

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford

Minutes
of the
March 5, 2014, State Board of Education Meeting
(approved April 2, 2014)

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the State Board of Education (hereinafter "*Board*") met on Wednesday, March 5, 2014, in Room 307, State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Allan Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Present: Allan Taylor, Chairperson
Theresa Hopkins-Staton, Vice Chairperson
Jake Colavolpe, student member
Andrea Comer
Charles Jaskiewicz
Terry Jones
Estela López
Clayton Potter, student member*
Robert Trefry, ex officio
Joseph Vrabely
Stephen Wright

Absent: Patricia Keavney-Maruca
Gregory Gray, ex officio

II. Public Participation

1. Jane Ciarleglio, Executive Director, Office of Higher Education, urged the Board to support Consent Item III.E., Alternate Route to Certification, and publicly thanked the State Department of Education for their assistance and support.

On a motion by Ms. Comer, seconded by Ms. López, the Board voted unanimously to remove from the consent agenda items: III.A., Approval of Adult Education State Plan; and III.E., Continuing Program Approval – Achievement First Alternate Route to Certification (ARC).

III. Consent Agenda

Mr. Jaskiewicz moved, Mr. Vrabely seconded, that the Board approve the following consent agenda items: III.B., Receipt of Report from Connecticut Advisory Council For Administrator Professional Standards; III.C., Receipt of Report from Connecticut Advisory Council For Teacher Professional Standards; III.D., Revised Standards for the Reissuance of Initial Educator Certificate for Teacher Education and Mentoring (TEAM) Non-Completers; and III.F., Continuing Program Approval – Office of Higher Education Alternate Route to Certification (ARC) I and II.

B. Receipt of Report from Connecticut Advisory Council for Administrator Professional Standards

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education receives the 2013 Annual Report of the Connecticut Advisory Council for School Administrator Professional Standards, submitted in accordance with the requirements of subsection (e) of Section 10-144e of the Connecticut General Statutes, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

C. Receipt of Report from Connecticut Advisory Council for Teacher Professional Standards

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education receives the 2013 Annual Report of the Connecticut Advisory Council for Teacher Professional Standards, submitted in accordance with the requirements of subsection (e) of Section 10-144d of the Connecticut General Statutes, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

D. Revised Standards for the Reissuance of Initial Educator Certificate for Teacher Education and Mentoring (TEAM) Non-Completers

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to subsection (d) of Section 10-145f of the Connecticut General Statutes, establishes the "Standards for the Reissuance of the Initial Educator Certificate for Teacher Education and Mentoring (TEAM) Program Non-Completers," effective upon adoption, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

F. Continuing Program Approval – Office of Higher Education Alternate Route to Certification (ARC) I and II

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(g)(1)(a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants full approval for the Office of Higher Education (OHE) Alternate Route to Certification (ARC) program for the period March 5, 2014, through September 30, 2016, for the purpose of certifying graduates in the following areas:

Program	Grade Level	Program Level
<u>Elementary World Languages</u>		
Arabic	K-6	Initial
Chinese	K-6	Initial
French	K-6	Initial
German	K-6	Initial
Greek	K-6	Initial
Italian	K-6	Initial
Latin	K-6	Initial
Spanish	K-6	Initial
<u>Middle Grades</u>		
English	4-8	Initial
Mathematics	4-8	Initial
<u>Secondary Areas</u>		
English	7-12	Initial
History/Social Studies	7-12	Initial
Mathematics	7-12	Initial
Science:		
Biology	7-12	Initial
Chemistry	7-12	Initial
General Science	7-12	Initial
Earth Science	7-12	Initial
Physics	7-12	Initial
World Languages:		
Arabic	7-12	Initial
Chinese	7-12	Initial
French	7-12	Initial
German	7-12	Initial
Greek	7-12	Initial
Italian	7-12	Initial
Latin	7-12	Initial

Program	Grade Level	Program Level
<u>PK-12</u>		
Art	PK-12	Initial
Music	PK-12	Initial
Technology Education	PK-12	Initial
Family and Consumer Science	PK-12	Initial

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

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

Motions carried unanimously.

A. Approval of Adult Education State Plan

Mrs. Hopkins-Staten moved, Mr. Jaskiewicz seconded, that the State Board of Education, pursuant to its role as the state education agency (SEA) for Connecticut, approves the revised Connecticut State Plan for Adult Education and Family Literacy, Title II of the Workforce Investment Act, for the period July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

[Due to his prior affiliation with Achievement First and his policy regarding certain matters pertaining specifically to that organization, Commissioner Pryor recused himself from the meeting at 9:52 a.m., prior to the Board’s consideration of agenda item III.E., Continuing Program Approval – Achievement First Alternate Route to Certification.]

E. Continuing Program Approval – Achievement First Alternate Route to Certification (ARC)

Mr. Vrabely moved, Mr. Jaskiewicz seconded, that the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(g)(1)(a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants full program approval for the Achievement First Residency Program for School Leadership (RPSL) for the period March 5, 2014, to September 30, 2019, with an interim report due by October 1, 2016, which describes: (1) progress towards meeting areas for improvement identified during a 2013 visit; (2) program alignment with the 2011 Educational Leadership Constituent Council (ELCC) standards; (3) candidate performance data for 2013-2016; and (4) post program candidate placement data for the purpose of certifying graduates in the following area:

Program	Grade Level	Program Level
Intermediate Administration/Supervision	PK - 12	Advanced

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Executive Session

The Board did not meet in Executive Session.

V. Consideration of the Minutes of the February 6, 2014, State Board of Education Meeting

Ms. Comer moved, Mr. Wright seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the February 6, 2014, State Board of Education Meeting.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

[Commissioner Pryor returned at 10:00 a.m.]

VI. Items for Action

There were no items scheduled for action.

VII. Items for Discussion

A. Report on the Study of Alternative School Programs and Presentation by the Center for Children's Advocacy

Mrs. Russell-Tucker, Chief Operating Officer, and Mr. Gopalakrishnan, Chief, Bureau of Data Collection, Research and Evaluation, presented a report on the Study of Alternative School Programs followed by a presentation by the Center for Children's Advocacy. Representing the Center for Children's Advocacy were Martha Stone, Executive Director, Kathryn Meyer, Staff Attorney – Education Success Program, and Leon Smith, Director – Alternative Schools Project. A copy of the Power Point presentation delivered by the Center for Children's Advocacy is contained in the official file. Discussion followed.

[*Clayton Potter arrived at 10:26 a.m.]

VIII. Report of the Chair

Mr. Taylor thanked Mrs. Keavney-Maruca, Mr. Wright and Mr. Vrabely for chairing the upcoming four charter school hearings in Bridgeport, Stamford and New Haven. These charter school applications will be submitted to the Board for approval at the April 2, 2014, State Board of Education meeting.

Winchester 10-4b Matter: The Winchester parties have reached an agreement in the 10-4b Matter, which will be submitted to the Board on April 2, 2014, for its consideration.

NASBE has confirmed speakers for its annual Legislative Policy Forum this March:

- Federal Communications Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel will discuss broadband access and delivery to schools;
- Libby Doggett, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Early Learning at the U.S. Department will present on high quality early learning opportunities; and
- Hedy Nai-Lin Chang joins a panel on establishing positive conditions for learning.

Education Secretary Arne Duncan will deliver the closing keynote address. Mr. Taylor will attend the NASBE Study Group on Student Engagement, and Mr. Wright will attend the Legislative Policy Forum.

IX. Report of the Commissioner

Commissioner Stefan Pryor updated the Board on the Legislative Session to date. The Session began on February 5. Governor Malloy delivered his budget address on February 6. The Appropriations Committee met on February 24, followed by a workgroup session which focused on K-12 education. On February 28, the Education Committee held an informational forum, which was attended by the Commissioner, the Council of Chief State School Officers, and other experts who presented testimony regarding the Common Core. An initial public hearing on education bills was held on March 3. Our primary focus during this Session is on ensuring that the budget for K-12 education is fulfilled, Commissioner Pryor reported.

X. Financial Matters

A. Budget Update

Commissioner Pryor and Interim Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Demsey highlighted the Midterm Budget Adjustments; a copy of the related PowerPoint presentation is included in the official file of this meeting.

XI. Committee Reports

A. Academic Standards and Assessment

Mr. Wright referenced a written report that was included in the Board's materials. He held an informal meeting with Dr. Dianna Roberge-Wentzell to informally discuss the current goals and objectives of the Committee and set a schedule of meeting dates for the coming months, to include discussions of the science standards and implementation of the Common Core State Standards. Mr. Wright reported that he and Mr. Jones have met with representatives of the Connecticut Society of Social Studies Teachers regarding the drafting of a mission statement and related standards for social studies, under the supervision of Dr. Roberge-Wentzell. Mr. Wright was pleased that the position of Social Studies Consultant has been filled. The first meeting will be on April 17, 2014; both science and social studies will be considered.

The Board discussed how to improve communication about the Common Core, including how to clarify misunderstandings, and its advocacy role in this regard. Mr. Taylor noted that he will communicate the Board's commitment to the Common Core State Standards during the upcoming hearing before the Education Committee of the General Assembly, and encouraged Board members to promote it in every appropriate forum. Board members expressed their support for drafting of a resolution to reaffirm the Board's strong

commitment to the Common Core State Standards in Connecticut, and disseminating it to media across the state.

B. Accountability and Support

C. Finance, Audit, and Budget

Mr. Taylor reported that the committee met recently, and the work of the Office of Internal Audit is going along smoothly.

D. Legislation and Policy

Mrs. Hopkins-Staten stated that the committee met this morning and received an update on topics and bills raised to date. She noted that the Department has been working collaboratively with the Center for Children's Advocacy. The committee also received and discussed the *Report on the Analysis of School Districts' Efforts Regarding the Prevention of and Response to Bullying in Schools*. A copy of the report will be provided to the full Board.

E. Connecticut Technical High School System Board appointments

Mr. Trefry noted that the CTHSS Monthly Newsletter will be sent to Board members. He noted that the system has hired a principal of J.M. Wright Technical High School, which will be opening in September 2014. He also reported on a meeting with the Office of Policy and Management to discuss budget expansion, and OPM's support for auto-refills of positions, including staff for Wright Tech and additional maintainers in school buildings. Mr. Trefry reported that the Board held its retreat and will soon be sending the draft strategic plan for comment.

F. NASBE

Mr. Wright will attend the March Legislative Conference.

Mr. Jones reported on the NASBE School Health Grant Site Visit, held on February 28, 2014, and collaborative initiatives with other state agencies and organizations. He commented on the direct relationship between student health and academic achievement.

By unanimous consent the meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Signed: _____
Stefan Pryor, Secretary

