

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford

Minutes
State Board of Education Meeting
February 3, 2016
(approved March 2, 2016)

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the State Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") met on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, in Room 307 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Allan Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m.

Present: Allan B. Taylor, Chairperson
Theresa Hopkins-Staten, Vice Chairperson
Erin D. Benham
Susannah M. Beyl, Student Member
Erik M. Clemons*
William P. Davenport
Terry H. Jones
Estela López
Timothy J. Noel-Sullivan, Student Member*
Malia K. Sieve
Robert J. Trefry, Ex Officio
Joseph J. Vrabely, Jr.
Stephen P. Wright

Absent: Maria I. Mojica
Mark Ojakian, Ex Officio

II. Public Participation

1. The Board recognized Jahana Hayes, Connecticut's 2016 Teacher of the Year and a finalist for the 2016 National Teacher of the Year Award.

Chief Talent Officer Dr. Sarah Barzee introduced Ms. Hayes and summarized the national Teacher of the Year process. Ms. Hayes was accompanied by Waterbury Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kathleen Ouellette, and Mr. Rob Johnson, Principal of John F. Kennedy High School, Waterbury.

Ms. Hayes noted that this recognition reflects the hard work and dedication of the entire teaching profession, both within and outside the classroom. Dr. Ouellette thanked Commissioner Wentzell for the Department's guidance throughout the process. Principal

Johnson expressed that in addition to being a great instructor, Jahana Hayes inspires students, parents, and teachers.

*[Erik M. Clemons and Timothy J. Noel-Sullivan arrived at 10:52 a.m.]

2. Dr. Allen Cook, Dean, School of Education, University of Bridgeport, spoke about educator preparation programs and the practice of teaching. He summarized research on the construction of teacher knowledge and how best to assess that knowledge via several measures. A copy of Dr. Cook's written report is enclosed in the official file of this meeting.

III. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Hopkins-Staten moved, Mrs. Benham seconded, that the Board approve the following consent agenda items: III.A., Appointments to State Board of Education Standing Committees, and III.B., Appointment to Technical High School System Board.

A. Appointments to State Board of Education Standing Committees

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Article II, Section 4, of its Bylaws, approves the appointment of Erik M. Clemons to the State Board of Education Academic Standards and Assessment Committee, and Malia K. Sieve to the Accountability and Support Committee, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

B. Appointment to Technical High School System Board

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-95(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the appointment of Mr. Peter Hoecklin as a member of the Connecticut Technical High School System Board, effective immediately, for a term coterminous with the term of the Governor or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE ON

MOTION:	In favor:	Benham, Clemons, Davenport, Hopkins-Staten, Jones, López, Sieve, Taylor, Vrabely, Wright
	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	0
	Absent:	Mojica

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Items for Discussion

A. Presentation by the School Garden Resource Center

Melissa Spear, Executive Director, Common Ground High School, and Jill Keating Herbst, Program Manager, Connecticut School Garden Resource Center at Common Ground, spoke about how school garden programs can be integrated into the curriculum and provide a source of relevant learning for all students. A copy of their PowerPoint presentation is enclosed in the official file of this meeting.

[Mrs. Hopkins-Staten left at 10:33 a.m.]

V. Executive Session

The Board did not meet in executive session.

VI. Consideration of Minutes

Mrs. Benham moved, Mr. Davenport seconded, that the Board adopt the Minutes of the January 6, 2016, State Board of Education Meeting and the January 7, 2016, State Board of Education Retreat.

A. January 6, 2016, State Board of Education, Meeting

VOTE ON

MOTION:	In favor:	Benham, Clemons, Davenport, Jones, Sieve, Taylor, Vrabely, Wright
	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	López
	Absent:	Hopkins-Staten, Mojica

B. January 7, 2015, State Board of Education, Retreat

VOTE ON

MOTION:	In favor:	Benham, Clemons, Davenport, Jones, López, Sieve, Vrabely, Wright
	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	Taylor
	Absent:	Hopkins-Staten, Mojica

Motions carried unanimously.

[Mrs. Hopkins-Staten returned at 10:41 a.m.]

XI. Committee Reports

A. Academic Standards and Assessment

Mr. Wright reported that the Academic Standards and Assessment met on January 28, 2016, to review the draft implementation of the arts standards.

B. Accountability and Support

Dr. López reported the Accountability and Support Committee will be meeting on Monday, February 8, 2016.

C. Finance, Audit, and Budget

Mr. Taylor reported that the Finance, Audit and Budget Committee will meet on February 25, 2016.

D. Legislation and Policy Development Committee

Mrs. Hopkins-Staten reported that the committee met this morning. The committee received a presentation from Dr. Shirley Smith, Executive Consultant, and Morgan Ford, Scholastic Education, on integrated learning supports research.

E. Connecticut Technical High School System Board

Mr. Trefry thanked the Board for the appointment of Peter Hoecklin to the CTHSS Board. Mr. Trefry invited Dr. Nivea L. Torres, Superintendent of Schools to briefly update the Board since the December 2015 meeting. Dr. Torres discussed that CTHSS has (i) partnered with business and industry to develop career and technical education programs for regional needs; (ii) aligned its curriculum program and workers to be responsive Connecticut's employers and job projections; and (iii) partnered with community colleges to train and develop adults.

F. NASBE

No report was given.

G. State Student Advisory Council on Education

Members of the State Student Advisory Council on Education (SSACE) presented an outline of the SSACE three areas of focus in the 2015-16 school year. Timothy J. Noel-Sullivan, a senior at Classical Magnet in Hartford, and Susannah M. Beyl, a student at West Haven High School, reported that the three areas under review by SSACE for 2015-16 are (1) Health and Wellness Reform (social, emotional and physical health); (2) 12th Grade Experience, and (3) Equity. SSACE students will review the 2016-17 student applications for membership on the State Board of Education in 2016-17 and recommend five students to the Governor for his consideration.

Chairperson Taylor adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

Signed: _____
Dr. Dianna R. Wentzell, Secretary