

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Hartford**

**Minutes  
of the  
February 6, 2013, Meeting**

(approved March 6, 2013)

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the State Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") met on Wednesday, February 6, 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 9:55 a.m.

Present: Allan Taylor, Chair  
Ellen Camhi  
Charles Jaskiewicz  
Patricia Keavney-Maruca  
Estela López  
Patricia Luke  
Rebecca Salustri  
Robert Trefry, ex officio  
Joseph Vrabely  
Stephen Wright

Absent: Andreea Dinicu  
Terry Jones  
Ferdinand Risco  
Theresa Hopkins-Staten

**II. Public Participation**

Nobody from the public signed up to address the Board.

**III. Consent Agenda**

Mr. Jaskiewicz moved, Mr. Wright seconded, that the Board approve the following Consent Agenda items: III.A. Approval of Summer Food Services State Plan; III.B. Approval of Ad Hoc Committee to Review State Board of Education Bylaws; and III.C., Newtown Waiver (added to the agenda).

**A. Approval of Summer Food Services State Plan**

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 13 of the National School Lunch Act of 1946, as amended by P.L. 108-265, P.L. 110-246, P.L. 111-80 and reauthorized on December 13, 2010, under the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, P.L. 111-296, approves the State Plan for Fiscal Year 2013 - Summer Food Service Program for Children, for submission to the United States Department of Agriculture, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

**B. Ad Hoc Committee to Review State Board of Education Bylaws**

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education establishes an Ad Hoc Committee to review the State Board of Education's Bylaws and make recommendations to the full Board for revisions thereto, and appoints the following members to serve on the ad hoc committee:

1. Theresa Hopkins-Staten;
2. Estela Lopez; and
3. Allan Taylor.

**C. Newtown Waiver**

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to section 45 of PA 12-1, December Special Session, authorizes the shortening of the school year for all district schools in Newtown, Connecticut, for the school year ending June 30, 2013, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

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

Motions carried unanimously.

**IV. Executive Session**

The Board did not meet in Executive Session.

**V. Consideration of Minutes of the January 9, 2013, State Board of Education Meeting and January 23, 2013, Special Meeting**

Mr. Jaskiewicz moved, Mrs. Camhi seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the January 9, 2013, meeting.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jaskiewicz moved, Mr. Vrabely seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the January 23, 2013, Special Meeting.

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

Motion carried.

## **VI. Report of the Chair**

Mr. Taylor reported the following:

- Mr. Jones attended the Student Health Advisory Meeting earlier this week, and will provide the Board with an update at the March State Board of Education Meeting.
- Miss Dinicu and Miss Salustri are scheduled for their confirmation hearings (February 7 and February 14) before the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee.
- Mr. Trefry and Mr. Vrabely will attend the Statewide Forum on Advanced Manufacturing tomorrow at Kaynor Technical High School.
- Mrs. Hopkins-Staten will serve as a panelist at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education Forum in Florida in early March. Mrs. Hopkins-Staten served as the chair of a NASBE committee that prepared the report, "Gearing Up: Creating a Systemic Approach to Teacher Effectiveness," and will summarize the recommendations set forth by the committee in its report. Representatives from the NEA, CCSSO, and AFT will also speak about their recent or forthcoming reports.
- Mr. Wright and Mr. Taylor attended a session on the Common Core Standards, sponsored by the National Association of State Boards of Education.

## **VII. Report of the Commissioner**

Commissioner Pryor reported on the following:

Per the Board's action today, the Newtown Public School System has been authorized to shorten the 2012-13 school year for all Newtown public schools, in accordance with section 45 of Public Act 12-1. Mr. Pryor informed the Board of the Sandy Hook Angel Project, and distributed ribbons in memory of the students and staff members of Sandy Hook. He commended the Department's legislative liaison, Sarah Hemingway, for her involvement in this project.

The Commission on Children, under the direction of Elaine Zimmerman, in partnership with the State Department of Education, the Department of Economic and Community Development, the State Library, the Public Safety Committee of the Legislature, The Connecticut Forum, and a few youth advisories, has designed a structure and format for students statewide to present their feelings and thoughts about the Newtown incident through various creative forms (art, writing, dance, music, etc.). Commissioner Pryor referenced a letter that he sent to all superintendents describing the process and inviting students to participate. A selection committee will identify several entries to be displayed in the State Capitol, Legislative Office Building and in Newtown. An event highlighting this project will be held in the spring 2013.

Governor Malloy will give his Budget Address at noontime today. Highlights include additional funds to expand the Commissioner's Network and Alliance Districts; additional funding for the Education Cost Sharing (ECS) grant; and the creation of an Office of Early Childhood.

On a motion by Dr. Lopez, seconded by Mrs. Camhi, the Board voted unanimously to consider the agenda item pertaining to educator evaluation at this time.

## **IX. Items for Discussion**

### **A. Update on Educator Evaluation**

Commissioner Pryor and Dr. Sarah Barzee presented the report to the Board. Discussion ensued.

On a motion by Mr. Jaskiewicz, seconded by Dr. Lopez, the Board voted unanimously to place this agenda item under "Items Requiring Action," renumbered VIII.C.

**VIII. Items Requiring Action**

**C. Adoption of Implementation Plan for Statewide Rollout of the Educator Evaluation and Support System in the 2013-14 School Year**

Mrs. Luke moved, Mr. Jaskiewicz seconded, that the State Board of Education, pursuant to sections 51 through 56 of P.A. 12-116, amended by sections 23 and 24 of P.A. 12-2 of the June 12 Special Session, and in consultation with the Performance Evaluation Advisory Council (PEAC), adopts an implementation plan for statewide rollout of the educator evaluation and support system in the 2013-2014 school year as presented to this Board. These provisions shall amend the Connecticut Guidelines for Educator Evaluation for the 2013-2014 school year.

Dr. Lopez noted for the record that she would like to express the expectation that the whole model be fully implemented in 2014-2015.

Mr. Wright moved, Dr. Lopez seconded, that the motion be amended by including a second paragraph, to read as follows:

**RESOLVED**, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to sections 51 through 56 of P.A. 12-116, amended by sections 23 and 24 of P.A. 12-2 of the June 12 Special Session, and in consultation with the Performance Evaluation Advisory Council (PEAC), adopts an implementation plan for statewide rollout of the educator evaluation and support system in the 2013-2014 school year as presented to this Board. These provisions shall amend the Connecticut Guidelines for Educator Evaluation for the 2013-2014 school year; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the State Board of Education supports and joins PEAC in its recommendation that no legislation delaying the implementation timetable be adopted.

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

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

**A. Approval of Plan to Correct Racial Imbalance in the Fairfield Public Schools**

Mrs. Luke moved, Mrs. Keavney-Maruca seconded, that the Board, pursuant to Section 10-226d of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the Fairfield Board of Education’s amendment to its plan to address racial imbalance submitted by the Fairfield Board of Education and directs the Commissioner to take necessary action.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Approval of Plan to Correct Racial Imbalance in the Groton Public Schools**

Mrs. Luke moved, Mr. Jaskiewicz seconded, that the Board, pursuant to Section 10-226d of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the Groton Board of Education's amendment to its plan to address racial imbalance submitted by the Groton Board of Education and directs the Commissioner to take necessary action.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**XI. Committee Reports**

**A. Finance, Audit and Department Matters**

Mrs. Luke stated that Gloria McCree, the new Director of Internal Audit, was off-site today and hoped to introduce her to the Board at the next meeting.

**B. Legislation and Bylaws**

No report was given. In Mrs. Hopkins-Staten's absence, the Committee did not meet today.

**C. Policy Development**

Dr. Lopez noted that the committee will meet this afternoon to continue its discussion of the development of the five-year comprehensive plan for education.

**D. Technical High School System Board**

Mr. Trefry stated that a representative from NEASC will address the Board at its next meeting, and will discuss efforts in the New England area to improve technical education.

**E. NASBE**

Mr. Taylor and Mr. Wright reported on their attendance at the January 2013 Common Core State Standards session, concerns regarding taking exams on a computer and funding for that effort, and the resignation of NASBE's executive director effective March 1, 2013.

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Mr. Taylor noted that this may be Mrs. Luke's last meeting. On behalf of the State Board of Education, Mr. Taylor expressed to Mrs. Luke how much her presence on the Board, wisdom, valuable contributions to developing education policy, and leadership will be missed. Board members concurred and expressed their individual sentiments. Mrs. Luke received a standing ovation for her service to the State Board of Education.

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Chairman Taylor adjourned the meeting at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stefan Pryor, Secretary  
State Board of Education