

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford**

Minutes of Meeting
January 2, 2008

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the State Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") met on Wednesday, January 2, 2008, at the Legislative Office Building, Hartford, Connecticut.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Allan Taylor, Chair
Whitney Bartell
James Blake
Donald Coolican
Lynne Farrell
Theresa Hopkins-Staton
Patricia Luke
Valerie Lewis, ex-officio

Absent: Beverly Bobroske
Alice Carolan
Janet Finneran
Jay Voss

II. Public Participation

Robert Hartranft, Cornell University Alumni Association, spoke to the Board regarding "Grading in CT High Schools, College Admissions, and Merit-based Scholarships." A copy of his report can be found in the official files.

III. Joint Meeting of the State Board of Education and Board of Governors For Higher Education

III.A. Presentation by Stephen Coelen, "Next Steps"

Dr. Stephen Coelen, Professor Emeritus at the University of Connecticut, presented findings from a research project, Connecticut First Steps, which looked at the relationship between student performance on the grade 10 CAPT and the SAT, and the success of those students in post-secondary education, following the 1996 cohort of CAPT test-takers beyond high school for six years.

III.B. Early Childhood Education Alternate Route Program at Charter Oak State College

Mrs. Luke moved, Dr. Farrell seconded, that the Board, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(f)(1) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants program approval for the period January 2, 2008, through September 30, 2010, with an accreditation report due and accreditation visit to take place during either fall 2009 or spring 2010, for the purpose of certifying graduates from the Charter Oak State College Alternate Route to Certification (ARC) program leading to an initial endorsement in the area of early childhood education, birth through Kindergarten, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE: In Favor: Coolican, Farrell, Hopkins-Staten, Luke, Taylor
 Opposed: 0
 Abstained: 0
 Absent: Bobroske, Carolan, Finneran, Voss

Motion carried unanimously.

III.C. Memorandum of Understanding with Achieve, Inc., America Diploma Project

Mrs. Luke moved, Dr. Farrell seconded, that the Board, authorizes the Commissioner of Education to execute a "Memorandum of Understanding with Achieve, Inc.," concerning Connecticut's participation in the American Diploma Project Network, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE: In Favor: Coolican, Farrell, Hopkins-Staten, Luke, Taylor
 Opposed: 0
 Abstained: 0
 Absent: Bobroske, Carolan, Finneran, Voss

Motion carried unanimously.

III.D. Update on PK-16 Council

Commissioner McQuillan presented the report to the Board. Discussion followed.

By unanimous consent, the Board recessed its meeting at 12:30 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m. Present: Mr. Coolican, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten, Mrs. Luke, Dr. Farrell, Mr. Blake, Ms. Bartell and Mr. Taylor. Mrs. Bobroske, Dr. Carolan, Ms. Finneran and Dr. Voss were absent.

IV.A. Kindergarten Inventory and Data Bulletin

Barbara Beaudin, Acting Associate Commission, Division of Assessment and Accountability and Karen Adesso, Education Consultant, Bureau of Student Assessment presented the report to the Board. Discussion followed.

IV.B. Development of Vertical Scales for Growth Model

Barbara Beaudin, Acting Associate Commission, Division of Assessment and Accountability and William Congero, Director of Student Assessment presented the report to the Board. Discussion followed.

V. Executive Session - The Board did not meet in Executive Session.

VI. Consideration of Minutes of the December 5, 2007 State Board of Education Meeting

Mrs. Luke moved, Mr. Coolican seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the December 5, 2007 State Board of Education meeting.

Mrs. Luke noted that agenda item V.A. Secondary School Improvement Proposal, should read as follows:

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education accepts from the Ad Hoc Committee on Secondary School Improvement, "The Case For Secondary School Reform in Connecticut," supports the recommended framework to effect systemic reform of Connecticut's secondary schools, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary actions, including seeking funding for the planning and implementation study from the 2008 Session of the General Assembly, that will culminate in a final proposal for consideration by the State Board of Education by December 2008 and transmission to the General Assembly thereafter.

VOTE:	In Favor:	Coolican, Farrell, Hopkins-Staten, Luke, Taylor
	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	0
	Absent:	Bobroske, Carolan, Finneran, Voss

Motion carried unanimously.

VII.A. Definition of Attendance

Mrs. Luke moved, Dr. Farrell seconded, that the Board, adopts the attached "Statewide Definition of Attendance for Public School Districts in Connecticut," and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE: In Favor: Coolican, Farrell, Hopkins-Staten, Luke, Taylor
 Opposed: 0
 Abstained: 0
 Absent: Bobroske, Carolan, Finneran, Voss

Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Report of the Chair – Mr. Taylor reported the following:

- Mr. Taylor and Deputy Commissioner Coleman attended the CABE Leadership Workshop and Board Orientation meeting held on December 5. The title of the presentation was "the Future of Education."
- The Board will be receiving an e-mail to poll the Board members on their availability on new dates for the Educator Recognition Event.
- Mr. Taylor will be attending the NASBE Board of Directors meeting, and Dr. Voss will be attending the Middle School Study Group meeting, in Alexandria, Virginia, January 24-26.
- Dr. Voss will participate in the PISA (PISA is Programme for International Student Assessment) Study Tour to Finland, March 27-April 3, along with 140 educators from around the world. Finland is among the top-performing nations in the world on the science, math and literacy assessments.
- Governor Rell was a guest of John Dankosky, WNPR, on December 20, 2007, on the "This Is Where We Live" segment. An unofficial copy of a transcript of that program was distributed.

IX. Report of the Commissioner - Commissioner McQuillan reported on the following:

- Commissioner McQuillan will be conducting several speaking engagements around the State regarding High School Reform. The Commissioner invited the Board to attend.
- Commissioner McQuillan briefed Robert Genuario, Office of Policy and Management, regarding the high school reform proposals.

- Sheff Office has been staffed and they are meeting with Hartford Public Schools and CREC to discuss structure of the joint office. Commissioner McQuillan will be meeting with Hartford Area Superintendents on January 17, 2008, to discuss magnet school funding. On January 3, 2008 the Commissioner will present oral arguments in Court regarding the Sheff v. O'Neill Case.
- The Ad Hoc Committee on Accountability will be scheduled sometime this month.

XI. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Luke moved, Mr. Coolican seconded, to approve the consent agenda items, XI.A., Trade Cluster Reauthorization – Connecticut Technical High School System; XI.B., Report on the Efficiency and Efficacy of Using the Design-Build Approach to School Construction Projects; XI.C., Appointments and Reappointments to the Panel of Mediators; XI.D., Adoption of Commissioner of Education Evaluation Form and Process; and XI. E., Intent to Adopt Regulations Concerning Restraints and Seclusion in Public Schools.

XI.A. Trade Cluster Reauthorization – Connecticut Technical High School System

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 10-95i of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the following trades for the period January 2008 to January 2013, as recommended by the Connecticut Technical High School Committee:

- Architectural Drafting
- Carpentry
- Electrical
- Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning
- Masonry
- Plumbing & Heating
- Plumbing, Heating & Cooling

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

XI.B. Report on the Efficiency and Efficacy of Using the Design-Build Approach to School Construction Projects

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-285f(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the 2008 Update on the Report on the Efficiency and Efficacy of Using the Design-Build Approach to School Construction Projects, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

X.C. Appointments and Reappointments to the Panel of Mediators

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 10-153f of the Connecticut General Statutes, re-appoints the following individuals as mediators for the purposes of collective bargaining for a term of four years:

Ruben Acosta, Peter Adomeit, Wendella Battey, Peter Blum, Diane Zaar Cochran, Leeland Cole-Chu, J. Larry Foy, Susan Halperin, William DeVane Logue, Albert Murphy, Nancy Peace, Frederick F. Ward, II, M. Jackson Webber, and Paul Zolan;

and appoints the following individuals as new mediators for the purposes of collective bargaining for a term of four years:

Morris Busca, Laurie Cain, Richard Kosinski, Emanuel Psarakis and Leslie A. Williamson, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

XI.D. Adoption of Commissioner of Education Evaluation Form and Process

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education adopts the "Commissioner of Education Performance Evaluation" form and the "Evaluation Process for the Position of Commissioner of Education," and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

XI.E. Intent to Adopt Regulations Concerning Restraints and Seclusion in Public Schools

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education declares its intent to amend the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies concerning the provision of special education by adding new Sections 10-76b-5 to 10-76b-11, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, to address the physical restraint and seclusion of children eligible, or children being evaluated for eligibility, for special education consistent with the requirements of Public Act 07-147, An Act Concerning Restraints and Seclusion in Public Schools, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE	In Favor:	Coolican, Farrell, Hopkins-Staten, Luke,
ON		Taylor
MOTIONS:	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	0
	Absent:	Bobroske, Carolan, Finneran, Voss

Motions carried unanimously.

XIII. Committee Reports

- **Finance, Audit and Department Matters** – Mrs. Luke reported that the committee will meet in February before the Board meeting to complete their December agenda and to discuss Affirmative Action/EEO issues.
- **Legislation and Bylaws** – none
- **Policy Development** – The committee will meet this afternoon.
- **Connecticut Technical High Schools** – The committee is meeting on January 9, 2008.
- **NASBE** – none

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Prepared by: _____
Mark K. McQuillan, Secretary