

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford

Minutes of Meeting
June 3, 2009
(approved 7.1.09)

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the State Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") met on Wednesday, June 3, 2009. The meeting was held at the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Allan Taylor, Chairperson
Janet Finneran
Beverly Bobroske
Lynne Farrell
Theresa Hopkins-Staton
Janet Finneran
Christine Larson
Patricia Luke
Linda McMahon
Kathleen O'Connor
Brandt Smallwood
Jay Voss

Absent: Michael Meotti, Ex-Officio

II. Public Participation

1. Craig Baker, COO, Domus Corporation, Trailblazers Academy, Stamford, addressed the Board regarding the renewal of the charter for Trailblazers Academy (agenda item V.D.) Mr. Baker expressed support of the recommendations and stated that they are addressing the issues immediately.
2. Matt Taylor, Principal, Amistad Academy Charter School and representing the Elm City College Preparatory Charter School, spoke to the Board regarding their compliance with certification requirements. Mr. Taylor's written testimony can be found in the official file of this meeting.
3. Lynn Guelzow, Connecticut Coalition World Class Math, shared the Coalition's concern about the quality of Mathematics standards, curricula, and instruction in the public schools. Ms. Guelzow's written testimony can be found in the official file of this meeting.

V.B. Renewal of Charter: Amistad Academy

Ms. Finneran moved, Dr. Farrell seconded, that the Board, pursuant to subsection (g) of Section 10-66bb of the Connecticut General Statutes, renews the charter of Amistad Academy from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2012, said approval granted subject to meeting the conditions noted in the Commissioner's June 3, 2009, memorandum, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE: In Favor: Bobroske, Farrell, Luke, Hopkins-Staten, Finneran, O'Connor, McMahon, Taylor, Voss
 Opposed: 0
 Abstained: 0
 Absent: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

V.C. Renewal of Charter: Elm City College Preparatory School

Mrs. Luke moved, Dr. Farrell seconded, that the Board, pursuant to subsection (g) of Section 10-66bb of the Connecticut General Statutes, renews the charter of Elm City College Preparatory School from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2012, and grants approval to expand the grade levels to add Grades 10-12 from the 2009-10 through 2011-12 school years, said approval granted subject to available funds for additional seats and meeting the conditions noted in the Commissioner's June 3, 2009, memorandum, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE: In Favor: Bobroske, Farrell, Luke, Hopkins-Staten, Finneran, O'Connor, McMahon, Taylor, Voss
 Opposed: 0
 Abstained: 0
 Absent: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

V.D. Renewal of Charter: Trailblazers Academy

Mrs. Bobroske moved, Mrs. Luke seconded, that the Board, pursuant to subsection (g) of Section 10-66bb of the Connecticut General Statutes, renews the charter of Trailblazers Academy from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2012, and transfers the charter from the Domus Foundation, the private nonprofit corporation that currently holds the charter, to Trailblazers Academy and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

V.G. Retirement of Superintendent of the Connecticut Technical High School System

Mrs. Finneran moved, Mrs. Luke seconded, that the Board, pursuant to its Bylaws, accepts with regret the retirement of Abigail L. Hughes, Superintendent of the Technical High School System, effective the close-of-business on June 30, 2009; and expresses to Dr. Hughes its appreciation for her years of service and contributions to the State Department of Education and Connecticut Technical High School System, and best wishes for continued success in her future endeavors.

VOTE: In Favor: Bobroske, Farrell, Luke, Hopkins-Staten, Finneran, O'Connor, McMahon, Taylor, Voss
 Opposed: 0
 Abstained: 0
 Absent: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

V.H. Retirement of Director of the Division of Legal and Governmental Affairs

Mrs. Finneran moved, Mrs. O'Connor seconded, that the Board, pursuant to its Bylaws, accepts with regret the retirement of Karen M. Flanagan, Director, Division of Legal and Governmental Affairs, effective the close-of-business on June 30, 2009; and expresses to Ms. Flanagan its appreciation for her contributions and years of service to the State Department of Education and best wishes for continued success in her future endeavors.

VOTE: In Favor: Bobroske, Farrell, Luke, Hopkins-Staten, Finneran, O'Connor, McMahon, Taylor, Voss
 Opposed: 0
 Abstained: 0
 Absent: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

By unanimous consent, the Board recessed its meeting at 11:25 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:45 p.m. Present: Mrs. Bobroske, Dr. Farrell, Mrs. Finneran, Ms. Larson, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten, Mrs. Luke, Mrs. McMahon, Mrs. O'Connor, Mr. Smallwood, Mr. Taylor and Dr. Voss. Commissioner Meotti was absent.

X.B. Proposed Certification Regulations: National Council on Teacher Quality

Commissioner McQuillan introduced Ms. Sandi Jacobs, Vice President for Policy, National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ). Ms. Jacobs presented an overview of the major research findings nationally on teacher preparation programs and best practices in inducting, mentoring and retaining teachers, particularly for hard-to-staff schools and shortage areas (e.g., mathematics, science, special education, etc.) Discussion followed.

By unanimous consent, the Board recessed its meeting at 1:05 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 1:25 p.m. Present: Mrs. Bobroske, Mrs. Finneran, Ms. Larson, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten, Mrs. Luke, Mrs. McMahan, Mrs. O'Connor, Mr. Smallwood, Mr. Taylor and Dr. Voss. Dr. Farrell and Commissioner Meotti were absent.

By unanimous consent, the Board voted to add the following two resolutions to the agenda: V.I., Recognition of Student Member of the State Board of Education (Ms. Larson) and V.J., Recognition of Student Member of the State Board of Education (Mr. Smallwood):

V.I. Recognition of Student Member of the State Board of Education

Ms. Finneran moved, Mrs. O'Connor seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 10-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes provides for the appointment of two student members to the Connecticut State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Governor M. Jodi Rell appointed Christine Larson of Trumbull to the State Board of Education for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure, Ms. Larson has served with distinction and has contributed greatly to the Board's discussions of education policy issues; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education extends to Christine Larson appreciation for her commitment to educational excellence and equity in Connecticut public schools and best wishes for success in her future endeavors.

VOTE: In Favor: Bobroske, Luke, Hopkins-Staten, Finneran, O'Connor,
McMahon, Taylor, Voss
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0
Absent: Farrell

Motion carried unanimously.

V.J. Recognition of Student Member of the State Board of Education

Mrs. Finneran moved, Dr. Voss seconded the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 10-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes provides for the appointment of two student members to the Connecticut State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Governor M. Jodi Rell appointed Brandt Smallwood of Simsbury to the State Board of Education for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, Mr. Smallwood has served with distinction and has contributed greatly to the Board's discussions of education policy issues; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education extends to Brandt Smallwood appreciation for his commitment to educational excellence and equity in Connecticut public schools and best wishes for success in his future endeavors.

VOTE: In Favor: Bobroske, Luke, Hopkins-Staten, Finneran, O'Connor,
McMahon, Taylor, Voss
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0
Absent: Farrell

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- The NASBE Board of Directors, Nominations Committee, and Study Group on School Community Partnership will meet on June 12-13 in Alexandria, VA;

- Mrs. Hopkins-Staten participated in the Amistad Academy Celebration. Mrs. Hopkins-Staten stated that the celebration which was held at the Shubert in New Haven, was filled to capacity. Everyone was very enthusiastic about the school;
- Dr. Farrell attended the Leadership for Healthy Communities Conference in Alexandria, Virginia, on May 6-8, 2009;
- Janice Gruendel is coordinating a meeting with Dr. Pat Levitt, Professor of Neurobiology at Stanford University, and any interested SBE members on June 17 (a.m.) The focus of the meeting will be on the science of early childhood development;
- Summer Meetings – The regular monthly meeting will be held on July 1 (Ms. Finneran will chair); and
- Retreat Meeting will be held on August 5.

VII. Report of the Commissioner -- Commissioner McQuillan distributed a written report, including the following. (A copy can be found in the official file of this meeting).

Comprehensive Plan Priorities

- Priority 1: Early Childhood Education
 - May 26 Cabinet Meeting
 - Testimony on Raised Bill 941
 - Meetings with Dr. David Carter on ARRA Competitive Funding
- Priority 2: Academic Achievement, Achievement Gaps
 - Ad Hoc Committee for Accountability Meetings
- Priority 3: Secondary School Reform
 - Scheduled Meeting for Development of Algebra I Model Curriculum
 - Internal Planning for Outreach to 40 Volunteer Districts
 - New England Regional Meeting for "Race to the Top" Competitive Grants
- Sheff Comprehensive Management Plan
 - Meetings with CREC, and Hartford Public Schools Regarding Funding
 - Letters to HASA Districts on Sheff Funding

- Operations
 - Bureau Meetings to Review Spring Initiatives, Budget
 - Weekly Meetings of Communications Committee
 - Weekly Meetings on ARRA Guidance
 - Preparation of Stabilization Fund Grant Application
 - Reorganization of Department, Planning Sessions
 - Meeting with Education and Legislative Committees on ARRA

- Statewide Meetings
 - American Recovery and Reinvestment Workshops, Presentations
 - Testimony to Education Committee on Stabilization Grant Application
 - Preparation for Second P20 Council Meeting with Commissioner Meotti
 - Preparation for New England "Race to the Top" Competitive Grants
 - Speaker:
 1. CT Mathematics Teachers Annual Meeting
 2. Middle School Scholar Leader Banquet
 3. CAS Student Service Conference

IX. Consent Agenda

Ms. Finneran moved, Mrs. Luke seconded, to approve the following consent agenda items: IX.A., Authorization of Charter School Enrollment; IX.B., Adoption of Annual Audit Plan; IX.C., Healthy Food Certification – Connecticut Technical High School System; IX.D., Recognition of Teachers-in-Residence; IX.E., Recognition of General Educational Development Scholar; IX.F., Recognition of Connecticut Association for Adult Continuing Education Students; IX.G., Recognition of Career and Technical Student Organizations; IX.H., Recognition of Blue Ribbon Schools; IX.I., Recognition of National Board Certified Teachers; and IX.J., Recognition of Teacher-in-Residence (Visual Arts Coordinator).

IX.A. Authorization of Charter School Enrollment

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-66bb(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, pending final state budget authorization, approves the distribution of 430 additional seats among the existing charter schools for the 2009-10 school year, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

IX.B. Adoption of Annual Audit Plan

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education adopts the Annual Audit Plan for the period of July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

IX.C. Healthy Food Certification–Connecticut Technical High School System

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-215b of the Connecticut General Statutes, recommends to the State Board of Education that the Connecticut Technical High School System will not participate in the Healthy Food Certification for the 2009-2010 school year.

IX.D.1 Recognition of Teachers-in-Residence

WHEREAS, Bethany Bonner, visual arts teacher, Montville School District, has demonstrated her commitment to the teaching profession by serving as a teacher-in-residence for the Beginning Educator Support and Training Program; and

WHEREAS, She has participated in the development and implementation of enhanced standards for new professionals entering Connecticut's classrooms; and

WHEREAS, She serves as a model of accomplished teaching for other educators in her district and state; and

WHEREAS, She has brought honor to her school district, community, state and profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Bethany Bonner for her contributions to strengthening the profession of teaching.

IX.D.2 Recognition of Teachers-in-Residence

WHEREAS, Betty Gray Brown, retired elementary education teacher, has demonstrated her commitment to the teaching profession by serving as a teacher-in-residence for the Beginning Educator Support and Training Program; and

WHEREAS, She has participated in the development and implementation of enhanced standards for new professionals entering Connecticut's classrooms; and

WHEREAS, She serves as a model of accomplished teaching for other educators in the state; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Betty Gray Brown for her contributions to strengthening the profession of teaching.

IX.D.3 Recognition of Teachers-in-Residence

WHEREAS, Sharon E. Cardillo, music teacher, Fairfield School District, has demonstrated her commitment to the teaching profession by serving as a teacher-in-residence for the Beginning Educator Support and Training Program; and

WHEREAS, She has participated in the development and implementation of enhanced standards for new professionals entering Connecticut's classrooms; and

WHEREAS, She serves as a model of accomplished teaching for other educators in her district and state; and

WHEREAS, She has brought honor to her school district, community, state and profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Sharon E. Cardillo for her contributions to strengthening the profession of teaching.

IX.D.4 Recognition of Teachers-in-Residence

WHEREAS, Shelley Stevenson Hall, retired special education teacher, has demonstrated her commitment to the teaching profession by serving as a teacher-in-residence for the Beginning Educator Support and Training Program; and

WHEREAS, She has participated in the development and implementation of enhanced standards for new professionals entering Connecticut's classrooms; and

WHEREAS, She serves as a model of accomplished teaching for other educators in the state; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Shelley Stevenson Hall for her contributions to strengthening the profession of teaching.

IX.D.5 Recognition of Teachers-in-Residence

WHEREAS, Thérèse R. Horn, elementary education teacher, has demonstrated her commitment to the teaching profession by serving as a teacher-in-residence for the Beginning Educator Support and Training Program; and

WHEREAS, She has participated in the development and implementation of enhanced standards for new professionals entering Connecticut's classrooms; and

WHEREAS, She serves as a model of accomplished teaching for other educators in the state; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Thérèse R. Horn for her contributions to strengthening the profession of teaching.

IX.D.6 Recognition of Teachers-in-Residence

WHEREAS, Louis N. Pellegrino, social studies teacher, Avon School District, has demonstrated his commitment to the teaching profession by serving as a teacher-in-residence for the Beginning Educator Support and Training Program; and

WHEREAS, He has participated in the development and implementation of enhanced standards for new professionals entering Connecticut's classrooms; and

WHEREAS, He serves as a model of accomplished teaching for other educators in his district and state; and

WHEREAS, He has brought honor to his school district, community, state and profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Louis N. Pellegrino for his contributions to strengthening the profession of teaching.

IX.D.7 Recognition of Teachers-in-Residence

WHEREAS, Judith M. Phelps, retired visual arts teacher, has demonstrated her commitment to the teaching profession by serving as a teacher-in-residence for the Beginning Educator Support and Training Program; and

WHEREAS, She has participated in the development and implementation of enhanced standards for new professionals entering Connecticut's classrooms; and

WHEREAS, She serves as a model of accomplished teaching for other educators in the state; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Judith M. Phelps for her contributions to strengthening the profession of teaching.

IX.D.8 Recognition of Teachers-in-Residence

WHEREAS, Nancy V. Powers, elementary education teacher, Southington School District, has demonstrated her commitment to the teaching profession by serving as a teacher-in-residence for the Beginning Educator Support and Training Program; and

WHEREAS, She has participated in the development and implementation of enhanced standards for new professionals entering Connecticut's classrooms; and

WHEREAS, She serves as a model of accomplished teaching for other educators in her district and state; and

WHEREAS, She has brought honor to her school district, community, state and profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Nancy V. Powers for her contributions to strengthening the profession of teaching.

IX.D.9 Recognition of Teachers-in-Residence

WHEREAS, Claudine D. Primack, English language arts teacher, Wolcott School District, has demonstrated her commitment to the teaching profession by serving as a teacher-in-residence for the Beginning Educator Support and Training Program; and

WHEREAS, She has participated in the development and implementation of enhanced standards for new professionals entering Connecticut's classrooms; and

WHEREAS, She serves as a model of accomplished teaching for other educators in her district and state; and

WHEREAS, She has brought honor to her school district, community, state and profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Claudine D. Primack for her contributions to strengthening the profession of teaching.

IX.D.10 Recognition of Teachers-in-Residence

WHEREAS, Dorothy B. Raviele, world languages teacher, Bristol School District, has demonstrated her commitment to the teaching profession by serving as a teacher-in-residence for the Beginning Educator Support and Training Program; and

WHEREAS, She has participated in the development and implementation of enhanced standards for new professionals entering Connecticut's classrooms; and

WHEREAS, She serves as a model of accomplished teaching for other educators in her district and state; and

WHEREAS, She has brought honor to her school district, community, state and profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Dorothy B. Raviele for her contributions to strengthening the profession of teaching.

IX.D.11 Recognition of Teachers-in-Residence

WHEREAS, Cindy Wilbur, science resource teacher, Farmington School District, has demonstrated her commitment to the teaching profession by serving as a teacher-in-residence for the Beginning Educator Support and Training Program; and

WHEREAS, She has participated in the development and implementation of enhanced standards for new professionals entering Connecticut's classrooms; and

WHEREAS, She serves as a model of accomplished teaching for other educators in her district and state; and

WHEREAS, She has brought honor to her school district, community, state and profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Cindy Wilbur for her contributions to strengthening the profession of teaching.

IX.E. Recognition of General Educational Development Scholar

RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education recognizes Jesse Brohinsky as the Connecticut General Educational Development Scholar for the calendar year 2008.

IX.F. Recognition of Connecticut Association for Adult Continuing Education Students

RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education recognizes the following individuals for their accomplishment in this major adult education endeavor.

Kelsey Aubert	EASTCONN Adult Education
Ebony Cole	New Haven Adult Education

IX.G. Recognition of Career and Technical Student Organizations

WHEREAS: Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) are a co-curricular, integral part of the local, state and national career and technical education programs; and

WHEREAS: The development of individual student leadership skills is the keystone of these organizations; and

WHEREAS: All CTSO chapters were asked to identify an outstanding service project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNIZES THE FOLLOWING CAREER AND TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS' OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS:

Distributive Education Clubs of America	DECA	Plainville High School, Plainville Steven Slomski, Chapter Advisor
Future Business Leaders of America	FBLA	New Fairfield High School, New Fairfield Joseph Gargano, Chapter Advisor
Family, Career and Community Leaders of America	FCCLA	Pomperaug Regional High School, Southbury Belle Garafola, Chapter Advisor
FFA (Formerly known as Future Farmers of America)	FFA	E.O. Smith High School, Storrs Cynthia Chotkowski and James Pomeroy, Chapter Advisors
Health Occupations Students of America	HOSA	East Haven High School, East Haven Nancy Tipping, Chapter Advisor

IX.H.1 Recognition of Blue Ribbon Schools

WHEREAS: The Henry James Memorial School in Simsbury has demonstrated dramatic improvement in student performance on state assessments in reading and mathematics;

WHEREAS: This school was honored as a 2008 Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education;

WHEREAS: The Henry James Memorial School has brought great honor to Simsbury and the State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS: The school was honored at festivities in Washington, D.C., on October 20-21, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION HONORS THE HENRY JAMES MEMORIAL SCHOOL WITH GREAT APPRECIATION FOR ITS ACHIEVEMENTS.

IX.H.2 Recognition of Blue Ribbon Schools

WHEREAS: The High Horizons Magnet School in Bridgeport has demonstrated dramatic improvement in student performance on state assessments in reading and mathematics;

WHEREAS: This school was honored as a 2008 Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education;

WHEREAS: The High Horizons Magnet School has brought great honor to Bridgeport and the State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS: The school was honored at festivities in Washington, D.C., on October 20-21, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION HONORS THE HIGH HORIZONS MAGNET SCHOOL WITH GREAT APPRECIATION FOR ITS ACHIEVEMENTS.

IX.H.3 Recognition of Blue Ribbon Schools

WHEREAS: The Middlesex Middle School in Darien has demonstrated dramatic improvement in student performance on state assessments in reading and mathematics;

WHEREAS: This school was honored as a 2008 Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education;

WHEREAS: The Middlesex Middle School has brought great honor to Darien and the State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS: The school was honored at festivities in Washington, D.C., on October 20-21, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION HONORS THE MIDDLESEX MIDDLE SCHOOL WITH GREAT APPRECIATION FOR ITS ACHIEVEMENTS.

IX.I.1 Recognition of National Board Certified Teachers

WHEREAS: Renita Casey, an elementary school teacher at Noank Elementary School in Groton, CT, has demonstrated exemplary teaching skills;

WHEREAS: She has achieved National Board Certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards;

WHEREAS: She serves as a model of accomplished teaching for other educators in her district and state; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION HONORS RENITA CASEY WITH GREAT APPRECIATION FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO STRENGTHENING THE PROFESSION OF TEACHING.

IX.I.2 Recognition of National Board Certified Teachers

WHEREAS: Brooke Dalesio, an elementary school teacher at Mary R. Tisko School in Branford, CT, has demonstrated exemplary teaching skills;

WHEREAS: She has achieved National Board Certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards;

WHEREAS: She serves as a model of accomplished teaching for other educators in her district and state; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION HONORS BROOKE DALESIO WITH GREAT APPRECIATION FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO STRENGTHENING THE PROFESSION OF TEACHING.

IX.I.3 Recognition of National Board Certified Teachers

WHEREAS: Pauline Graef, an elementary school teacher at Killingly Memorial School in Killingly, CT, has demonstrated exemplary teaching skills;

WHEREAS: She has achieved National Board Certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards;

WHEREAS: She serves as a model of accomplished teaching for other educators in her district and state; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION HONORS PAULINE GRAEF WITH GREAT APPRECIATION FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO STRENGTHENING THE PROFESSION OF TEACHING.

IX.I.4 Recognition of National Board Certified Teachers

WHEREAS: Christina Lepi, a mathematics school teacher at Farmington High School in Farmington, CT, has demonstrated exemplary teaching skills;

WHEREAS: She has achieved National Board Certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards;

WHEREAS: She serves as a model of accomplished teaching for other educators in her district and state; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION HONORS CHRISTINA LEPI WITH GREAT APPRECIATION FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO STRENGTHENING THE PROFESSION OF TEACHING.

IX.I.5 Recognition of National Board Certified Teachers

WHEREAS: Linda Lew-Roca, a mathematics teacher at West Side Middle School in Groton, CT, has demonstrated exemplary teaching skills;

WHEREAS: She has achieved National Board Certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards;

WHEREAS: She serves as a model of accomplished teaching for other educators in her district and state; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION HONORS LINDA LEW-ROCA WITH GREAT APPRECIATION FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO STRENGTHENING THE PROFESSION OF TEACHING.

IX.I.6 Recognition of National Board Certified Teachers

WHEREAS: Margaret Tarbox, an English language arts teacher at Carmen Arace Middle School in Bloomfield, CT, has demonstrated exemplary teaching skills;

WHEREAS: She has achieved National Board Certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards;

WHEREAS: She serves as a model of accomplished teaching for other educators in her district and state; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION HONORS MARGARET TARBOX WITH GREAT APPRECIATION FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO STRENGTHENING THE PROFESSION OF TEACHING.

IX.J. Recognition of Teacher-in-Residence (Visual Arts Coordinator)

WHEREAS: Gail Edmonds, former teacher and K-12 Visual Arts Coordinator for the Middletown Public School System, has demonstrated her commitment to education in Connecticut by serving as a teacher-in-residence for the Connecticut State Department of Education, Bureau of Curriculum and Instruction;

WHEREAS: She has provided high-quality technical assistance to school districts and educators to strengthen visual arts education;

WHEREAS: She led the development of a visual arts performance assessment model that applies skills across many core disciplines;

WHEREAS: She serves as a model leader for other educators in the state; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION HONORS GAIL EDMONDS FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO STRENGTHENING THE PROFESSION OF TEACHING.

VOTE	In Favor:	Bobroske, Luke, Hopkins-Staten, Finneran,
ON		McMahon, O'Connor, Taylor, Voss
MOTIONS:	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	0
	Absent:	Farrell

Motions carried unanimously.

X.C. Memorandum of Agreement – Common Core Standards

Commissioner McQuillan presented the Memorandum of Agreement to the Board. The Commissioner discussed Connecticut's participation in this endeavor and its impact on English and mathematics standards for Grades K-12. Discussion followed.

X.D. Update on Impact of Budget on Department Staffing

Brian Mahoney, Chief Financial Officer; Abigail Hughes, Superintendent, Connecticut Technical High School System; and Kim Barberi, Assistant Personnel Administrator, presented the report to the Board. Discussion followed.

XI. Committee Reports

- **Finance, Audit and Department Matters** – Mrs. Luke introduced Mr. Ray Inzero, Chief, Office of Internal Audit to the Board. She stated that Mr. Inzero is the only direct employee of the State Board of Education. Mrs. Luke stated that the committee met on May 18 to review the Annual Audit Plan, and asked Board members to read the plan. Mr. Inzero will oversee the dollars attached to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.
- **Legislation and Bylaws Committee:** Mrs. Bobroske reported that the one education bill that the General Assembly had been working on for the past few days was S.B. 939, AAC Educator Certification. If there are any questions, please contact Karen Flanagan, Director, Division of Legal and Governmental Affairs.
- **Policy Development** – Ms. Finneran reported that the committee will be meeting this afternoon to continue its discussion on the Position Statement on a Coordinated Approach to School Health.
- **Connecticut Technical School System** -- Mrs. Bobroske reported that the committee will meet on June 16, at 10:30 am at Bristol Technical Education Center.
- **NASBE** – Mrs. Bobroske reported that she along with Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Hopkins-Staten will be attending NASBE meetings in Arlington, Virginia, June 11-13, 2009.
- **Ad Hoc Committee on Accountability:** Dr. Voss reported that the committee met on May 14 and May 19. A copy of the minutes will be sent to the full Board.

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Mrs. Hopkins-Staten expressed deep concern with the manner in which a matter involving a claim of racial harassment of a student by two other students at Cheney Technical High School was handled by staff members. She stated that students must realize that neither bullying nor harassment of any kind will be tolerated. Superintendent Hughes concurred with Mrs. Hopkins-Staten, and described steps that have been taken to educate staff and students in this area.

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Prepared by: _____
Mark K. McQuillan, Secretary