

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Legislation and Bylaws Committee

August 3, 2011
State Office Building
Hartford, CT

MINUTES APPROVED
October 5, 2011

Members Present

Theresa Hopkins-Staten, Ferdinand Risco, Jr., Terry Jones, Simon Brewer and Joshua Friedman.

Staff Present

George Coleman, Pamela Charland, Matthew Venhorst, Jessica Andrews and Janice Dinnall.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Approval of June 1, 2011, Meeting Minutes

The June 1, 2011, meeting minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Ferdinand Risco, Jr., seconded by Terry Jones.

Approval of June 30, 2011, Meeting Minutes

The June 30, 2011, meeting minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Ferdinand Risco, Jr., seconded by Terry Jones.

2011 Legislation Implementation Chart

Jessica Andrews provided the Committee with a copy of the 2011 Legislation Implementation chart. She explained that the purpose of the chart is to assign administrative responsibility for the 2011 legislation that has been enacted to date. She gave a brief summary of two sections

that will require specific action by the State Board of Education. The two sections are Section 9 of Public Act 11-35 and Section 232-269 of Public Act 11-48.

Reports Due to the CT General Assembly

Ms. Andrews outlined Public Act 11-150 which requires each state agency to review and compile a list of existing federal and state statutory reporting requirement and to issue recommendations. The report is due by January 1, 2012, to the CT General Assembly.

2011 Legislative Taskforce's Membership, Charge and Reporting Deadlines

Ms. Andrews distributed the 2011 Legislative Taskforce information table. Ms. Andrews informed the Committee that the 2011 Taskforce information delineates the membership, charge, staffing and reporting deadlines for the Taskforces and Councils approved this past legislative session.

Other Matters

Commissioner Coleman spoke about the alleged cheating on state tests in the Waterbury school district. To Committee was given a resolution for their approval to propose statutory revisions that would grant direct authority to the Department to remove staff pending investigation and to also recoup costs incurred as a result of testing improprieties.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.