

DRAFT – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Connecticut State Board of Education
Connecticut Technical High School Committee
Minutes of Meeting Held on
October 19, 2011

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the Connecticut Technical High School Committee (the "Committee") met on October 19, 2011, at Henry Abbott Technical High School, Danbury, CT.

Committee Members Present:	Joseph J. Vrabely, Jr., Chair Theresa Hopkins-Staten Patricia Keavney-Maruca
State Department of Education	Patricia A. Ciccone, Superintendent Nivea Torres, Assistant Superintendent Robert Lombardi, Assistant Superintendent James Chasse, CTHSS Consultant Vincent Diana, CTHSS Consultant
Abbott Technical High School	Jerry Salese, Principal Brandon Hanna, Student Heather Beardsley, Student

I. Chairperson Vrabely called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. Executive Session – None

III. Consideration of Minutes of September 21, 2011 CTHS Committee Meeting

Mrs. Keavney-Maruca moved, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten seconded, that the Committee approves the minutes of the September 21, 2011 Connecticut Technical High School Committee meeting.

Vote:	In Favor:	Vrabely, Keavney-Maruca, Hopkins-Staten
	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	0

Motion carried.

IV. Public Participation

V. Consent Agenda – None

VI. Items Requiring Action

a) Biennial Summary Report 2008-09 and 2009-10

As requested at the last CT Committee meeting, Mr. Diana, Data Unit Coordinator, CTHSS, updated the report and included information on the Strategic School Profile for SY 2009-10; Goodwin Technical High School's recruitment plans and student capacity; and the renovation project for J.M. Wright Technical High School slated to begin July 2012. Mrs. Keavney-Maruca moved, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten seconded, that the Committee approves the Biennial Summary Report 2008-09 and 2009-19.

Vote:	In Favor:	Vrabely, Keavney-Maruca, Hopkins-Staten
	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	0

Motion carried.

VII. Items for Discussion

VIII. Report of the Superintendent

a) J. M. Wright Technical High School

Superintendent Ciccone stated that J.M. Wright Technical High School is slated to reopen in 2014. The hiring of administrators and staff would be necessary by SY 2012-13 to begin recruitment process and other preparations. She also spoke about the condition of the school, funds needed for repairs to the building, the addition of a second security guard, snow removal and the possibility of boarding up the school prior to renovating. She touched on other issues of concern: how to increase enrollment and a history of sending schools not traditionally supporting J. M. Wright.

Some committee members expressed their wish to renovate existing schools in need of repair where students are already attending instead of moving an empty building forward first. The CT Committee voted to bring this issue to the State Board of Education in November.

b) CTHSS Task Force

Superintendent Ciccone said that the CTHSS Taskforce is planning the next 3 meetings scheduled for November 10, December 1 and December 13. People should consult the CT Tech website for Taskforce updates.

IX. Other Matters - None

X. Public Participation - None

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.