

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford**

**Minutes
of the
January 9, 2013, Meeting**

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the State Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") met on Wednesday, January 9, 2013, in Room 307 of the State Office Building, Hartford, Connecticut.

I. Call to Order

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

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

Absent: Ferdinand Risco
Rebecca Salustri

II. Public Participation

1. Bonnie Molloy, PhD, CRNA, APRN, expressed her concerns about the lack of qualifications of an anesthesiologist assistant in comparison to a CRNA and an anesthesiologist, and requested that the Board vote to reject Quinnipiac University's application for licensure of an anesthesiologist assistant program. A copy of Dr. Molloy's prepared remarks is contained in the official file of this meeting.
2. Mary Jane Williams, RN, PhD, chair of the Government Relations Committee and Professor Emeritus at Central Connecticut State University, urged the Board to consider the implications of anesthesia assistants providing anesthesia in a variety of settings, and urged the Board to recommend that the legislated process be adhered to prior to beginning any such program. A copy of Dr. Williams' prepared remarks is contained in the official file of this meeting.

*Ms. Keavney-Maruca arrived at 9:51 a.m.

3. Octavio Goncalves, MS, APRN, CRNA, expressed his concerns regarding the proposed anesthesiologist assistant program at Quinnipiac University (i.e., no plan in place to ensure that the proposed program's preceptors will be prepared to appropriately mentor the students). He urged the Board to reject the request to start the program in its current form. A copy of Mr. Goncalves' prepared remarks is contained in the official file of this meeting.
4. Pauleen Consebido, MS, CRNA, APRN, and President of the Connecticut Association of Nurse Anesthetists (CANA), expressed reasons for CANA's opposition to Quinnipiac University's application for licensure of an anesthesiologist assistant program, and urged the Board to either reject or table this item to allow additional time to gather appropriate information. A copy of Ms. Consebido's prepared remarks is contained in the official file of this meeting.
5. Ellen Monforte, CRNA, APRN, MS, and staff CRNA at Yale New Haven Hospital and Hartford Hospital, expressed her concerns about the lack of a clinical requirement prior to the entry of the proposed anesthesiologist assistant program at Quinnipiac University, and urged the Board to reject the request to start this program. A copy of Ms. Monforte's prepared remarks is contained in the official file of this meeting.
6. Dr. Laura L. Ardizzone, a CRNA educator, expressed her concerns about the proposed anesthesiologist assistant program at Quinnipiac University and the lack of prior healthcare education or experience before students enroll in the anesthesiologist assistant program, noting that there is no comparison between CRNA's and anesthesiologist assistants. She urged the Board to reject the application. A copy of Dr. Ardizzone's prepared remarks is contained in the official file of this meeting.
7. Dr. Howard Odom, private practice anesthesiologist in Atlanta, Georgia, and chair of the ASA Committee on Anesthesiologist Assistant Education and Practice, noted that the American Society of Anesthesiologists is a committed supporter of anesthesiologist assistant education and practice. Dr. Odom urged the Board to support the Quinnipiac anesthesiologist assistant program to help meet the demand across the country. A copy of Dr. Odom's prepared remarks is contained in the official file of this meeting.

By unanimous consent, the Board considered agenda item IX. A. at this time.

IX. Items for Discussion

A. Presentation of the National FFA Food Science Team

Mr. William Davenport, Director of the Ellis Clark Regional Agriscience and Technology Program at Nonnewaug High School, introduced four students who attended the program: Molly Korowotny, Abby Ray, Summer Churchill, and Courtney Nastri. The students described their experiences in the program and how the program prepared them for college. All four students participated in the 2012 National FFA Convention, and placed first in the nation.

III. Consent Agenda

Mr. Jaskiewicz moved, Mr. Wright seconded, that the Board approve the following Consent Agenda items: III.A., Approval of Licensure of a program in Professional Counseling, leading to a Post-Baccalaureate Graduate Certificate, to be offered online, Post University; III.B., Approval of Licensure of a program in Public Administration, leading to a Master of Public Administration degree, Fairfield University; III.C., Approval of Accreditation of a program in Health Science, leading to a Bachelor of Science degree, University of Bridgeport; III.D., Approval of Accreditation of a program in Physician Assistant, leading to a Master of Science degree, University of Bridgeport; III.E., Approval of Licensure of a program in American Maritime Studies, offered at Mystic Seaport in Mystic, CT; and III.F., Technical High School System Biennial Report.

A. Approval of Licensure of a program in Professional Counseling, leading to a Post-Baccalaureate Graduate Certificate, to be offered online, Post University

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Professional Counseling, leading to a post-baccalaureate graduate certificate, to be offered online by Post University for a one-year period, until January 31, 2014.

B. Approval of Licensure of a program in Public Administration, leading to a Master of Public Administration degree, Fairfield University

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Public Administration, leading to a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree, to be offered by Fairfield University for a period of three years, until January 31, 2016.

C. Approval of Accreditation of a program in Health Science, leading to a Bachelor of Science University of Bridgeport

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, accredit a program in Health Sciences, leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, to be offered by the University of Bridgeport for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

D. Approval of Accreditation of a program in Physician Assistant, leading to a Master of Science degree, University of Bridgeport

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

E. Approval of Licensure of a program in American Maritime Studies, offered at Mystic Seaport in Mystic, CT

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in American Maritime Studies, leading to undergraduate credit only, to be offered by Williams College for a period of five years until February 28, 2018.

F. Technical High School System Biennial Report

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-95k of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the Biennial Summary Report for 2010-11 and 2011-12 as recommended by the Connecticut Technical High School System Board, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

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

Motions carried unanimously.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:45 a.m., and reconvened in public session at 1:20 p.m.

IV. Executive Session (to be considered later in the meeting)

V. Consideration of Minutes of the December 5, 2012, Meeting and December 20, 2012, Special Meeting

Mrs. Luke moved, Dr. López seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the December 5, 2012, meeting and December 20, 2012, special meeting.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Report of the Chair

Chairperson Taylor reported that he and Stephen Wright will attend the Common Core Policy Forum in Arlington, Virginia, sponsored by the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). Following the forum, Mr. Wright will attend the NASBE Governmental Affairs Committee meeting and Mr. Taylor will attend the Study Group on Learners and Learning.

On a motion by Mr. Jaskiewicz, seconded by Dr. López, the Board voted unanimously to move into executive session at 2:04 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters: VIII.C., Resignation, Chief Talent Officer; VIII.D., Appointment, Interim Chief Talent Officer, and VIII.E. Appointment, Director of Internal Audit.

IV. Executive Session

Present in executive session were Board Members Allan Taylor, Chair; Theresa Hopkins-Staten, Andreea Dinicu, Terry Jones, Patricia Keavney-Maruca, Estela López, Patricia Luke, Robert Trefry, ex officio, Joseph Vrabely and Stephen Wright. Also present for all or part of executive session were Commissioner Pryor. The Board discussed the personnel matters cited on the agenda (VIII.C., VIII.D., and VIII.E.)

On a motion by Mrs. Keavney-Maruca, seconded by Mr. Jaskiewicz, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn executive session and reconvene in public session at 2:13 p.m.

VII. Report of the Commissioner

Commissioner Pryor reported that he would like to convene a special meeting of the Board prior to the February State Board of Education meeting, for the purpose of discussing legislation.

Commissioner Pryor provided an update to the Board on Newtown, noting that he has worked collaboratively with Superintendent Janet Robinson and commended her for her leadership. Sandy Hook Elementary School students returned to their new school in Monroe; the transition was smooth and attendance was very good. Commissioner Pryor thanked several individuals in the State Department of Education, including Scott Newgass, Charlene Russell-Tucker, Kelly Donnelly, Gary Pescosolido, Collin Moore, Adam Goldfarb, Kim Traverso, and Stephanie Knutson, as well as AFT representatives Randi Weingarten, President, American Federation of Teachers; Melodie Peters, President of AFT-CT; and Thomas Kuroski, President, Newtown Federation of Teachers.

Commissioner Pryor stated that the State Department of Education recently participated in a forum on school safety and security, sponsored by CAPSS, CAFE and CASBO, where more than 1,000 participants heard presentations by local and national experts in that field.

Governor Malloy formed the Sandy Hook Advisory Commission, a 16-member group to be chaired by Hamden Mayor Scott D. Jackson. Patricia Keavney-Maruca has been appointed to serve on this group. Mr. Pryor noted that the Department will be called upon to work with the Commission.

Commissioner Pryor asked Chief Turnaround Officer Debra Kurshan to report on letters of interest received from prospective charter school operators. Ms. Kurshan reported that the Department has received 24 letters of interest, representing a wide array of themes. Should funding become available, a request for proposals will be issued to create a “pipeline” for new charter schools.

On a motion by Mrs. Luke, seconded by Mrs. Keavney-Maruca, the Board voted unanimously to consider agenda item VIII.A. at this time.

VIII. Items Requiring Action

A. Approval of Licensure of a program in Anesthesiologist Assistant, leading to a Master of Health Science degree, Quinnipiac University

Mrs. Luke moved, Mrs. Keavney-Maruca seconded, that the Board, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Anesthesiology Assistant, leading to a Master of Health Science (M.H.S.) degree to be offered by Quinnipiac University for a period of two years, until January 31, 2015.

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

Motion carried.

B. Appointments to Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee

Mrs. Luke moved, Mr. Jaskiewicz seconded, that the Board, pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 10-4 of the Connecticut General Statutes, establishes a Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee to be comprised of a representative of each of the following organizations:

1. Achieve Hartford
2. American Federation of Teachers (AFT-CT)
3. Center for Latino Progress
4. The Conference of Churches
5. Connecticut Administrators of Programs for English Language Learners
6. Connecticut Alliance of Regional Educational Service Centers
7. Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE)
8. Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS)
9. Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS)
10. Connecticut Association of School Business Officials (CASBO)
11. Connecticut Board of Regents for Higher Education

12. Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA)
13. Connecticut Coalition for Achievement Now
14. Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges
15. Connecticut Council of Administrators of Special Education
16. Connecticut Council for Education Reform
17. Connecticut Department of Children and Families
18. Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development
19. Connecticut Department of Labor
20. Connecticut Department of Social Services
21. Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance
22. Connecticut Early Childhood Education Cabinet
23. Connecticut Education Association (CEA)
24. Connecticut Federation of School Administrators
25. Connecticut Office of Policy and Management
26. Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center (CPAC)
27. Connecticut Parent Teacher Association
28. Connecticut Parents Union
29. Connecticut Technical High School System Board
30. Excel Bridgeport
31. Metro Hartford Alliance
32. NAACP Connecticut State Conference
33. Northeast Charter Schools Network
34. State Student Advisory Council on Education (SSACE)
35. Students for Education Reform – Connecticut
36. Teach for America – Connecticut
37. University of Connecticut

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

Mr. Jaskiewicz moved, Mrs. Luke seconded, that the resolution be amended by including on the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee a representative of the Connecticut Association of School Business Officials.

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

Amendment carried unanimously.

E. Appointment, Director of Internal Audit

Mrs. Luke moved, Mr. Jaskiewicz seconded, that the Board, pursuant to Section 10-3a of the Connecticut General Statutes and Article IV of its Bylaws, approves the appointment of Gloria McCree, Director, Office of Internal Audit, effective January 18, 2013, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Items for Discussion

A. Presentation on the National FFA Food Science Team

This was considered earlier in the meeting.

B. Commissioner's Network Schools

Debra Kurshan presented the report to the Board. Discussion ensued.

X. Financial Matters

Chief Financial Officer Brian Mahoney reported on budget rescissions (\$8.5 million) and mitigations (\$11.5 million). He noted that the Office of Policy and Management has directed the Department to find additional savings totaling \$570,000, of which \$493,000 will be directed at the Technical High School System.

XI. Committee Reports

A. Finance, Audit and Department Matters

Mrs. Luke commended Brian Mahoney and Karen Kowalski for their assistance during the search for the Director of the Office of Internal Audit. She also thanked former Director of the Office of Internal Audit, Raymond Inzero, for his assistance in the search, and Richard LeMay for serving as the Interim Director of the Office.

B. Legislation and Bylaws

Mrs. Hopkins-Staten stated that the committee met this morning, and agreed that an ad hoc committee to review the Board's bylaws should be formed.

C. Policy Development

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

D. Technical High School System Board

Mr. Trefry stated that he is very pleased with the appointment of Dr. Torres as the Interim Superintendent and reported that the committee as a whole, along with the Commissioner or his designee, will conduct the search process for the permanent superintendent. He noted that the ad hoc committee chairs met last week to develop charges to the committees around hiring practices, how we connect with stakeholders, and budget issues.

E. NASBE

Chairman Taylor covered NASBE updates under the Report of the Chair.

Chairman Taylor adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Stefan Pryor, Secretary