

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford**

**Minutes
of the
January 23, 2013, Special Meeting**

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the State Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") met on Wednesday, January 23, 2013, in Room 307 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

Present: Allan Taylor, Chair
Theresa Hopkins-Staton
Terry Jones
Ellen Camhi
Charles Jaskiewicz (via telephone)*
Patricia Keavney-Maruca
Estela López
Robert Trefry, ex officio
Joseph Vrabely

Absent: Andreea Dinicu, student member
Patricia Luke
Ferdinand Risco
Rebecca Salustri, student member
Stephen Wright

II. Consent Agenda

Mr. Taylor removed from the consent agenda item II.B., Waiver of 180-day Requirement, Sandy Hook Elementary School, Newtown.

Dr. López moved, Mr. Vrabely seconded, that the Board approve the following Consent Agenda item: II.A., Appointment to the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee.

A. Appointment to the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 10-4 of the Connecticut General Statutes, appoints a representative of the Department of Correction to the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee established on January 9, 2013, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

[*Mr. Jaskiewicz phoned in at 9:54 a.m.]

B. Waiver of 180-day Requirement: Sandy Hook Elementary School, Newtown

Dr. López moved, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten seconded, that the Board, pursuant to Public Act 12-1 Section 45, December Special Session, authorizes the shortening of the school year for Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, for the school year ending June 30, 2013, and directs the Commissioner to take necessary action.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Pryor and the Board thanked Superintendent of Schools Janet Robinson for her leadership and commitment to the families, staff members and Newtown community during trying times.

III. Legislative Proposals

Mrs. Hopkins-Staten moved, Dr. López seconded, that the Board adopts the 2013 Supplemental Legislative Proposals, with edits to clarify the timelines pertaining to the transition from currently administered statewide assessments to the Smarter Balanced assessments, under the proposal titled, “Changes to Assessment Statutes to Enable Smarter Balanced Assessments,” and non-substantive edits to the proposal titled, “SERC Governance,” and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

Commissioner Pryor stated that Marianne Kirner, Executive Director of SERC, was very involved in the development of this proposal and, although unable to attend today’s meeting, wanted to state for the record her support of the SERC governing board representing the racial and cultural make-up of Connecticut’s student population, and her hope that the SERC board represent multiple perspectives, including education.

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

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

IV. Adjourn

By unanimous consent, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Stefan Pryor, Secretary