

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford

Draft Minutes
of the
December 5, 2012, Meeting

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the State Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") met on Wednesday, December 5, 2012, in Room 1D of the Legislative Office Building, Hartford, Connecticut.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m.

Present: Allan Taylor, Chair
Theresa Hopkins-Staton
Andreea Dinicu
Terry Jones
Patricia Keavney-Maruca
Estela López
Patricia Luke
Rebecca Salustri
Robert Trefry, ex officio
Joseph Vrabely
Stephen Wright

Absent: Charles Jaskiewicz
Ferdinand Risco

II. Public Participation

- 1) Edward W. Malin, Ph.D., Associate Dean, Isabelle Farrington College of Education, Sacred Heart University, spoke in support of agenda item VIII.B., Reconciliation of NCATE and State Program Approval Cycle – Educator Preparation Programs at Sacred Heart University. Dr. Malin's prepared remarks are included in the official file of this meeting.
- 2) Milly Arciniegas, Hartford Public School System parent and volunteer, noted the importance of educating parents on the Common Core Standards and preparing parents for the anticipated outcomes of implementing the Common Core.
- 3) Michael Galluzzo, retired school administrator, spoke in support of the general concepts of the teacher and administrator evaluation programs that were developed by PEAC. He noted the importance of substantially expanding and supporting professional development for teachers. Mr. Galluzzo's prepared remarks are included in the official file of this meeting.

- 4) Cheryl Martone, U.S. Concerned Parents, expressed concerns about expulsion procedures in public schools and school system's being responsive to parents' concerns.

III. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Luke moved, Mr. Vrabely seconded, that the Board approve the following Consent Agenda items: III.A., Approval of Accreditation of a program in Global Studies, leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree, Albertus Magnus College; III.B., Approval of Accreditation of a program in Pharmacy, leading to a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree, University of Saint Joseph; III.C., Approval of Reaccreditation of the University, University of Hartford; III.D., Approval of Licensure of a program in Art Management, leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree, Albertus Magnus College; and III.E., Approval of Licensure of a program in Communication Studies, leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree, to be offered on-ground and online, Sacred Heart University.

A. Approval of Accreditation of a program in Global Studies, leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree, Albertus Magnus College

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, accredit a program in Global Studies, leading to a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree, to be offered by Albertus Magnus College for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

B. Approval of Accreditation of a program in Pharmacy, leading to a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree, University of Saint Joseph

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, accredit a program in Pharmacy, leading to a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree, to be offered by the University of Saint Joseph for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

C. Approval of Reaccreditation of the University, University of Hartford

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, accept the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) assessment and grant accreditation to the University of Hartford for a period of five years, until December 31, 2017, and that the Board require the University to submit to the Office of Higher Education a copy of the fifth year interim report due to NEASC in the fall of 2016.

D. Approval of Licensure of a program in Art Management, leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree, Albertus Magnus College

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Art Management, leading to a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree, to be offered by Albertus Magnus College for a period of three years, until December 31, 2015.

E. Approval of Licensure of a program in Communication Studies, leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree, to be offered on-ground and online, Sacred Heart University

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Communication Studies, leading to a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree, to be offered on ground and online by Sacred Heart University for a period of three years, until December 31, 2015.

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

Motions carried unanimously.

IV. Executive Session

The Board did not meet in executive session.

V. Consideration of Minutes of the November 7, 2012, State Board of Education Meeting

Mrs. Luke moved, Mr. Vrabely seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the November 7, 2012, State Board of Education meeting.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Report of the Chair

Chairperson Taylor reported on the following:

1. The Board was well-represented at the Teacher of the Year Ceremony. Student member Andreea Dinicu spoke about the significant impact a quality, caring teacher has on students' lives;

2. On November 16, 2012, several members of the Board served on a panel at the CABE/CAPSS Convention. Questions were asked by local school board members and superintendents about the education reform efforts and the timeframe within which they occur;
3. On November 30, Theresa Hopkins-Staten and Mr. Taylor met with Richard Laine, director of education for the National Governor's Association, and representatives of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, to discuss best state practices in connection with college and career-ready standards;
4. The P-20 Council met on November 30, 2012;
5. EPAC met on December 3, 2012, and is scheduled to meet again on December 18, 2012. From now through March 2013, the group plans to meet twice a month;
6. On December 8, 2012, a reception in honor of the 2012 state finalists for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science will be held in the atrium at the Legislative Office Building. Mr. Taylor, Patricia Keavney-Maruca and Steve Wright will attend; and
7. Board members are invited to attend the 2012 Black and Hispanic/Latino Male Statewide Forum at CCSU on December 14, 2012, from 8:30 to 2:00 p.m.

VII. Report of the Commissioner

Commissioner Pryor welcomed to the Department Dr. Dianna Roberge-Wentzell, Chief Academic Officer; Debra Kurshan, Chief Turnaround Officer; and Kelly Donnelly, Director of Communications and Community Partnerships. He reported on the budget rescissions, and noted that every effort has been made to minimize the impact on schools by focusing cuts to the degree feasible on accounts that had carryover funds or projected surpluses.

Commissioner Pryor noted that in accordance with Connecticut's ESEA waiver, the first segment of schools' categorizations has been rolled out, which identifies categories of low performing schools and schools of distinction. He informed the board that the agency is working on posting this information on the Department's website and that he will report to the Board on the School Performance Index in the new year.

Commissioner Pryor noted that with the arrival of Debra Kurshan, Chief Turnaround Officer, the Department is soliciting new charter school applicants. One incentive to apply is the statutory increase in the per pupil allocation to \$11,500 over the next three years. The Department will request letters of interest, followed by providing notice of a request for proposals. A focal area for some new charters will be schools that are designed to serve the needs of English language learners.

Commissioner Pryor announced that three districts were selected to receive financial support from the National Center for Time and Learning, which will enable these districts to extend learning time by approximately 300 hours per year – by extending the school day, week, and/or year. Three districts

have been identified to participate in this inaugural year: Meriden, East Hartford and New London. More districts may be identified in future years.

Commissioner Pryor summarized the initiatives (e.g., extended time, K-3 literacy, parental and community involvement, Common Core Standards implementation, talent development, accountability initiatives, pre-K, and full-day K) taking place in the 30 Alliance Districts. All first-year Alliance District applications have been approved by the Connecticut State Department of Education.

VIII. Items Requiring Action

A. Hamden Racial Imbalance Plan

Mrs. Luke moved, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten seconded, that the Board, pursuant to Section 10-226d of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the Hamden Board of Education's "2012 Plan to Address Racial Imbalance" submitted by the Hamden Board of Education and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Reconciliation of NCATE and State Program Approval Cycle – Educator Preparation Programs at Sacred Heart University

Dr. López moved, Mrs. Keavney-Maruca seconded, that the Board, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(g)(1)(A) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, extends full continuing program approval to September 30, 2015, to reconcile state program approval with the NCATE accreditation, contingent on Sacred Heart University (SHU) fulfilling specific requirements by September 30, 2013, for the purpose of certifying graduates from SHU in the following areas:

| <u>Program</u> | <u>Grade Level</u> | <u>Program Level</u> | <u>Program Type</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Elementary Education | K - 6 | Initial | Undergraduate/graduate |
| Secondary Grades | | | |
| English | 7 - 12 | Initial | Undergraduate/graduate |
| History/Social Studies | 7 - 12 | Initial | Undergraduate/graduate |
| Mathematics | 7 - 12 | Initial | Undergraduate/graduate |
| General Science | 7 - 12 | Initial | Undergraduate/graduate |
| Biology | 7 - 12 | Initial | Undergraduate/graduate |

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| <u>Program</u> | <u>Grade Level</u> | <u>Program Level</u> | <u>Program Type</u> |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Spanish | 7 - 12 | Initial | Undergraduate/graduate |
| Business | 7 - 12 | Initial | Graduate |
| Intermediate Administration and Supervision | PK - 12 | Advanced | Graduate |
| Remedial Reading/Language Arts | 1 - 12 | Advanced | Graduate |

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Retirement – Superintendent of the Technical High School System

Mrs. Keavney-Maruca moved, Dr. Lopez seconded, that the Board, pursuant to its Bylaws, accepts with regret the retirement of Patricia A. Ciccone as Superintendent of the Connecticut Technical High School System, effective the close of business on December 31, 2012, and wishes her continued success in her future endeavors.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Items for Discussion

A. Implementation of Common Core Standards

Dr. Dianna Roberge-Wentzell, Chief Academic Officer, made a Power Point presentation, highlighting the Common Core State Standards Strategic Plan. A copy of this document is contained in the official file of this meeting. Discussion ensued.

B. Representation on Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee

Mr. Adam Goldfarb, Chief of Staff, presented a list of proposed organizations to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee. He invited Board members to submit any additional recommendations to the Office of Board Matters, and noted that the Policy Development Committee will be involved throughout the development of the Board's next strategic plan.

X. Financial Matters

Mr. Brian Mahoney, Chief Financial Officer, summarized Governor Malloy's November 28, 2012, Budget Rescissions and their impact on the State Department of Education.

XI. Committee Reports

A. Finance, Audit and Department Matters

Mrs. Luke stated that the committee is in the process of scheduling a meeting on December 12, 2012, and is continuing its efforts to fill the Director of Internal Audit position.

B. Legislation and Bylaws

Mrs. Hopkins-Staten reported that the committee received an update on the PA 12-116 Implementation Chart and other 2012 legislative compliance matters, noting that most responsibilities have been completed and others are in progress. Mrs. Hopkins-Staten requested that Myra Jones-Taylor be invited to update the committee on new requirements pertaining to early childhood education. She requested additional information about Public Act 12-88, regarding children in seclusion. Mrs. Hopkins-Staten invited Board members to review the existing bylaws and to share any recommendations for changes with Pamela Charland.

C. Policy Development

Dr. López noted that the Committee will meet this afternoon to discuss the Comprehensive Plan process.

D. Connecticut Technical High School System Board

Mr. Trefry noted that the THSS Board held a retreat on November 26, 2012. Agenda items included an orientation session by Robert Rader and Patrice McCarthy of CAFE, a presentation by Patricia Ciccone, Superintendent of the Technical High School System (THSS); a presentation by Leah Grenier of the Office of Policy and Management on the THSS Task Force Recommendations; a

presentation by Patrick Flaherty, an economist with the Department of Labor; and a presentation by Catherine Smith, Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development, on the

economic plan for Connecticut. Mr. Trefry stated that the board discussed the establishment of three ad hoc committees to facilitate its work, and discussed the development of its strategic plan. The next meeting of the THSS Board is scheduled for December 19, 2012.

E. NASBE

Mr. Taylor noted that the conclusion of his term as Past President of NASBE is approaching. He encouraged the Connecticut State Board of Education to take advantage of what NASBE offers to state boards of education. Mr. Wright stated that the Governmental Affairs Committee has regular conference calls, and recently discussed sequestration and its impact on education. He added that both Bridgeport and Hartford are still under consideration for Race to the Top funds from the U.S. Department of Education.

F. Ad Hoc Committee on Accountability

No report.

Chairman Taylor adjourned the meeting at 12:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Stefan Pryor, Secretary