

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford**

Policy Development Committee

Janet M. Finneran, Chair
Lynne S. Farrell
Patricia B. Luke

**Minutes of February 9, 2011, Committee Meeting
(approved June 13, 2011)**

I. Call to Order

Chairwoman Janet Finneran called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m. Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of State, the meeting was held in Room 305 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT. Present were Janet Finneran, Lynne Farrell (arrived at 2:27 p.m.) and Patricia Luke. Also present were Acting Commissioner George Coleman; Associate Commissioners Barbara Beaudin, Marion Martinez and Charlene Russell-Tucker; Education Consultant William Howe; and Assistant to the Commissioner Pamela Charland.

II. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mrs. Luke, seconded by Ms. Finneran, the committee approved the Minutes of the September 1, 2010, Policy Development Committee Meeting. Dr. Farrell was absent.

III. Discussion of Draft Position Statement on Culturally Responsive Education

Committee members expressed their satisfaction with the content of the revised draft statement. Discussion about the sequence of the paragraphs took place, as did the importance of treating culturally responsive education as an integral part of all learning – not as a “stand alone” subject. Committee members agreed to present the draft statement to the full Board for discussion at the March 1 State Board of Education meeting.

IV. Work Plan through June 2011

Committee members discussed the statements listed under the heading “to be scheduled” and recommended that the statements be presented for consideration in the following order: Students with Special Needs; Equal Educational Opportunity; Time; Principles of Education; Educational Leadership; Elementary, Middle and Secondary Education; Language Arts; and Distance Learning. Committee members told staff members that this schedule is flexible.

V. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Prepared by Pamela V. Charland

