

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford**

Minutes

March 3, 2010, Meeting

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the State Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") met on Wednesday, March 3, 2010. 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 9:40 a.m.

Present: Allan Taylor, Chairperson
Janet Finneran, Vice Chairperson
Beverly Bobroske*
Lynne Farrell*
Theresa Hopkins-Staten
Hannah Klein
Hunter Kodama
Patricia Luke
Linda McMahon
Kathleen O'Connor
Jay Voss
Michael Meotti, Ex-Officio*

II. Public Participation

1. Joseph Cirsuolo, CAPSS, spoke to the Board regarding agenda item IX.E., Intent to Adopt Regulations Concerning IDEA. Dr. Cirsuolo urged the Board to consider shifting the burden of proof from the district to parents.

[*Mrs. Bobroske arrived at 9:43 a.m.]

2. Kelly Moyher, CABE, gave testimony to the Board regarding agenda item IX.E., Intent to Adopt Regulations Concerning IDEA. Ms. Moyher asked the Board to address the burden of proof issue in the proposed amendments to the special education regulations. A copy of Ms. Moyher's testimony can be found in the official file of this meeting.

3. Dr. Vivian Cross, Executive Director of the Foundation for Educational Advancement, Inc. and Health Education Consultant for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, spoke to the Board regarding lead poisoning resulting in a myriad of health problems and the need to recognize the impact of lead poisoning on students' education. She noted that the civil rights of children are being violated due to non-compliance with Part B and C of the IDEA, and asserted the need to develop guidelines to address this.

IV. Consideration of Minutes of February 3, 2010, State Board of Education Meeting

Ms. Finneran moved, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the February 3, 2010, State Board of Education meeting.

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

Motion carried.

V.A. Recommendation to Form Ad Hoc Committee on Public School Funding and Charge to Committee

Mrs. Luke moved, Mrs. Bobroske seconded, that the Board approves the proposal to form an Ad Hoc Committee to Study Funding for Public School Choice Programs, including the charge and appointments to said committee, as described in the Commissioner's March 3, 2010, memorandum titled, "Proposal to Form Ad Hoc Committee to Study Funding for Public School Choice Programs," and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

Mrs. Luke moved, Mrs. Bobroske seconded to amend the composition of the Ad Hoc Committee by adding the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or his designee, resulting in a 16-member committee.

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

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

[*Dr. Farrell arrived at 10:01 a.m.]

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

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

VI. Report of the Chair - Mr. Taylor distributed a written report, which is in the official file of this meeting, and includes the following:

- Congratulations to Hunter Kodama and Hannah Klein, who completed the hearing process and have been officially confirmed as our student members of the Board.
- Charter School Hearings: Thanks to those who have volunteered to chair the hearings on the renewals of charter schools. We still need volunteers for the Odyssey Community School hearing (April 13 or 14) and the ISAAC hearing (March 31 or April 1).
- Northeastern Common Core Regional Meeting, Philadelphia, PA: Lynne Farrell, Jay Voss and Allan Taylor attending the meeting on February 17, 2010.
- Jay Voss and Allan Taylor will participate in a focus group on High Leverage Policies, being conducted by UCONN's Center for Education Policy Analysis, which has contracted with the Secondary School Consortium to conduct case studies in each of the member states.
- NASBE March Conference: Mr. Taylor will attend a preconference session on March 17 and the Legislative Conference; Theresa Hopkins-Staten will attend the "Common Good" Study Group Session.

VII. Report of Commissioner -- Commissioner McQuillan distributed a written report, which is in the official file of this meeting, and includes the following:

Comprehensive Plan Priorities

- **Priority 1: Early Childhood Education**
 - Organizational work for February Early Childhood Cabinet Meeting

- **Priority 3: Secondary School Reform**

- Bi-weekly meetings of J.M. Wright Tech Ad Hoc Committee
- Oversight and assistance to PCB research and remediation planning for Connecticut's Technical High Schools
- Monthly meeting of New England Secondary Consortium coordinating committee
- Secondary School Reform webinar at Rensselaer at Hartford
- Special thanks to Jay Voss, and recognition of Beverly Bobroske
- Organization of regional conference on NCEE's Board Examination Project

Sheff Comprehensive Management Plan

- Reorganization of RESCO Office
- Development of proposal for the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee to research and make recommendations on the financial and legislative framework needed to sustain a permanent solution to the *Sheff v O'Neill* settlement.

Internal Operations

- Bi-weekly meetings with ARRA Guidance Committee, Race to the Top Steering Committee
- Organizational meetings with CAS and the RESC Alliance on Race to the Top application
- Organizational meetings with CERC on Race to the Top media campaign
- Cabinet and Administrative Council Meetings to address budgetary shortfalls, staffing, and personnel
- Regular meetings with HR on SDE staffing
- Completion of search for Executive Director of the Affirmative Action Office: Mr. Levy Gillespie

Statewide Meetings

- Testified before a special meeting of the Education Committee on funding for Connecticut's Technical High School System
- P20 Council follow-up planning with Commissioner Meotti
- Race to the Top discussions with Congressional delegation
- Testified before Education Committee, Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee, Appropriations Committee, Appropriations Subcommittee
- Meetings with CAPSS legislative delegation regarding special education regulations and legislation
- Meeting with South Korean delegation over International Education Exchange programs offered through CREC

- Meeting with Office of Workforce Competitiveness to establish "Workforce Transition Committee" as part of Race to the Top.

[Mr. Meotti arrived at 10:30 p.m.]

By unanimous consent the Board voted to add item V.B., Joint Resolution in Support of the New England Secondary School Consortium to the agenda.

V.B. Joint Resolution in Support of the New England Secondary School Reform

Mrs. Bobroske moved, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten seconded, that the Board approves the Joint Resolution in Support of the New England Secondary School Consortium, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Consent Agenda

Mr. Taylor removed agenda item IX.E., Intent to Adopt Regulations Concerning IDEA from the consent agenda.

Mrs. O'Connor moved, Mrs. Bobroske seconded, that the Board approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: IX.A., Adult Education State Plan; IX.B., Annual Report of the Connecticut Advisory Council for Teacher Professional Standards; IX.C., Annual Report of the Connecticut Advisory Council for Administrator Professional Standards; IX.D., Middletown Board of Education Plan to Address Racial Imbalance; IX.F., Adoption of Regulations Concerning Administration of Medication by School Personnel and Administration of Medication During Before- and After-School Programs and School Readiness Programs; IX.G., Connecticut Technical High School System's Rolling Capital Equipment Plan and IX.H., Connecticut Technical High School System Trade Reauthorizations: Automotive Collision Repair and Refinishing, Automotive Technology, Aviation Maintenance Technicians, Computer-Aided Drafting and Design, Diesel and Heavy Duty Equipment, Electromechanical Technology, Manufacturing Technology and Welding and Metal Fabrication.

IX.A. Adult Education State Plan

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to its role as the state education agency (SEA) for Connecticut, approves the revised Connecticut State Plan for Adult Education and Family Literacy, Title II of the Workforce Investment Act for fiscal year 2010 (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011) and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

IX.B. Annual Report of the Connecticut Advisory Council for Teacher Professional Standards

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education receives the 2009 Annual Report of the Connecticut Advisory Council for Teacher Professional Standards, submitted in accordance with the requirements of subsection (b) of Section 10-144d of the Connecticut General Statutes, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

IX.C. Annual Report of the Connecticut Advisory Council for Administrator Professional Standards

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education receives the 2009 Annual Report of the Connecticut Advisory Council for School Administrator Professional Standards, submitted in accordance with the requirements of subsection (e) of Section 10-144e of the Connecticut General Statutes, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

IX.D. Middletown Board of Education Plan to Address Racial Imbalance

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-226d of the Connecticut General Statutes, conditionally approves the revision to the Middletown Board of Education's "Plan to Address Racial Imbalance" in the Macdonough School, contingent upon the following:

- the Middletown Board of Education shall provide the State Board of Education no later than June 30, 2010 with a specific plan to redraw the district's attendance zones and shall include projections of the racial composition of the public schools in the district for the subsequent five-year period under the proposed course of action with implementation to begin in the fall of 2010; and

- the Middletown Board of Education shall submit to the State Board of Education its final plan for approval no later than February 1, 2011, which shall include:
 - its plan for partial choice enrollment at Macdonough School to begin in the fall of 2011; and
 - a specific plan for the intradistrict magnet school at Macdonough School, including but not limited to, admission criteria and enrollment projections for the subsequent five-year period with implementation to begin in the fall of 2012; and

directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

IX.F. Adoption of Regulations Concerning Administration of Medication by School Personnel and Administration of Medication During Before- and After-School Programs and School Readiness Programs

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education adopts the amendments to Sections 10-212a-1 through 10-212a-10 of the Regulations of the Connecticut State Agencies, concerning the Administration of Medications by School Personnel and Administration of Medication During Before- and After-school Programs and School Readiness Programs, dated March 3, 2010, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

IX.G. Connecticut Technical High School System's Rolling Capital Equipment Fund

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education pursuant to Section 10-95i(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the Connecticut Technical High School System's Rolling Capital Improvement and Capital Equipment Plan 2011-2015, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

IX.H. Connecticut Technical High School System Trade Reauthorizations Automotive Collision Repair and Refinishing; Automotive Technology; Aviation Maintenance Technicians; Computer-Aided Drafting and Design; Diesel and Heavy Duty Equipment; Electromechanical Technology; Manufacturing Technology and Welding and Metal Fabrication

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-95i (b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the following trades for the periods indicated:

- Automotive Collision Repair and Refinishing from January 2010 to January 2015
- Automotive Technology from January 2010 to January 2015
- Aviation Maintenance Technicians from January 2010 to January 2015
- Computer Aided Drafting and Design from January 2010 to January 2015
- Diesel and Heavy Duty Equipment Repair from January 2010 to January 2015
- Electromechanical Technology from January 2010 to January 2015
- Manufacturing Technology from January 2010 to January 2015
- Welding and Metal Fabrication from January 2010 to January 2015

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

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

Motions carried unanimously.

IX.E. Intent to Adopt Regulations Concerning the Provision of Special Education and Special Education Due Process

Mrs. Bobroske moved, Mrs. O'Connor seconded, that the Board declares its intent to amend Sections 10-76a-1 to 10-76d-19, inclusive, Sections 10-76h-1, 10-76h-3 to 10-76h-10, inclusive, and Sections 10-76h-13, 10-76h-15 and 10-76h-16, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies concerning the provision of special education and special education due process and to repeal Section 10-76l-1 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

[Mrs. O'Connor left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.]

XI.A. Reading and Mathematics Achievement Standards for the Connecticut Mastery Test (Grades 3-8) and Connecticut Academic Performance Test (Grade 10) Modified Assessment System

Barbara Beaudin, Associate Commissioner, Division of Assessment, Research & Technology and Robert Lucco, Chief, Bureau of Student Assessment presented a power point presentation to the Board. Discussion followed.

[Mr. Meotti left at 12:45 p.m.]

XI.D. Common Core Standards

Marion Martinez, Associate Commissioner, Division of Teaching, Learning & Instructional Leadership; Harriet Feldlaufer, Chief, Bureau of Teaching & Learning; and Elizabeth Buttner, Education Consultant, Bureau of Teaching and Learning presented the report to the Board. Discussion followed.

XI.B. Draft Position Statement on Nutrition and Physical Activity

Charlene Russell-Tucker, Associate Commissioner, Division of Family & Student Support Services, Cheryl Resha, Education Manager, Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education and Susan Fiore, Consultant, Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education presented the report to the Board. Discussion followed.

XI.C. Draft Position Statement on Student Support Services

Charlene Russell-Tucker, Associate Commissioner, Division of Family & Student Support Services, Paul Flinter, Chief, Bureau of Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education and Scott Newgass, Consultant, Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education presented the report to the Board. Discussion followed.

XII. Committee Reports

- **Finance, Audit and Department Matters** – Mrs. Luke reported that the committee will be meeting this month.
- **Legislation and Bylaws Committee** – Mrs. Hopkins-Staton reported that the Race to the Top legislative proposals have been forwarded to the Governor and the Office of Policy and Management (OPM). There

is some concern by OPM regarding the Charter School Proposals and the discussion is on-going. Mrs. Hopkins-Staten also stated that there is a need to convene a statewide conference on race relations and bullying.

- **Policy Development Committee** -- Ms. Finneran reported that at the December 16 Policy Committee Meeting, Deputy Commissioner Coleman was asked to review the Minority Teacher Report. Mr. Coleman distributed his response to the Board (a copy of his remarks can be found in the official file of this meeting.)
- **Connecticut Technical High School Committee** -- Mrs. Bobroske reported that testimony was given before the Education Committee regarding the Connecticut Technical High School System (CTHSS). Dr. Voss would like to see more presentations regarding CALI, power standards and teacher evaluations.
- **Ad Hoc Committee on Accountability:** Mr. Voss stated that a meeting is scheduled for March 24 with the Hartford School District.
- **Ad Hoc Committee on J.M. Wright Technical High School** – Commissioner McQuillan stated that the committee meets every two weeks to discuss timelines, review of core programs and the renovation of JM Wright.

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Prepared by: _____
Mark K. McQuillan, Secretary

