

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford**

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Minutes of Meeting

September 5, 2012

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the State Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") met on Wednesday, September 5, 2012, at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1D, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:52 a.m.

Present: Allan Taylor, Chair
Theresa Hopkins-Staten
Charles Jaskiewicz*
Patricia Luke
Rebecca Salustri
Joseph Vrabely
Stephen Wright

Absent: Ellen Camhi
Andreea Dinicu
Terry Jones
Patricia Keavney-Maruca
Estela López
Ferdinand Risco
Michael Meotti, Ex-Officio Designee

II. Public Participation

- 1) Barbara Zuras, a member of the Sheff Movement Coalition, spoke to the Board about the importance of preschool as part of the state's efforts to provide quality integrated education options, and urged the Board to focus on what is best for Connecticut's most disadvantaged students. A copy of Ms. Zuras' prepared remarks included in the official file of this meeting.
- 2) Sean P. O'Connell, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs at Albertus Magnus College, stated that he was accompanied by Saylor Heidmann, Director, Education Programs and Joan Venditto, Coordinator for the AMC AAP Program for Reading and Language Arts Certification, in support of continued approval of educator preparation programs at Albertus Magnus. He summarized the college's efforts and success toward remedying those NCATE standards that the visiting team identified as "not met," and offered additional documentation to show the progress made.

- 3) Merrill Gay, parent representative on the Steering Committee and Treasurer for the Connecticut Coalition for Justice in Education Funding (CCJEF), spoke on behalf of CCJEF in regard to the Petition for Declaratory Ruling pertaining to whether school districts should be held liable for tuition to interdistrict magnet school programs for preschool students enrolled in out-of-district programs. A copy of Mr. Gay's prepared remarks is contained in the official file of this meeting.
- 4) Hyacinth Yennie, Hartford resident, expressed concerns about the impact that testing has on the education of students. She noted that students need a core education in order to be well rounded. She also noted that the preschool program offerings should be expanded.
- 5) Martin Edgar, former substitute teacher at Vinal Technical High School, expressed his concerns about not being invited back to substitute teach at that school, and encouraged the Board to include teachers, parents, students and principals on the new governing board for the Connecticut Technical High School System.

*Mr. Jaskiewicz arrived at 10:10 a.m.

III. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Luke removed item III.F., Continuing Program Approval, University of Bridgeport, from the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Hopkins-Staten removed from the Consent Agenda items III.B., Continuing Program Approval: Mitchell College; III.C., Continuing Program Approval: University of St. Joseph; and III.D., Continuing Program Approval: University of New Haven.

Mr. Vrabely moved, Mr. Jaskiewicz seconded, that the Board approve the following Consent Agenda items: III.A., Continuing Program Approval: Connecticut College (substitute resolution); and III.E., Reappointments of Special Education Hearing Officers.

III.A. Continuing Program Approval: Connecticut College

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(g)(1)(A) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants full continuing program approval for the period September 30, 2012, through September 30, 2017, subject to an interim report regarding the implementation and impact of Educator Preparation Advisory Council recommendations submitted in accordance with the timeline approved by the State Board of Education in a future meeting, for the purpose of certifying graduates from Connecticut College in the following areas:

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(g)(1)(A) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants full continuing program approval for the period September 30, 2012, through September 30, 2017, subject to an interim report regarding the implementation and impact of Educator Preparation Advisory Council recommendations submitted in accordance with the timeline approved by the State Board of Education in a future meeting, for the purpose of certifying graduates from Mitchell College in the following area:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Program Level</u>	<u>Program Type</u>
Early Childhood Education	N-K; 1-3	Initial	Undergraduate

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

III.C. Continuing Program Approval: University of St. Joseph

Mrs. Luke moved, Mr. Vrabely seconded, that the State Board of Education adopt the following substitute resolution:

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(g)(1)(A) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants full continuing program approval for the period September 30, 2012, through September 30, 2017, subject to an interim report due during 2014 that addresses progress relative to the identified areas for improvement and an interim report regarding the implementation and impact of Educator Preparation Advisory Council recommendations submitted in accordance with the timeline approved by the State Board of Education in a future meeting , for the purpose of certifying graduates from the University of Saint Joseph in the following areas:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Program Level</u>	<u>Program Type</u>
Early Childhood	N-3	Initial	Graduate
Elementary Education	K-6	Initial	Undergraduate/graduate
Secondary Areas:			
English	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate/graduate
History/Social	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate/graduate
Studies	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate/graduate
Mathematics	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate/graduate
Biology	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate/graduate
Chemistry	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate/graduate
General Science	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate/graduate
French	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate/graduate
Italian	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate/graduate
Latin	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate/graduate
Spanish			
Home Economics	PK-12	Initial	Graduate
Special Education	K-12	Initial	Undergraduate/graduate
School Counselor	PK-12	Advanced	Graduate

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

Discussion ensued. By unanimous consent, the Board postponed taking action on this item until the afternoon session, in order to review additional information.

III.D. Continuing Program Approval: University of New Haven

Mrs. Luke moved, Mr. Jaskiewicz seconded, that the State Board of Education adopt the following substitute resolution:

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(g)(1)(A) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants full continuing program approval for the period September 30, 2012, through September 30, 2017, subject to an interim report during spring 2013 that addresses continued progress relative to standard 2 and all identified areas for improvement and an interim report regarding the implementation and impact of Educator Preparation Advisory Council recommendations submitted in accordance with the timeline approved by the State Board of Education in a future meeting, for the purpose of certifying graduates from the University of New Haven in the following areas:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Program Level</u>	<u>Program Type</u>
Elementary Education	K-6	Initial	Graduate
Secondary Areas:			
Business	7-12	Initial	Graduate
English	7-12	Initial	Graduate
History/Social Studies	7-12	Initial	Graduate
Mathematics	7-12	Initial	Graduate
Biology	7-12	Initial	Graduate
Chemistry	7-12	Initial	Graduate
Earth Science	7-12	Initial	Graduate
General Science	7-12	Initial	Graduate
Physics	7-12	Initial	Graduate
French	7-12	Initial	Graduate
Spanish	7-12	Initial	Graduate
Music	PK-12	Initial	Graduate

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

Discussion ensued. By unanimous consent, the Board postponed taking action on this item until the afternoon session, in order to review additional documentation.

III.F. Continuing Program Approval: University of Bridgeport

Mrs. Hopkins-Staten moved, Mr. Vrabely seconded, that the State Board of Education adopt the following substitute resolution:

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(g)(1)(A) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants full continuing program approval for the period September 30, 2012, through September 30, 2017, subject to an interim report regarding the implementation and impact of Educator Preparation Advisory Council recommendations submitted in accordance with the timeline approved by the State Board of Education in a future meeting, for the purpose of certifying graduates from the University of Bridgeport in the following areas:

Program	Grade Level	Program Level	Program Type
Elementary Education	K-6	Initial	Graduate
Middle Level Areas:			
English	4-8	Initial	Graduate
History and Social Studies	4-8	Initial	Graduate
Mathematics	4-8	Initial	Graduate
Science	4-8	Initial	Graduate
Secondary Areas:			
English	7-12	Initial	Graduate
History and Social Studies	7-12	Initial	Graduate
Mathematics	7-12	Initial	Graduate
Biology	7-12	Initial	Graduate
Chemistry	7-12	Initial	Graduate
Earth Science	7-12	Initial	Graduate
General Science	7-12	Initial	Graduate
Physics	7-12	Initial	Graduate
Music	PK-12	Initial	Graduate
Remedial Reading/Language Arts	1-12	Initial	Graduate
Reading/Language Arts Consultant	PK-12	Advanced	Graduate
Intermediate Administration or Supervision	PK-12	Advanced	Graduate

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Hopkins-Staten, the Board voted unanimously to consider agenda item X.A., Albertus Magnus College: Continuing Approval of Initial and Advanced Continuing Education Programs and Alternate Route to Certification—Literacy Specialist, at this time.

X.A. Albertus Magnus College: Continuing Approval of Initial and Advanced Continuing Education Programs and Alternate Route to Certification—Literacy Specialist

Mr. Jaskiewicz moved, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten seconded, that the State Board of Education adopt the following substitute resolution:

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(g)(1)(B) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants provisional approval for the period September 30, 2012, through September 30, 2013, with an interim site visit scheduled during spring 2013, and an interim report regarding the implementation and impact of Educator Preparation Advisory Council recommendations submitted in accordance with the timeline approved by the State Board of Education in a future meeting for the purpose of certifying graduates from Albertus Magnus College in the following areas:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Program Level</u>	<u>Program Type</u>
Secondary Areas:			
Business	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate
English	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate
History and Social Studies	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate
Mathematics	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate
Biology	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate
Chemistry	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate
General Science	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate
Spanish	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate
Middle Level Areas:			
English	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate
History and Social Studies	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate
Mathematics	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate
General Science	7-12	Initial	Undergraduate
Art	PK-12	Initial	Undergraduate
Alternate Route to Certification:			
Remedial Reading/ Remedial Language Arts	1-12	Advanced	Non-Credit Bearing

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Executive Session

The Board did not meet in executive session.

V.A. Consideration of Minutes of the August 9, 2012, Special Meeting

Mr. Jaskiewicz moved, Mr. Wright seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the August 9, 2012, Special Meeting of the State Board of Education.

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

Motion carried.

V.B. Consideration of Minutes of the August 15, 2012, Retreat

Mr. Jaskiewicz moved, Mrs. Luke seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the August 15, 2012, Retreat of the State Board of Education.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

By unanimous consent, the Board considered agenda item X.B., Petition for Declaratory Ruling: Region 10, et al., at this time.

X.B. Petition for Declaratory Ruling: Region 10, et al.

Mrs. Luke moved, Mr. Jaskiewicz seconded, that the Board, pursuant to Section 4-176 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Section 10-4-11 et seq. of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, adopts the proposed Final Decision and Order in the Petition for Declaratory Ruling filed by Regional School District No. 10, et al. and authorizes the Commissioner to take necessary action.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Report of the Chair

Chairman Taylor reported the following:

He attended the NESCC Council Meeting, on August 29, in Portsmouth, NH. The participants discussed Smarter Balanced Assessments, proficiency-based learning, and implications for state work plans.

The American Diploma Project Network (ADP) Leadership Team Meeting will be held September 13-14, 2012, in Alexandria, VA. Mr. Taylor will attend this meeting which will engage participants around the college- and career-ready policy agenda, with a focus on coherence and alignment. The two-day session provides a forum for state sharing, peer networking and access to resource experts on cutting edge issues, as well as the opportunity to develop a shared understanding of action steps to further implement and sustain the college- and career-ready policy agenda.

The National Association of State Boards of Education will hold its annual conference October 10-13 in Chicago, IL. The conference, titled "The Future is Now...What's Next?" will focus on evidence-based policymaking and innovation. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Wright will attend.

The Board discussed at its recent retreat the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to Review SBE Committee Structure. The board liaison is gathering information from other states for review by the Board. Upon receipt, Mr. Taylor will contact members regarding assistance in reviewing this information and shaping a proposal for our committee structure to be more effective in providing leadership.

VII. Report of the Commissioner

Commissioner Pryor reported on the following:

Status of Alliance Districts: All thirty districts submitted their plans for review by the August 15, 2012, deadline. The Department has provided technical assistance to the early applicants via an iterative process. The Department sought outside counsel from several professionals, including former commissioners of education, superintendents, etc. Districts are making revisions in response to some issues that were identified (e.g., insufficient information, insufficient focus, supplanting funds, design of initiatives), and we are hopeful that these revisions will result in approval of the plans by the end of September or early October. Final plans must be approved by each district's local board of education in order to receive funding. Commissioner Pryor summarized the contents of three district plans that have been reviewed and are being revised in response to feedback: Ansonia, Windsor Locks, and Naugatuck. He noted that districts are matching the funding invested by the state. He stated that uniformly-applied conditions are placed upon districts prior to plan approval (i.e., redesign process for lowest performing schools; implementation of district-wide teacher and administrator evaluation; linkage of professional development process to evaluation; and strategic planning).

Biennial Budget Planning Process: All state agencies have begun the process and have submitted their current services and capital biennial budget proposals to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) by the August 31, 2012, deadline. Commissioner Pryor noted that he has requested that Patricia Luke, Chair of the Finance, Audit and Department Matters Committee, place this matter on the September 13, 2012, committee meeting agenda for further discussion. In addition to what has already been submitted to OPM, the Committee will also explore potential expansion and reduction options for possible discussion at the October 3, 2012, State Board of Education meeting. The preliminary budget expansions are due to OPM by October 1, 2012, and all biennial budget requests are due by October 26, 2012. Commissioner Pryor stated that he will give periodic updates on the budget process.

VIII. Connecticut Technical High School Matters

Superintendent of Schools Patricia Ciccone reporting the following:

Measures taken over the summer months to increase security in and around Bullard Havens Technical High School include security cameras and video surveillance, new locks and rekeying, metal detectors and wands, continuation of SRO's from the state police. Parents and students are responding positively and gratefully to the increased security measures.

Opening enrollment in the Connecticut Technical High Schools was 10,907 as of yesterday morning. Today we have fluctuated to 10,854. We are watching that as there is an added impact of students whose sending districts will not transfer all year with the new 6,000.00 statutory cap. She noted that the official census count will be announced at the Board meeting after the October 1 census date.

The CTHSS won a National Network of Partnership Schools, affiliated with Johns Hopkins University, for its parent engagement initiative. The district was honored for developing its leadership on partnerships and guiding schools to develop goal-oriented programs of school, family and community partnerships. Three of the CTHSS schools, Emmett O'Brien in Ansonia, Norwich Tech in Norwich and Oliver Wolcott in Torrington will have their best practices published in this year's National Network of Partnership Schools' Promising Partnership Practices 2012 book.

IX. Items for Discussion

There were no items for discussion.

X. Items Requiring Action (continued)

X.C. A Report of School Readiness Need and the Costs to Serve all Three- and Four-Year-Old Children in 19 Priority School Districts

Mrs. Luke moved, Mr. Vrabely seconded, that the Board, pursuant to Section 10-4(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes, receives A Report of School Readiness Need and the Costs to Serve All 3- and 4-Year-Old Children in 19 Priority School Districts and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Financial Matters

XI.A. End of Year Financial Report

Brian Mahoney, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Fiscal Year 2012 End of Year Financial Report.

The Board recessed its meeting at 1:00 p.m., and reconvened in public session at 1:55 p.m. Present were Mrs. Hopkins-Staten, Mr. Jaskiewicz, Mrs. Luke, Miss Salustri, Chairman Taylor, Mr. Vrabely, and Mr. Wright. Mrs. Camhi, Miss Dinicu, Dr. López, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Keavney-Maruca, Mr. Risco and Mr. Meotti were absent.

The Board resumed its consideration of agenda items III.C. and III.D. at this time. After further discussion of these items, the Board voted on each substitute resolution.

III.C. Continuing Program Approval: University of St. Joseph (continued)

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

Motion carried unanimously.

III.D. Continuing Program Approval: University of New Haven (continued)

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

Motion carried unanimously.

XII. Committee Reports

A. Finance, Audit and Department Matters

Mrs. Luke reported that the committee will meet on September 13, 2012, at the State Office Building, at 3:30 p.m.

B. Legislation and Bylaws

Mrs. Hopkins-Staten reported that the committee will meet in October.

C. Policy Development

No report was given.

D. Connecticut Technical High Schools

No report was given.

E. NASBE

Mr. Taylor noted that NASBE-related information was contained in the Report of the Chair.

F. Ad Hoc Committee on Accountability

No report was given.

Chairman Taylor adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Stefan Pryor, Secretary