

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Legislation and Bylaws Committee

November 2, 2011  
Legislative Office Building, Room 2600  
Hartford, CT

**Minutes Approved**  
**January 18, 2011**

**Members Present**

Ferdinand Risco, Terry Jones, Ellen Camhi, Simon Brewer and Joshua Friedman.

**Staff Present**

Daniel Murphy, Laura Anastasio, Jessica Andrews Walsh and Janice Dinnall.

**Others Present**

Jacqueline Rabe, The Connecticut Mirror.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m.

**Approval of October 5, 2011, Meeting Minutes**

The October 5, 2011, meeting minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Ellen Camhi, seconded by Terry Jones.

Mr. Risco thanked Ms. Hopkins-Staten for asking him to chair in her absence.

**Update on State and Federal Reports**

Jessica Andrews Walsh distributed a packet outlining all federal and state reports that the Commissioner needs to review and make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding

potential consolidation or elimination of reports. In all there are 27 federal reports and 40 state reports.

### **Racial Imbalance Overview**

Dan Murphy provided a brief history of the racial imbalance law. He explained that it would require substantive thought and research to determine whether the current statute works in today's world.

Laura Anastasio provided some legislative history. Mr. Murphy further explained that racial imbalance options are limited not to statute but to Supreme Court case law. Ms. Anastasio expressed that she would further explore the history of the legislation and its effectiveness and report back to the Committee.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m. on a motion by Ellen Camhi, seconded by Terry Jones.