

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford**

**Draft Minutes
of the
June 26, 2013, Special Meeting**

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the State Board of Education (hereinafter "*Board*") met on Wednesday, June 26, 2013, in Room 307 of the State Office Building, Hartford, Connecticut.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

Present: Allan Taylor, Chair
Andrea Comer
Theresa Hopkins-Statens***
Charles Jaskiewicz
Terry Jones*
Patricia Keavney-Maruca**
Estela López
Robert Trefry, ex officio
Joseph Vrabely
Stephen Wright

Absent: None

II. Public Participation

1. Jane Ciarleglio, Executive Director, Office of Higher Education, expressed her appreciation for the State Board of Education's cooperation and support during the reorganization of higher education for the past year-and-a-half.

III. Consent Agenda

Dr. Lopez moved, Mr. Jaskiewicz seconded, the Board approve the following Consent Agenda Items: III.A., Approval of Licensure of a program in Public Safety and Security, leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, to be offered on ground and online, Goodwin College; III.B., Approval of Licensure of a program in Interactive Communication, leading to a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree, to be offered on ground and online, Post University; III.C., Approval of Licensure of a program in Accounting, leading to a Master of Science (M.S.) degree, Sacred Heart University; III.D., Approval of Licensure of a program in Electromechanical Engineering Technology, leading to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, University of Hartford; III.E., Approval of Accreditation of a program in Biblical Studies, leading to a certificate, St. Thomas Seminary; III.F., Approval of Licensure of an RN to BSN Completion program, leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree, Lincoln College of New England; III.G.,

Approval of Licensure of a program in Chinese Herbology, leading to a Master of Science (M.S.) degree, to be offered on ground and online, University of Bridgeport; III.H., Approval of Licensure of a program in Traditional Chinese Medicine, leading to a Master of Science (M.S.) degree, University of Bridgeport; III.I., Approval of Licensure of a program in Social Work, leading to the Master of Social Work (MSW) degree, University of Saint Joseph; III.J., Approval of Summer Credit Recovery Tuition and Fees: CTHSS; and III.K., Technical Amendment to Regulations: Section 10-76b-3 and 10-76b-4.

A. Approval of Licensure of a program in Public Safety and Security, leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, to be offered on ground and online, Goodwin College

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Public Safety and Security leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, to be offered on ground and online by Goodwin College for a period of two years, until June 30, 2015.

B. Approval of Licensure of a program in Interactive Communication, leading to a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree, to be offered on ground and online, Post University

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Interactive Communication leading to a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree, to be offered on ground and online by Post University for a period of three years, until June 30, 2016.

C. Approval of Licensure of a program in Accounting, leading to a Master of Science (M.S.) degree, Sacred Heart University

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Accounting leading to a Master of Science (M.S.) degree, to be offered by Sacred Heart University for a period of two years, until June 30, 2015.

D. Approval of Licensure of a program in Electromechanical Engineering Technology, leading to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, University of Hartford

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Electromechanical Engineering Technology leading to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, to be offered by the University of Hartford for a period of three years, until June 30, 2016.

E. Approval of Accreditation of a program in Biblical Studies, leading to a certificate, St. Thomas Seminary

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, accredit a program in Biblical Studies leading to a certificate, to be offered by St. Thomas Seminary for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

F. Approval of Licensure of an RN to BSN Completion program, leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree, Lincoln College of New England

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a RN to BSN Completion program leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree, to be offered by Lincoln College of New England for a period of two years, until June 30, 2015.

G. Approval of Licensure of a program in Chinese Herbology, leading to a Master of Science (M.S.) degree, to be offered on ground and online, University of Bridgeport

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Chinese Herbology leading to a Master of Science (M.S.) degree, to be offered on ground and online by the University of Bridgeport for a period of two years, until June 30, 2015.

H. Approval of Licensure of a program in Traditional Chinese Medicine, leading to a Master of Science (M.S.) degree, University of Bridgeport

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Traditional Chinese Medicine leading to a Master of Science (M.S.) degree, to be offered by the University of Bridgeport for a period of two years, until June 30, 2015.

I. Approval of Licensure of a program in Social Work, leading to the Master of Social Work (MSW) degree, University of Saint Joseph

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Social Work leading to the Master of Social Work (MSW) degree, to be offered by the University of Saint Joseph for a period of two years, until June 30, 2015.

J. Approval of Summer Credit Recovery Tuition and Fees: CTHSS

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-95e of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the Proposed Tuition and Fee Schedule for fiscal years 2014 and 2015, as recommended by the Connecticut Technical High School System Board, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

K. Technical Amendment to Regulations: Section 10-76b-3 and 10-76b-4

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education adopts the technical amendment to Section 10-76b-3 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies concerning the provision of special education dated June 26, 2013, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Executive Session

By unanimous consent, the Board moved into Executive Session at 9:45 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters (i.e., agenda items VI.D. and VI.E.). Present for part or all of executive session were Ms. Comer, Mr. Jaskiewicz, Mr. Jones, Dr. Lopez, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Vrabely, Mr. Wright, and Commissioner Pryor.

[*Mr. Jones arrived at 9:55 a.m. during Executive Session.]

The Board adjourned Executive Session and reconvened in Public Session at 10:00 a.m.

V. Consideration of the Minutes of the June 5, 2013, State Board of Education Meeting

Mr. Jaskiewicz moved, Ms. Comer seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the June 5, 2013, State Board of Education Meeting.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

[**Mrs. Keavney-Maruca arrived at 10:02 a.m.]

[***Mrs. Hopkins-Staten arrived at 10:05 a.m.]

VI. Items for Action

D. Acceptance of Retirement, Brian Mahoney

Mr. Jaskiewicz moved, Mr. Vrabely seconded, that the State Board of Education, pursuant to Article IV of its Bylaws, accepts with regret the retirement of Brian Mahoney, Chief Financial Officer, effective the close of business on June 30, 2013, and extends to Mr. Mahoney best wishes for continued success and happiness.

The Commissioner and Board members commended Mr. Mahoney for his work over the course of the past three decades at the Department, and entered into the record the following resolution in honor of Mr. Mahoney:

Whereas, Brian Mahoney has been employed by the State Department of Education since 1982; and

Whereas, He has served as the Chief Financial Officer since 2004; and

Whereas, Throughout his career, Mr. Mahoney has provided expert advice to the State Board of Education, the Commissioner and State Department of Education, and local school districts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education and Commissioner of Education express their gratitude to Mr. Mahoney for his leadership and professional advice for the past 31 years, and wish him much happiness in his retirement.

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

Motions carried unanimously.

E. Appointment, Acting Chief, Division of Finance and Internal Operations

Mrs. Keavney-Maruca moved, Mr. Jaskiewicz seconded, that the State Board of Education, pursuant to Article IV of its Bylaws, appoints Kathleen Demsey as Acting Chief, Division of Finance and Internal Operations, effective July 1, 2013, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

[Commissioner Pryor and Ms. Comer recused themselves from the following matters because of their prior affiliations with charter school organizations.]

A. Renewal of Charter: Achievement First, Hartford

Mrs. Hopkins-Staten moved, Mr. Wright seconded, that the State Board of Education, pursuant to subsection (g) of Section 10-66bb of the Connecticut General Statutes, renews the charter of Achievement First Hartford Academy from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2016, and, subject to available funds for additional seats, grants approval to expand the grade levels to add Grades 10-12 from the 2013-14 through 2015-16 school years.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of Grade Expansion at Jumoke Academy

Mrs. Hopkins-Staten moved, Mr. Wright seconded, that the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-66bb(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, grants approval to expand the grade levels of Jumoke Academy to add Grades 10-12 from the 2013-14 through 2015-16 school years.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Approval of Charter School Enrollments

Dr. López moved, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten seconded, that the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-66bb(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the distribution of 567 additional seats among existing state charter schools for the 2013-14 school year.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

[Chairman Taylor recessed the meeting at 11:15 a.m.]

[The Board reconvened in public session at 11:30 a.m.]

VII. Items for Discussion

There were no items for discussion on the agenda.

VIII. Report of the Chair

Mr. Taylor reported the following:

Student Members: Governor Malloy has appointed Jake Colavolpe, a resident of East Haven and student at the Sound School in New Haven; and Clayton Potter, a resident of New London, and a student at the Science & Technology Magnet High School and New London High School. Jake and Clayton will serve from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014.

NASBE: Mr. Taylor will attend the NASBE 2013 Annual Conference in July with Stephen Wright and Andrea Comer, who will attend the New Board Members' Institute. Members are invited to share comments or questions about the draft NASBE Bylaws or Position Statements. Mr. Taylor will serve as Connecticut's voting delegate, and Mr. Wright will serve as the voting alternate. NASBE has selected a new Executive Director, whose name will be released in the near future.

Next Regular Meeting: The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on July 10, 2013, at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1D. *(Note to reader: This date was changed to July 15, 2013, following the meeting.)*

Fairfield 10-4b Hearing: Mrs. Keavney-Maruca, Mr. Jaskiewicz and Mr. Taylor will serve as the hearing panel in regard to the Fairfield 10-4b Complaint in the Matter of Byrne, et al v. Fairfield Board of Education, on July 17, 2013, at 12:30 p.m., in Room 307, State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

IX. Report of the Commissioner

Commissioner Pryor and Andrew Ferguson, Associate Education Consultant, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the progress of Cohort 1 of the Commissioner's Network. They spoke about early leading indicators which show whether turnaround efforts are on track and achieve the ultimate goal of improved student outcomes. The leading indicators provide prognostic data allowing for midcourse corrections and ongoing progress monitoring. Mr. Ferguson noted that he anticipates giving a report on CMT and CAPT performance of the Network Schools this summer. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is included in the official file of this meeting.

Commissioner Pryor and Andrew Ferguson gave a PowerPoint presentation on the year 2 components of the Alliance Districts. Mr. Ferguson explained the district application process, and reported that 30 districts are involved, representing 451 schools and 214,279 students. He explained district-level reform levers and school-level reform levers and research-based areas that support gains in student achievement and promote dramatic school turnaround. Visit observations will include the areas of operations, human capital, culture and climate, and academics. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is included in the official file of this meeting.

X. Financial Matters

No report was given.

XI. Committee Reports

A. Finance, Audit, and Budget

No report was given.

B. Legislation and Bylaws

No report was given.

C. Academic Standards and Assessment

No report was given.

D. Accountability and Support

No report was given.

E. Legislation and Policy Development

No report was given.

F. Technical High School System (THSS) Board

Mr. Trefry thanked Board members for participating at the graduation ceremonies. He also reported on the following matters: establishing a welding program, in concert with Electric Board, in southeastern Connecticut; the THSS Board heard from three prominent speakers at a recent meeting and engaged in conversations about ways to integrate academics into technology/trade shops; the importance of problem-solving, math, computer and science skills, as well as “soft skills;” an appropriate age for students to select a field of study; and the benefits of “stackable credentials” so that students do not have to repeat work in community colleges. Mr. Trefry noted that RFPs have been issued for the search for a superintendent and strategic planning. He noted that the last meeting of the Board was held at Bristol Tech, and explained the model employed at that facility. Mrs. Keavney-Maruca stated that she was very proud to announce that over \$1.1 million in scholarships were awarded to Prince Tech students.

G. NASBE

Mr. Taylor covered NASBE business under his report earlier in the meeting.

Adjourn

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Stefan Pryor, Secretary