

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford**

Minutes

October 6, 2010, Meeting

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the State Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") met on Wednesday, October 6, 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 9:30 a.m.

Present: Allan Taylor, Chairperson
Janet Finneran, Vice Chairperson
Beverly Bobroske*
Patrick Campbell
William Fritz
Theresa Hopkins-Staton
Patricia Luke
Neha Mehta
Brenda Sisco
Joseph Vrabely
Jay Voss
Pamela Partridge West*
Michael Meotti, Ex-Officio

Absent: Lynne Farrell

Daniel P. Murphy, Legal Director, Legal and Governmental Affairs, administered the Oath of Office to Brenda Sisco, member from Ellington and Joseph Vrabely, member from Glastonbury.

II. Public Participation

1. David Monti, Professor, Central Connecticut State University, spoke in support of one certificate for Literacy Specialist. A copy of Dr. Monti's remarks can be found in the official file of this meeting.

2. Kate England, Principal of Nathan Hale School in Manchester, spoke in support of single endorsement for Literacy Specialist.
3. Jean Klein, former Chair of the Connecticut Reading Association representing Dr. Donald Leu, UCONN, who supports single endorsement for Literacy Specialist.
4. Marilyn Scanlan White, CT Reading Association (CRA) Legislative Chair, spoke in support of single endorsement for Literacy Specialist. A copy of Mrs. White's remarks can be found in the official file of this meeting.

[Mrs. Bobroske arrived at 9:55 am]

5. Kathleen Butler, Acting Dean of the School of Education at Saint Joseph College, support in support of multi-level model of certification for special education. A copy of Mrs. Butler's remarks can be found in the official file of this meeting.

[Mrs. Partridge West arrived at 10:05 am]

6. Joan Venditto, Director of Education Programs, Ablertus Magnus College, spoke in support of single endorsement for Literacy Specialist. A copy of Mrs. Venditto's remarks can be found in the official file of this meeting.
7. Dr. Jane Bailey, Post University, urged the Board not to delete required technology course in the proposed regulations.
8. Dr. Gerald Cole, Professor of Education Technology, expressed his concern with the absence of education technology requirement in the regulations.
9. Mary Loftus Levine, CEA, thanked the Commissioner McQuillan and Associate Commissioner Martinez for working with stakeholders and teachers on the proposed regulations.
10. Edward Malin, President, American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE-CT), spoke to the Board on issues related to the proposed new certification regulations. A copy of Dr. Malin's remarks can be found in the official file of this meeting.

III.A. Consideration of Minutes of September 1, 2010, State Board of Education Meeting

Mrs. Luke moved, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the September 1, 2010, State Board of Education meeting.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

III.B. Consideration of Minutes of September 17, 2010, State Board of Education Retreat

Ms. Finneran moved, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the September 17, 2010, State Board of Education retreat.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

IV.A. Regulations Concerning State Educator Certification, Permits and Authorizations

Commissioner McQuillan distributed a copy of his October 1, 2010 memo to the Board regarding Final Proposals for certification regulations. Marion Martinez, Associate Commissioner, Division of Teaching, Learning and Instructional Leadership presented the report to the Board. Discussion followed.

For the record, Mr. Taylor asked if the Technology Course needs to be infused in the regulations. Associate Commissioner Martinez stated it is already embedded.

IV.B. External Evaluation Report on the Connecticut Accountability for Learning Initiative (CALI)

Marion Martinez, Associate Commissioner, Division of Teaching, Learning and Instructional Leadership introduced Carolyn Vincent from RMC Research who presented the report to the Board. Discussion followed.

By unanimous consent, the Board recessed its meeting at 12:35 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m. Present were Mrs. Bobroske, Ms. Finneran, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Mehta, Mrs. Luke, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten, Mrs. Sisco, Mr. Vrabely, Mr. Taylor and Dr. Voss. Commissioner Meotti, Dr. Farrell, Mr. Fritz and Mrs. Partridge West were absent.

IV.C. CCSSO/NGA Common Core Standards

Marion Martinez, Associate Commissioner, Division of Teaching, Learning and Instructional Leadership with Barbara Beaudin, Associate Commissioner, Division of Assessment, Research and Technology, Harriet Feldlaufer, Chief, Bureau of Teaching and Learning and Joanne White, Education Consultant, Bureau of Teaching and Learning presented the report to the Board. Discussion followed.

V.A. Report of the Superintendent – Connecticut Technical High School System

Patricia Ciccone, Superintendent of the Connecticut Technical High School System (CTHSS), distributed a written report covering the following items: CTHSS Fiscal Executive Summary, CTHSS Inventory Executive Summary and CTHSS Green Initiatives. A copy of Ms. Ciccone's report is contained in the official file of this meeting.

VI.A. Intent to Adopt: Charter School Audit Regulations

Mrs. Luke moved, Mrs. Bobroske seconded, that the Board declares its intent to establish Sections 10-66-1 to 10-66-7, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies pursuant to Section 15 of Public Act 10-111, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Follow-up to retreat;
- Orientation session for new members will be held;
- Thanks to Pat Luke and Beverly Bobroske for joining me at the CABE Board of Directors Meeting on September 15;
- Teacher of the Year Ceremony, November 3, at CCSU, Welte Auditorium; 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., formal invitation to follow;
- NASBE Annual Convention – will report back to the Board in November;
- CABE Convention, November 19-20, at the Mystic Marriott. A formal invitation to follow. All Board members are invited to attend the convention, in particular, the session “Dialogue with Board” on Friday, November 19, at 10:30 a.m.

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

- Development of Kindergarten entrance legislation for Legislative and Bylaws Committee (See below).

Priority 2: Academic Achievement, Achievement Gaps

- September 27 Partnership Planning Summit with all Partnership Leadership Teams

Priority 3: Secondary School Reform

- Conference call on NCEE Board Examination Consortium Project
- Participation in NESSC Regional Conference Webinar
- Implementation of the Connecticut Plan

Other Initiatives

Sheff Comprehensive Management Plan

- Legislative and Planning meetings with *Sheff* Plaintiffs
- Planning meetings with Hartford Area Superintendents *Sheff* Work Group
- Joint meetings with combined RSCO/*Sheff* Office
- Preparation of new *Sheff* legislative proposals for Open Choice, Innovation Schools, transportation

Operations/ Subcommittee Work

- Regular meetings with Cabinet and Administrative Council
- Ad Hoc Committee for Finance: Presentation on Regionalism, Core Values
- Communication and Distribution of Jobs Fund Education Grants
- Meetings with Board of Education on Municipal Finance and MBR
- Preparation of 2011-2012 Legislative Package with J. Widness
- State Board Retreat, September 17, 2010

Statewide Meetings/Presentations

- Speaker at New Britain Literacy Project with Annie Casey, Graustein Foundation, and Center for School Change
- P-20 Council Presentation on Partnership Management Structure
- Meetings with Windham community leaders on financial risks and leadership challenges facing the Windham Public Schools
- Annual CAFE fall meeting with members of SBE
- Meeting with Representative Bartlett on School Governance Councils and implementation plans for 2011
- Annual meeting with Connecticut Association of Urban Superintendents (CAUS)

Conference Presentations

- Presenter: Career and Technical Education Fall Conference
- Presenter: CAS Principal Mentoring Program
- Speaker: CAS/CAPSS Back-to-School Convocation
- Speaker: RESC Alliance Technology Conference

IX.A. 2011-2013 Capital Budget Request

Ms. Finneran moved, Mrs. Luke seconded, that the Board approves the Capital Budget Request for Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

IX.B. 2011-2013 Budget Reduction & Expansion Options

Chief Financial Officer, Brian Mahoney, Finance and Internal Operations, presented the report to the Board. Discussion followed.

X. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Hopkins-Staten removed item X.B., Receipt of *The Condition of Education in Connecticut*, from the consent agenda.

Mrs. Luke moved, Mrs. Bobroske seconded, that the Board approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: X.A., Approval of Western Connecticut State University Educator Preparation Program and X.C., Application for Funds: Hartford Foundation.

X.A. Approval of Western Connecticut State University Educator Preparation Program

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, amends the September 2, 2009, resolution concerning continuing full program approval at Western Connecticut State University to correct the approval period to reflect the state-approved five-year cycle as follows:

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, 2009, through September 30, 2014, for the Connecticut purpose of certifying graduates from Western Connecticut State University in the following areas:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Program Level</u>	<u>Program Type</u>
Elementary Education	K-6	Initial	Undergraduate
Secondary Education:			
Biology	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate
Chemistry	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate
Earth Science	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate
English	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate
History	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate
Mathematics	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate
Social Science	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate
Spanish	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate
Music Education	K-12	Initial	Undergraduate
Health Education	K-12	Initial	Undergraduate
School Counseling	K-12	Advanced	Graduate
Intermediate Administrator	PK-12	Advanced	Graduate
Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Program:			
Mathematics	7-12	Initial	Graduate
Biology	7-12	Initial	Graduate
Spanish	7-12	Initial	Graduate

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

X.C. Application for Funds: Hartford Foundation

RESOLVED, That, the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-95 of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving grant application as recommended by the Connecticut Technical High School Committee at its meeting on September 8, 2010, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

- **Ad Hoc Committee on Funding for Public School Choice** – Mr. Taylor reported that the full committee is meeting regularly. The next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2010.
- **Ad Hoc Committee on Accountability** – Commissioner McQuillan stated that the Committee is scheduled to meet on November 1, 2010.

By unanimous consent, the Board recessed its meeting at 3:35 p.m. to go into executive session to discuss Proposed Job Goals for the Commissioner of Education and State Board of Education Self-evaluation. Present in Executive Session were: Mr. Taylor, Ms. Finneran, Mrs. Bobroske, Mrs. Luke, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten and Dr. Voss. Also present for part of executive session were Ms. Mehta, Mr. Campbell and Commissioner McQuillan. Commissioner Meotti, Dr. Farrell, Mr. Fritz, Mrs. Sisco, Mrs. Partridge West were absent.

The meeting reconvened at 4:40 p.m. Present were: Mr. Taylor, Ms. Finneran, Mrs. Bobroske, Mrs. Luke, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten and Dr. Voss. Commissioner Meotti, Dr. Farrell, Mr. Fritz, Mrs. Sisco, Mrs. Partridge West, Ms. Mehta and Mr. Campbell were absent.

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Prepared by: _____
Mark K. McQuillan, Secretary