrino with great appreciation for his contributions to the education profession.

VII.K. Recognition of High School Assistant Principal of the Year

WHEREAS: Andre Hauser, Assistant Principal at Coginchaug Regional High School in Durham, has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills;

WHEREAS: He has been chosen by his peers at the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) as Connecticut's 2008 High School Assistant Principal of the Year;

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

WHEREAS: He served as Connecticut's representative to the National Assistant Principal of the Year Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Andre Hauser with great appreciation for his contributions to the education profession.

VII.L. Recognition of Superintendent of the Year

WHEREAS: Dr. Frank H. Sippy, Superintendent of Schools in Regional School District 15, has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills;

WHEREAS: He has been chosen by his peers at the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS) as Connecticut's 2009 Superintendent of the Year;

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

WHEREAS: He will serve as Connecticut's representative in the 2009 National Superintendent of the Year Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Dr. Frank H. Sippy with great appreciation for his contributions to the education profession.

VII.M.1. Recognition of Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science

- WHEREAS: Stacie A. Broden, a second grade teacher at the Pomperaug Elementary School in Southbury, has demonstrated exemplary teaching skills in mathematics;
- WHEREAS: She has been chosen as a 2008 Connecticut state finalist for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching;
- WHEREAS: Her accomplishments will receive statewide attention as Connecticut's representative for excellence in mathematics teaching as she is considered for the 2008 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching; and
- WHEREAS: She has brought great honor to her community, her state and her profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Stacie A. Broden with great appreciation for her contributions to the art of elementary mathematics teaching.

VII.M.2. Recognition of Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science

- WHEREAS: Rachel Leonard, a science teacher at the Dr. Robert H. Brown Middle School in Madison, has demonstrated exemplary teaching skills;
- WHEREAS: She has been chosen as a 2008 Connecticut state finalist for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching;
- WHEREAS: Her accomplishments will receive statewide attention as Connecticut's representative for excellence in science teaching as she is considered for the 2008 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching; and
- WHEREAS: She has brought great honor to her community, her state and her profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Rachel Leonard with great appreciation for her contributions to the art of elementary science teaching.

VII.M.3. Recognition of Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science

WHEREAS: Jane Callery, a science teacher at the Two Rivers Magnet Middle School in East Hartford, has demonstrated exemplary teaching skills;

WHEREAS: She has been chosen as a 2008 Connecticut state finalist for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching;

WHEREAS: Her accomplishments will receive statewide attention as Connecticut's representative for excellence in science teaching as she is considered for the 2008 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching; and

WHEREAS: She has brought great honor to her community, her state and her profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Jane Callery with great appreciation for her contributions to the art of elementary science teaching.

VII.N. Recognition of Vanguard Schools

WHEREAS: Bristol Central High School has demonstrated a consistent trend toward increasing the percentage of students at or above proficiency on the Connecticut Academic Performance Test; and

WHEREAS: Bristol Central High School has met all criteria as a significantly improving school.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Bristol Central High School as the 2008-2009 Connecticut Vanguard School.

VII.O. Recognition of Milken Awardee

WHEREAS: Grace Griffin, a Grade 5 teacher at Church Street Elementary School in Hamden, has demonstrated exemplary teaching skills;

WHEREAS: She has been selected by the Milken Family Foundation for the 2008-09 National Educator Award;

WHEREAS: Her accomplishments will be recognized at the Milken Family Foundation National Education Conference as Connecticut's National Milken Educator; and

WHEREAS: She has brought great honor to her school, her community, her state and her profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Grace Griffin with great appreciation for her contributions to the education profession.

VII.P. Recognition of Education Leader of the Year

WHEREAS: Dr. Michael Wasta has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills;

WHEREAS: He has been chosen by his peers at the Connecticut Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (CASCD) as Connecticut's 2008 Education Leader of Year; and

WHEREAS: He has brought great honor to his community, his state and his profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Dr. Michael Wasta with great appreciation for his contributions to the education profession.

VII.Q. Recognition of School Business Official of the Year

WHEREAS: Maureen Picard, previous Assistant to the Superintendent for Administrative Services for the Norwich Public Schools, consistently demonstrated her commitment to her profession;

WHEREAS: She worked continuously to elevate her profession and support her colleagues through her long-standing membership in the Connecticut Association of School Business Officials (CASBO);

WHEREAS: She had been a mentor to her CASBO peers and colleagues, and served as CASBO President;

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VI.B. Preparation for Secondary School Reform Implementation

Dr. Marion Martinez, Associate Commissioner, Division of Teaching, Learning and Instructional Leadership, made a power point presentation to the Board. Discussion followed.

VI.C. BEST Task Force Report

Dr. Marion Martinez, Associate Commissioner, Division of Teaching, Learning and Instructional Leadership, introduced Nancy Pugliese, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Educator Standards and Certification, presented the report to the Board. Discussion followed.

VII.A.1. Approval of Adjusted Score Reporting Scale for BEST Portfolios Submitted by May 15, 2009, Deadline and Change to Portfolio Requirements For Elementary Teachers

Ms. Finneran moved, Mrs. Luke seconded, that the Board, pursuant to subsection (d) of section 10-220a of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves: (1) the evaluation of portfolios submitted by teachers holding "year-two" status in the BEST Program (for the May 15, 2009, deadline) using a "complete/not complete" standard; and (2) requiring elementary teachers to submit either the literacy or numeracy component of the elementary portfolio and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- Internal Meetings with Bureaus
 - Biennial Review
 - Communications Committee
 - Review of Stimulus Package
 - Regionalization Committees
- General Assembly
 - Individual Meetings with Legislators
 - Meeting with Co-Chairs of Education Committee
 - Presentations on RBA, Priorities

X. Report of the Chair – Allan Taylor distributed a written report, including the following: (A copy can be found in the official file of this meeting)

- Theresa is serving on the Study Group examining ways to address the dropout rates across the nation; the NASBE group is working in partnership with Communities in Schools, the nation's largest dropout prevention organization;
- Christine Larson and Brandt Smallwood have appeared before the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee; others are scheduled to appear on February 5.

XI. Committee Reports

- **Finance, Audit and Department Matters** – Mrs. Luke reported that the draft minutes from the December 11 committee meeting are in your supplemental materials folder.
- **Policy Development** – Ms. Finneran reported that the committee meeting scheduled for this afternoon is cancelled. Pamela Bergin will arrange for a separate meeting to be held prior to the March 4 State Board of Education meeting.

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Prepared by: _____
Mark K. McQuillan, Secretary