

Connecticut State Board of Education
Connecticut Technical High School Committee
Minutes of Meeting Held on
March 10, 2010

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the Connecticut Technical High School Committee (the "Committee") met on March 10, 2010, at the Connecticut Technical High School System, Middletown, CT.

Committee Members Present:	Mrs. Beverly Bobroske, Chair Ms. Linda McMahon
State Department of Education	Ms. Patricia A. Ciccone, Superintendent Robert Lombardi, Assistant Superintendent Ceferino Lugo, Assistant Superintendent Beatrice Tinty, CTHSS Legal Consultant Mr. James Chasse, CTHSS Consultant Pamela Bergin, SDE Office Nikitoula Menounos, Principal, Norwich Tech and American Federation of School Administrators Member Ray Mencio, CTHSS Consultant Mary Skelly, CTHSS Consultant Jon Waleski, CTHSS Consultant
State Vocational Federation of Teachers	Rick Tanasi, President Janis Hochadel, Vice President

I. Chairperson Bobroske called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

II. Executive Session – None

III. Consideration of Minutes of February 17, 2010, CTHS Committee Meeting

Ms. McMahon moved, Mrs. Bobroske seconded, that the Committee approve the minutes of the February 17, 2010, Connecticut Technical High School Committee.

Vote:	In Favor:	McMahon, Bobroske
	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	0

Motion carried.

IV. Public Participation – Mr. Timothy Davenport, System Air Supply, Plantsville, CT
Mr. Davenport spoke to the committee on the great upgrade of the infrastructure of the schools and the energy of the students and their desire to learn. He voiced his frustration on the lack of funding for supplies in order to teach the students. He stated the importance of students having the necessary supplies in order to participate in the HVAC program and enter the job force once they graduate. He stated the CTHSS NOCTI results are better than others in the country. He said the CTHSS Foundation and the business industry want to make the CTHSS better. He spoke about the CTHSS Advisory Board which never got going. Mrs. Bobroske invited Mr. Davenport to address the full State Board of Education at one of its meetings.

V. Consent Agenda – None

VI. Items Requiring Action - None

VII. Items for Discussion

a. CTHSS Inventory Update

Mr. Chasse stated that the inventory process is moving forward. Progress is being made in accounting for and maintaining an accurate inventory record for all of the schools.

b. J.M. Wright Tech Update

Ms. Ciccone gave a brief update to the Committee on the last meeting held with the Wright Tech Ad Hoc Committee at E.C. Goodwin Technical High School. Seven core trades were selected. The design plans were discussed and the members toured the shops. The report will be presented to the State Board of Education in June.

c. Recruitment/Admissions Policy Redraft

CTHSS staff and the SVFT and AFSA gave the Committee their views on why the exploratory grade should remain as is. She encouraged the importance of all committee members being present at the next meeting to further discuss this issue. She also requested that any data be given to the members prior to the meeting.

Beverly Bobroske made a motion to withdraw her previous motion she made at the February 17, 2010 to open for further discussion the students getting a passing score of 70; Linda McMahon seconded the motion. After a lengthy discussion, Beverly Bobroske made a motion for a passing score of 65; the motion died due to the lack of a second. The discussion will continue at the April 12, 2010 meeting.

Ms. McMahon moved, Mrs. Bobroske seconded, that the Committee withdraw the original motion.

Vote: In Favor: McMahon, Bobroske
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

d. S.B. 379

Ms. Ciccone stated to the Committee her concerns about Raised Bill 379, An Act Concerning Vocational-Technical Schools, especially as they relate to the implementation phase of several of the provisions. She stated that while there are some serious concerns with specific bill provisions, there are some provisions in the bill which we support and some we could support with some modifications to the proposed language. She also offered recommendations for the provisions in this bill.

Mrs. Bobroske ask Mr. Chasse to prepare a statement on the financial crisis in the CTHSS system and include them in the minutes.

VIII. Report of the Superintendent

a. Foundation

Mr. Lombardi updated the Committee on the CTHSS Foundation. The 100th anniversary will be held on October 29th at the Aqua Turf which will include a silent auction; the Foundation will be audited by an outside CPA firm – it was noted that a CPA firm may donate its services; and Mr. Paul Barry will chair the Development Committee.

b. Environmental Health and Safety Update

Ms. Ciccone updated the Committee. It is on-going and steps are being taken to continue to correct the issues.

IX. Other Matters - None

X. Public Participation - None

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.