

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford

March 7, 2012, Meeting
Minutes
(approved 4.4.12)

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the State Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") met on Wednesday, March 7, 2012. The meeting was held at the State Office Building, Room 307A, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Present: Allan Taylor, Chairperson
Simon Brewer
Ellen Camhi
Joshua Friedman
Charles Jaskiewicz
Terry Jones
Patricia Keavney-Maruca
Estela López
Patricia Luke
Ferdinand Risco
Joseph Vrabely
Stephen Wright

Absent: Theresa Hopkins-Staten
Michael Meotti, Ex-Officio Designee

II. Public Participation

None

III. Executive Session

The Board did not meet in Executive Session.

IV. Consideration of Minutes of February 10, 2012, State Board of Education Meeting

Mrs. Luke moved, Dr. López seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the February 10, 2012, State Board of Education Meeting, with technical corrections.

VOTE ON MOTION:	In Favor:	Taylor, Camhi, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Keavney-Maruca, López, Luke, Risco, Vrabely, Wright
	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	0
	Absent:	Hopkins-Staten

Motion carried unanimously.

V. Report of the Chair

Chairman Taylor reported the following:

Commissioner Pryor's Confirmation

On February 28, 2012, the Senate, by a unanimous vote, confirmed Commissioner Pryor as the Commissioner of Education.

Educator of the Year Award

Mr. Taylor extended congratulations to Commissioner Pryor who has been selected as the "Educator of the Year" by the Turkish Cultural Center. The Commissioner will be recognized tomorrow evening at the 2012 Friendship Dinner at the Marriott Hartford Downtown, sponsored by the Cultural Center and the Peace Islands Institute. The theme of the event is "Poverty, Hunger and Obesity." The keynote speaker is Dr. Kelly Brownell of Yale University Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity. Other distinguished guests include Congressman Chris Murphy, Governor Malloy, Senator Steve Cassano, and Quinnipiac University President John Lahey.

Governor Malloy's Education Reform Tour

Board members are welcome to attend any of the Governor's Education Reform Tour sessions. This past week, Governor Malloy held a forum in Hartford and another in West Hartford. Additional forums are being scheduled across the state to discuss his education reform proposals. The Governor will be joined by Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman and Commissioner Stefan Pryor.

Hearings on Charter School Renewal Applications

Hearings have been scheduled to review the renewal applications of seven charter schools. Mr. Taylor thanked those Board members who have volunteered to chair the hearings to consider the renewal of the following applications: Amistad Academy; Elm City Charter School; Achievement First Bridgeport; Jumoke Academy; Stamford Academy; Trailblazers Academy; and Bridge Academy.

VI. Report of the Commissioner

Commissioner Stefan Pryor reported that staff members have been available to legislators throughout the legislative session. Meetings held to date include a February 21 meeting of the Appropriations and Education Committees; a meeting of the Education Committee on February 22; a subcommittee meeting of the Appropriations Committee and Education Committee meeting on February 28, and an Education Committee meeting on March 5.

VII. Consent Agenda

Dr. López removed from the Consent Agenda item VII.E., Approval of Licensure of a program in Criminal Justice, leading to the Associate of Science (AS) degree, to be offered on ground and online, Post University, and recused herself from voting on this matter.

Mr. Taylor noted item VII.K., Amendment to the National Association of State Directors of Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement Concerning Out-of-state Alternate Route to Certification Program, will be considered at the April 4, 2012, Board Meeting.

Ms. Luke removed from the Consent Agenda item VII.L., Receipt of Fall Hiring Report (Designation of Certification Shortage Areas).

Mr. Taylor removed from the Consent Agenda item VII.M., Adoption of Elementary Education Tests: Praxis II Elementary Education: Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects; and Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching, Grades K-6.

Mr. Jaskiewicz moved, Ms. Luke seconded, that the Board Approve the Consent Agenda, including items VII.A., VII.B., VII.C., VII.D., VII.F., VII.G., VII.H., VII.I., and VII.J.

A. Approval of Accreditation of a program in Occupational Therapy Assistant, leading to an Associate of Science (A.S.) degree, Goodwin College

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, accredit a program in Occupational Therapy Assistant, leading to an Associate of Science (A.S.) degree, to be offered by Goodwin College, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

B. Approval of Reaccreditation of the Institution, Rensselaer at Hartford

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11- 48 Section 244, accept the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges assessment and grant accreditation to Rensselaer at Hartford until March 31, 2017. It is also recommended that the Board require Rensselaer to submit a copy of the progress report due to the Commission by April 1, 2013 as well as a copy of the self-study scheduled for 2015- 2016 to the Office of Financial and Academic Affairs for Higher Education.

C. Approval of Accreditation of a program in Health Science, leading to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, Sacred Heart University

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, accredit a program in Health Science, leading to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, offered by Sacred Heart University.

VII. Consent Agenda (continued)

D. Approval to modify program in Emergency Management; Criminal Justice; Management of Sports Industries, Fire Science; and Labor Relations, leading to the Master of Science (M.S.) degree, to be offered online, University of New Haven

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, accept the modification of programs in Emergency Management; Criminal Justice; Management of Sports Industries; Fire Science; and Labor Relations, leading to the Master of Science (M.S.) degree, to be offered online by the University of New Haven, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

F. Approval of Licensure of a Radiologic Technology program, leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, to be offered online, St. Vincent's College

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Radiologic Studies, leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, to be offered online by St. Vincent's College, for a period of two years until March 31, 2014.

G. Approval of Licensure of a program in Global Media and Communication Studies, leading to the Master of Arts (M.A.) degree, to be offered on ground and online, University of Bridgeport

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Global Media and Communication Studies, leading to a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree, to be offered on ground and online by the University of Bridgeport, for a period of two years until March 31, 2014.

H. Approval of Accreditation of a program in Education, leading to the Master of Science (M.S.) in Education degree, Albertus Magnus College

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, accredit a program in Education, leading to the Master of Science (M.S.) in Education degree, to be offered at Albertus Magnus College, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

I. Approval of Licensure and Accreditation of a program in Instructional Technology and Digital Media Literacy, leading to a Sixth Year Certificate, to be offered online, University of New Haven

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license and accredit a program in Instructional Technology & Digital Media Literacy, leading to a Sixth Year Certificate, to be offered online by the University of New Haven, for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

VII. Consent Agenda (Continued)

J. Approval of Adult Education State Plan

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to its role as the state education agency (SEA) for Connecticut, approves the revised Connecticut State Plan for Adult Education and Family Literacy, Title II of the Workforce Investment Act for fiscal year 2012 (July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013) and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE ON	In Favor:	Taylor, Camhi, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Keavney-Maruca, López,
MOTIONS:		Luke, Risco, Vrabely, Wright
	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	0
	Absent:	Hopkins-Staten

Motions carried unanimously.

VII.E., Approval of Licensure of a program in Criminal Justice, leading to the Associate of Science (AS) degree, to be offered on ground and online, Post University

Mrs. Luke moved, Mr. Jaskiewicz seconded, that the Board, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Criminal Justice, leading to the Associate of Science (A.S.) degree, to be offered on ground and online by Post University, for a period of two years until March 31, 2014.

VOTE ON	In Favor:	Taylor, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Keavney-Maruca, Luke, Risco,
MOTION:		Vrabely, Wright
	Opposed:	Camhi
	Absent:	Hopkins-Staten
	Abstained:	López

Motion carried.

VII.L., Receipt of Fall Hiring Report (Designation of Certification Shortage Areas)

Mrs. Luke moved, Mr. Risco seconded, that the Board approves the Designation of Certification Shortage Areas, 2012-13 (Fall Hiring Report), and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE ON	In Favor:	Taylor, Camhi, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Keavney-Maruca, López,
MOTION:		Luke, Risco, Vrabely, Wright
	Opposed:	0
	Absent:	Hopkins-Staten
	Abstained:	0

Motion carried unanimously.

**VII.M., Adoption of Elementary Education Tests: Praxis II Elementary Education:
Multiple Subjects; and Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching, Grades K-6**

Mrs. Luke moved, Mrs. Keavney-Maruca seconded, that the Board, pursuant to Subsection (b) of Section 10-145f of the Connecticut General Statutes, adopts the Praxis II Elementary Education Multiple Subject Test (5031) and Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching (0622) tests, effective September 1, 2012, for individuals seeking certification in Elementary Education Grades K-6, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE ON MOTION:	In Favor:	Taylor, Camhi, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Keavney-Maruca, López, Luke, Risco, Vrabely, Wright
	Opposed:	0
	Absent:	Hopkins-Staten
	Abstained:	0

Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Connecticut Technical High School Matters (CTHSS)

A. Report of the Superintendent - Superintendent Ciccone did not give a report.

B. Reauthorization of Trades in the Tourism, Hospitality, and Guest Services Management Cluster

Dr. López moved, Mr. Jaskiewicz seconded, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-95i(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the following trades for the periods indicated:

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| • Culinary | from January 2012 to January 2017 |
| • Baking | from January 2012 to January 2017 |
| • Tourism, Hospitality and Guest Services Management | from January 2012 to January 2017 |
| • Fashion Merchandising and Entrepreneurship | from January 2012 to January 2017 |
| • Hairdressing/Barbering | from January 2012 to January 2017 |
| • Marketing, Management and Entrepreneurship | from January 2012 to January 2017 |

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE ON MOTION:	In Favor:	Taylor, Camhi, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Keavney-Maruca, López, Luke, Risco, Vrabely, Wright
	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	0
	Absent:	Hopkins-Staten

Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Items for Discussion

Although no items were placed on the printed agenda under “Items for Discussion,” Commissioner Pryor updated the Board on the 2012 legislative proposals. He noted that the legislative process has been very consultative and collaborative. The Commissioner noted that he and key staff members have been asked for their input throughout the process and that he has given testimony at public hearings.

X. Items Requiring Action

A. Establishment of and Charge to Educator Preparation Advisory Council

Mr. Wright moved, Dr. López seconded, that the State Board of Education authorizes the Commissioner of Education, working with the President of the Board of Regents for Higher Education (or their designees), to take necessary action to establish the Educator Preparation Advisory Council (EPAC) to advise the State Board of Education in developing a system for the approval, quality, regulation, oversight, and accreditation of Connecticut educator preparation programs—including but not limited to performance in the classroom as determined by indicators such as teacher evaluations and student achievement data; program graduates’ retention, turnover, and dismissal rates in their schools; new graduates’ preparation for work in high-need districts; the effectiveness of the preparation programs’ recruitment efforts among top tier university students; and structured feedback from school districts on the readiness and effectiveness of preparation program graduates— with the intention of:

- better preparing teachers and school leaders;
- ensuring educator preparation programs are well-aligned with the needs of Connecticut’s schools and districts;
- recommending reforms to the state’s educator certification regulations so that state policies align with an outcome-based system of accreditation and oversight;
- establishing rigorous standards for acceptance into teacher and administrator preparation programs; and
- meeting objectives articulated in the materials presented to the State Board of Education.

The Council will meet over the next year as determined by the Co-Chairs and Council. The Council will provide updates to the P-20 Council once per quarter throughout the year they meet in an informational capacity. The Co-Chairs of the Council will present the overall recommendations to the State Board of Education for consideration and further action by April 2013.

VOTE ON	In Favor:	Taylor, Camhi, Jaskiewicz, Jones, Keavney-Maruca, López,
MOTION:		Luke, Risco, Vrabely, Wright
	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	0
	Absent:	Hopkins-Staten

Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Financial Matters. No report was given.

XII. Committee Reports

A. Finance, Audit and Department Matters

Mrs. Luke reported that the Finance, Audit and Department Matters committee is scheduled to meet on March 14, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

B. Legislation and Bylaws

Mr. Risco reported that the Legislation and Bylaws committee met this morning to discuss the Department reorganization and how it impacts changes to regulations. The committee agreed that the necessary revision to the Regulations and to the Board's Bylaws would be made upon the reorganization being completed. Mr. Risco suggested that the Board examine its Bylaws and discuss them at their annual retreat.

C. Policy Development

Dr. López noted that the committee is meeting today.

D. CTHSS

Mr. Vrabely noted that the current CTHSS committee continues to meet monthly to conduct business. He stated that Governor Malloy and Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman joined Commissioner Pryor on a tour of Windham Technical High School last week.

E. NASBE

Mr. Taylor stated that he, Stephen Wright and Ferdinand Risco will attend the NASBE Legislative Conference and Board meeting in March 2012.

F. Ad Hoc Committee on Accountability

Commissioner reported that the Alliance District structure will have new requirements and will influence the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on Accountability in the future.

Chairman Taylor adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Stefan Pryor, Secretary

