

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford**

Minutes

September 1, 2010, Meeting

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the State Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") met on Wednesday, September 1, 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 9:38 a.m.

Present: Allan Taylor, Chairperson
Janet Finneran, Vice Chairperson
Patrick Campbell
Lynne Farrell*
William Fritz
Theresa Hopkins-Staton
Patricia Luke
Jay Voss
Pamela Partridge West*

Absent: Beverly Bobroske
Neha Mehta
Michael Meotti, Ex-Officio

Daniel P. Murphy, Legal Director, Legal and Governmental Affairs, administered the Oath of Office to William Fritz, member from Yalesville.

II. Public Participation

1. Richard Cole, President and CEO, Connecticut Academy for Education in Mathematics, Science & Technology stated that the Academy offered its support for the State's plan with regard to Science. Math and Engineering; however, effort needs to be improved to show that learning is a responsibility. Mr. Cole invited the Board to join the October 21 CONNverge meeting at Rentschler Field.

2. Michael Savage, CEO, Jumoke Charter School and President Charter School Network, stated that the charters are not funded fairly or equitably. The Charters need advocacy by the State Board of Education and the Commissioner to ensure no public school student is left behind when providing money for students.
3. Marilyn Scanlon White, Legislative Chair, Connecticut Reading Association, supports one certificate for Literacy Specialist. Mrs. White's written comments can be found in the official file of this meeting.
4. Ann Marie Mulready, Visiting Professor at the university level, expressed concern with respect to the proposal for Language Arts certification. Dr. Mulready's written comments can be found in the official file of this meeting.
5. Lisa Lessard, parent from Waterbury, expressed concern with the Waterbury Public Schools providing her daughter special education services. Mrs. Lessard asked the Board to step in on her behalf.
6. Liz Cox, Director of Common Ground High School, expressed dismay at charter schools being excluded from the Education Job Funds Program.
7. D.J. Garcia, student at Common Ground High School, spoke in support of equal funding for charters.
8. Santiago Achinelli, student at Common Ground High School, pointed out the difference in funding between a public charter school and a public school.
9. Ralston Sessions, student at Common Ground High School, stated that funding should be increased for charter schools. The charter schools need to write grants in order to get support for education supplies.

IV. Consideration of Minutes of July 7, 2010, State Board of Education Meeting

Mrs. Luke moved, Ms. Finneran seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the July 7, 2010, State Board of Education meeting.

Mr. Taylor amended the July 7, 2010 minutes as follows:

VII.D. Tuition Increase: LPN Program

The resolution was amended to read:

RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-95e of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the Connecticut Technical High School System's Licensed Practical Nurse in-state and out-of-state tuition rates for fiscal year 2011, said out-of-state rate to reflect the average cost to educate each student absent any subsidy from the State of Connecticut, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE In Favor: Finneran, Hopkins-Staten, Luke, Taylor, Voss
ON Opposed: 0
AMEND- Abstained: Fritz
MENT: Absent: Bobroske, Farrell, Partridge West

Motion on amendment carried unanimously.

VOTE In Favor: Finneran, Hopkins-Staten, Luke, Taylor, Voss
ON MOTION Opposed: 0
AS Abstained: Fritz
AMENDED: Absent: Bobroske, Farrell, Partridge West

Motion as amended carried unanimously.

[*Dr. Farrell arrived at 10:15 a.m.]

V.A. Report of the Superintendent - Connecticut Technical High Schools

Patricia Ciccone, Superintendent of the Connecticut Technical High School System (CTHSS), gave an overview of the opening of schools, including the status of maintenance and purchase of school busses, the development of electronic portfolios, and the CTHSS budget. She also distributed a written report covering the CAPT Results 2007-2010. A copy of Ms. Ciccone's report can be found in the official file of this meeting.

VI. Items Requiring Action

VI.A. Approval of Educator Preparation Program: Sacred Heart University

Ms. Finneran moved, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten seconded, that the Board, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(g)(2)(A) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants initial program approval for the period September 30, 2010, through September 30, 2011 for the purpose of certifying graduates from Sacred Heart University Reading and Language Arts Consultant (097) program, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Several conferences and meetings coming up during the next few months. For the benefit of our new members, if you wish to attend any of the conferences listed on the Board's calendar (provided each week in the weekly mailing packet), please notify the Board office (713-6510).
- September 17 Retreat:
The retreat facilitator, Alan Price, has asked each Board member to list the top three things they wish to get out of the retreat. Please respond directly to Mr. Price at the following e-mail address: priceac@nu.com.
- The CABA Back-to-School Meeting will be held on September 15 at 5:00 p.m. at CABA headquarters in Wethersfield. To date, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Luke, Ms. Mehta, and Mrs. Bobroske will attend.
- Thank you to Janet Finneran for representing the Board at the Commissioner's Back-to-School Conference for superintendents on August 18 at the Legislative Office Building.

- I have met, at the request of the Commission - over the course of the last several months, with the Governor's Commission on the Achievement Gap and its subcommittee on governance and have had conversations with Mr. Simmons and some of the members individually.

VIII. 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

- Integration of CT's Early Childhood Standards into Common Core

Priority 2: Academic Achievement, Achievement Gaps

- Implementation School Improvement Grants (SIG) for 5% lowest performing schools
- Pilot of Academic Growth Model in SIG Schools
- Deposition to Plaintiffs in CCJEF Adequacy Suit
- Interview with Achievement Gap Commission
- Presentation to Windham Board of Education on Light House Training

Priority 3: Secondary School Reform

- NCEE Board Examination Consortium Policy Development
- SDE Meetings with New England Secondary School Consortium
- Participation in Nellie Mae Grant Application for NESSC

Other Initiatives

Race to the Top

- Press Conference, Interviews

Sheff Comprehensive Management Plan

- School Visiting Schedule Planned
- Planning Sessions for Meeting with Hartford Board of Education

Operations/Subcommittee Work

- Regular meetings with Cabinet and Administrative Council
- Full Staff Department Meeting
- Personnel Work for Opening of Technical High Schools
- Ad Hoc Committee for Finance Work Group: Regionalism
- Planning Meetings with Partnership Committees
- Communication and Distribution of Jobs Fund Education Grants

Commissioner McQuillan welcomed Mr. Fritz to the Board, and acknowledged the contributions of Deborah Richards, Bureau Chief, Accountability and Improvement in the Division of Teaching, Learning and Instructional Leadership, who is leaving the Department on September 3, 2010

[*Mrs. Partridge West arrived at 10:54 am]

IX.A. End-of-Year Financial Report

Brian Mahoney, Chief Financial Officer, presented the report to the Board.
Discussion followed.

IX.B. State and Federal Funding

Brian Mahoney, Chief Financial Officer, presented the report to the Board.
Discussion followed.

IX.C. Current Services Budget

Ms. Finneran moved, Mrs. Luke seconded, that the Board, pursuant to Section 4-77 of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the Current Services Budget Request for the 2011-2013 biennium, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

X. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Hopkins-Staten removed agenda items X.G., Approval of Second Revised Racial Imbalance Plan for the Middletown Public School System and X.K., NASBE Ballot for President Elect and Area Director. Mrs. Partridge West removed agenda item X.H., Approval of Revised Racial Imbalance Plan for the Greenwich Public School System.

Ms. Finneran moved, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten seconded, that the Board approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: X.A., Application for Funds: Connecticut Support for Pregnant & Parenting Teens Project; X.B., Approval of Educator Preparation Program: Central Connecticut State University; X.C., Approval of Educator Preparation Program: Charter Oak College; X.D., Approval of Educator Preparation Program: University of Connecticut; X.E., Approval of Educator Preparation Program: Teach for America; X.F., Approval of ACES Alternate Route to Certification Program: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages/Bilingual Education; X.I., Putnam Science Academy Certification of Exemption; X.J., Approval of Training Course Regarding Concussion and Head Injuries and X.L., Appointment to the Connecticut Technical High School Committee.

X.A. Application for Funds: Connecticut Support for Pregnant & Parenting Teens Project

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Sections 10211-10214 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148), approves the 2010-13 grant application entitled "Connecticut Support for Pregnant and Parenting Teens Project" for submission to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Adolescent Health, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

X.B. Approval of Educator Preparation Program: Central Connecticut State University

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(g)(1)(A) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants full continuing program approval for the period September 30, 2010, through September 30, 2015, for the purpose of certifying graduates from Central Connecticut State University in the following areas:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Program Level</u>	<u>Program Type</u>
Art Education	PK - 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Comprehensive Special Education	PK - 12	Initial	Graduate
Early Childhood Education	N - 3	Initial	Undergraduate

<u>Program</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Program Level</u>	<u>Program Type</u>
Elementary Education	K - 6	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
English	7 - 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
History/Social Studies	7 - 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Mathematics	7 - 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Music Education	PK - 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Physical Education	PK - 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Science:			
Biology	7 - 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Chemistry	7 - 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Earth Science	7 - 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
General Science	7 - 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Physics	7 - 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Technology Education	PK - 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
TESOL	PK - 12	Initial	Graduate
World Languages:			
French	7 - 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
German	7 - 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Italian	7 - 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Spanish	7 - 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Intermediate Administration/ Supervision	PK - 12	Advanced	Graduate
Reading/Language Arts Consultant	PK - 12	Advanced	Graduate
Remedial Reading/Language Arts	1 - 12	Advanced	Graduate
School Counselor	PK - 12	Advanced	Graduate
Superintendent of Schools	PK - 12	Advanced	Graduate

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

X.C. Approval of Educator Preparation Program: Charter Oak College

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(g)(1)(A) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants full continuing program approval for the period September 30, 2010 to September 30, 2015, for the purpose of certifying graduates from the Charter Oak State College Alternate Route to Certification Early Childhood Education (ARCECE) program leading to an initial endorsement in the area of early childhood education, birth through kindergarten, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

X.D. Approval of Educator Preparation Program: University of Connecticut

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(g)(1)(A) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants full continuing program approval for the period September 30, 2010, through September 30, 2015, for the purpose of certifying graduates from the University of Connecticut in the following areas:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Program Level</u>	<u>Program Type</u>
Agriculture	7 - 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Elementary Education	K - 6	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
English	7 - 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
History/Social Studies	7 - 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Mathematics	7 - 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Music Education	PK - 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Science:			
Biology	7 - 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Chemistry	7 - 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Earth Science	7 - 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
General Science	7 - 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Physics	7 - 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Special Education	K-12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
World Languages:			
French	K – 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Italian	K – 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Latin	K – 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Spanish	K – 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
German	K – 12	Initial	Undergraduate/Graduate
Intermediate Administration/ Supervision	PK - 12	Advanced	Graduate
Reading/Language Arts Consultant	PK - 12	Advanced	Graduate
Remedial Reading/Language Arts	1 - 12	Advanced	Graduate
School Counselor	PK - 12	Advanced	Graduate
School Psychology	PK - 12	Advanced	Graduate
Speech/Language Pathology	PK - 12	Advanced	Graduate
Superintendent of Schools	PK - 12	Advanced	Graduate

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

X.E. Approval of Educator Preparation Program: Teach for America

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(g)(1)(A) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants full continuing program approval for the period September 30, 2010, through September 30, 2014, with an interim report due during spring 2012, for the purpose of certifying graduates from Teach For America's Alternate Route to Certification (TFA-CT) program leading to recommendation for the Connecticut resident teacher certificate in the following endorsement areas:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Program Level</u>
Elementary Education	K-6	Initial
English Language Arts	7-12	Initial
History/Social Studies	7-12	Initial
Mathematics	7-12	Initial
Science:		
General Science	7-12	Initial
Biology	7-12	Initial
Chemistry	7-12	Initial
Physics	7-12	Initial
World languages:		
French	7-12	Initial
Spanish	7-12	Initial

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

**X.F. Approval of ACES Alternate Route to Certification Program:
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages/Bilingual Education**

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(g)(1)(A) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants full continuing program approval for the period September 1, 2010, through September 30, 2015, for the purpose of certifying graduates from the Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES) Alternate Route to Certification for Teachers of English Language Learners (ARCTELL) Program leading to a cross endorsement in Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) and/or Bilingual Education, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

X.I. Putnam Science Academy Certification of Exemption

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-8a-1 to 10-8a-8 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, issues a Certificate of Exemption to the Putnam Science Academy ("PSA"), 18 Maple Street, Putnam, CT 06260, for the period of September 1, 2010, through August 31, 2011, contingent upon the following:

- The school must address the safety issues detailed in Attachment A of the Site Visit Committee's Report before August 31, 2011 (prior to the 2011-2012 school year);
- PSA shall notify the Division of Legal and Governmental Affairs upon correction of the safety issues and verification by the local fire marshal;
- In the event that PSA cannot complete the remediation before August 31, 2011, PSA shall provide the reasons for the delay and a timeline for such remediation, which shall be subject to the approval of the Commissioner;

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

X.J. Approval of Training Course Regarding Concussion and Head Injuries

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education approves the Training Course Regarding Concussions and Head Injuries developed by the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference in accordance with Public Act No. 10-62, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

X.L. Appointment to the Connecticut Technical High School Committee

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 4 of its Bylaws, and Section 10-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by P.A. 10-76, approves the membership of the Connecticut Technical High School Committee as follows: William W. Fritz, Chairman; Beverly Bobroske, Pamela Partridge West and Theresa Hopkins-Staten as members, effective September 1, 2010, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE	In Favor:	Farrell, Finneran, Fritz, Hopkins-Staten, Luke,
ON		Taylor, Voss, Partridge West
MOTIONS:	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	0
	Absent:	Bobroske

Motions carried unanimously.

X.G. Approval of Second Revised Racial Imbalance Plan for the Middletown Public School System

Ms. Finneran moved, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten seconded, that the Board, pursuant to Section 10-226d of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the revision to the Middletown Board of Education's "Plan to Address Racial Imbalance" in the Macdonough School; and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

X.H. Approval of Revised Racial Imbalance Plan for the Greenwich Public School System

Mrs. Luke moved, Mrs. Partridge West seconded, that the Board, pursuant to Section 10-226d of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the revision to the Greenwich Board of Education's "Plan to Address Racial Imbalance" in the New Lebanon School and the Hamilton Avenue School, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

X.K. NASBE Ballot for President Elect and Area Director

Ms. Finneran moved, Mrs. Luke seconded, that the Board, endorses the following candidates for appointment to the 2011 National Association of State Boards of Education Board of

Directors: Gayle Manchin, President-elect; and Corrinne Caldwell, Northeastern Area Director, and directs the Board Chairperson to take the necessary action.

VOTE: In Favor: Farrell, Finneran, Fritz, Hopkins-Staton, Luke, Taylor,
Partridge West, Voss
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0
Absent: Bobroske

Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Items for Discussion

XI.A. Preliminary Discussion Regarding New Comprehensive Plan

Commissioner McQuillan described a proposed process for developing the new 5-year Comprehensive Plan. Discussion followed.

XII. Committee Reports

- **Finance, Audit and Department Matters** – Mrs. Luke reported that the next committee will be held on September 15, 2010.
- **Legislation and Bylaws Committee** – Mrs. Hopkins-Staton reported that the committee met this morning. The committee discussed the implementation scheduled being developed for the legislative proposals approved in the last session. An internal survey is being developed regarding upcoming legislation, factoring in ECS and Report on Achievement Gap.
- **Policy Development Committee** -- Ms. Finneran reported that the committee will be meeting following the regular meeting to discuss the draft Position Statement on Culturally Responsive Education.
- **Connecticut Technical High School Committee** -- Next meeting is scheduled for September 8 in the Middletown Office.
- **Ad Hoc Committee on Funding for Public School Choice** – Mr. Taylor reported that the full committee and a work group are meeting regularly.

- **Ad Hoc Committee on Accountability** – Commissioner McQuillan stated that this committee will need to reconvene shortly.

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Prepared by: _____
Mark K. McQuillan