

Connecticut State Board of Education
Connecticut Technical High School Committee
Minutes of Meeting Held on
March 21, 2012

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the Connecticut Technical High School Committee (the "Committee") met on March 21, 2012, at the Connecticut Technical High School System, Middletown, CT.

Committee Members Present:	Joseph J. Vrabely, Jr., Chair Ellen Camhi – arrived at 10:13
State Department of Education	Patricia A. Ciccone, Superintendent Robert Lombardi, Assistant Superintendent James Chasse, CTHSS Consultant Barbara Mazzona John Murphy Raymond Mencio Beatrice Tinty Pamela Charland
State Vocational Federation of Teachers	Greg Beyer

I. Chairperson Vrabely called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

II. Executive Session

The Committee moved into executive session at 10:07 a.m. for the purpose of updating the Committee on matters involving personnel.

Present at executive session were Committee members: Chairperson Vrabely and Ms. Camhi. Also present was Superintendent Ciccone. Ms. Camhi joined executive session at 10:13 a.m.

The Committee reconvened in public session at 10:40 a.m. Present were Mr. Vrabely, Ms. Camhi and Superintendent Ciccone.

III. Consideration of Minutes of February 15, 2012 CTHS Committee Meeting

Due to the absence of 3 committee members, Chairman Vrabely tabled the vote of the consideration of the February 15, 2012 minutes to the April 18, 2012 meeting.

IV. Public Participation - None

V. Consent Agenda - None

VI. Items Requiring Action - None

VII. Items for Discussion

- Admissions – Cut Scores – moved to the April 18, 2012 meeting
- Bullying and Harassment Policies – moved to the April 18, 2012 meeting

- Manufacturing Progress

Mr. Murphy presented the CTHSS Precision Manufacturing Technology Report. The purpose of the report is to communicate the latest efforts and activities initiated by the CTHSS in response to the current and emerging needs of the manufacturing industry across Connecticut. Topics included in the report: implication and benefits of the National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS); building and strengthening partnerships; enrollment and program expansion; the need for qualified teachers; the philosophy and program goals.

The Chair highlighted State of Connecticut concerns for manufacturing. Workforce pipeline still lagging and the need for a state department thought process on purchasing used vs. new equipment.

- Adult and Targeted Programs

LPN Program – many students are not able to pay the tuition and some cannot pass clinical, therefore not making the grade. The salary is not enough to attract nursing professionals. While, there is no recruitment trouble, we are trying to increase the numbers as much as possible. The LPN Program falls under the Nursing Board of Exams. CTHSS has been asked to report to them every 3 months on how things are going.

VIII. Report of the Superintendent

- CTHSS Fiscal Executive Summary

Mr. Chasse gave the committee members a brief update on the operating budget; personnel services; fuel and utility savings; priorities the district will address with the savings and a bond fund update. He stated that this is the first year the CTHSS's budget is not aligned with the State Department of Education. The fiscal executive summary is on file at central office.

VIII. Other Matters

X. Public Participation – None.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.