

POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Janet M. Finneran, Chair

Lynne S. Farrell

Theresa Hopkins-Staten

Patricia B. Luke

Minutes of the Meeting of October 2, 2008

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Janet Finneran called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. The meeting was held in Room 305 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut. Present were Ms. Finneran, Ms. Farrell and Ms. Hopkins-Staten. Absent was committee member Patricia B. Luke. Also present were Commissioner McQuillan, Associate Commissioner Barbara Beaudin, Bureau Chief Barbara Westwater and Education Consultant Joanne White.

II. Approval of Minutes

By unanimous consent, the committee approved the minutes of the September 3, 2008, Policy Development Committee meeting.

III. Revised Chart: Position Statements for Consideration – 2008-09

In discussion of the chart on "Position Statements for Consideration in 2008-09," it was unanimously agreed-upon that it was "easy to follow."

IV. Discussion of Draft Position Statement on English Language Arts

Committee members reviewed the second draft of the Position Statement on English Language Arts Education.

The only revision suggested was from Committee member Janet Finneran with the following recommendation to staff: Write out "PK" rather than using acronym.

The first reading of the Position Statement on English Language Arts will be at the State Board of Education meeting on November 5, 2008. The statement will then be an action item on the consent agenda at the State Board of Education meeting to be held on December 3, 2008.

V. Adjourn

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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