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CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION Hartford

Minutes of Meeting
March 5, 2008

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the State Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") met on Wednesday, March 5, 2008, at the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

Present: Allan Taylor, Chair
Whitney Bartell
Beverly Bobroske
Alice Carolan
Donald Coolican
Lynne Farrell
Janet Finneran
Patricia Luke
Jay Voss

Absent: James Blake
Theresa Hopkins-Staton

IV. Consideration of Minutes of the February 6, 2008, State Board of Education Meeting

Ms. Finneran moved, Dr. Farrell seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the February 6, 2008, State Board of Education meeting.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

V. **Report of the Chair** – Mr. Taylor reported the following:

- **Meetings with Connecticut’s Congressional Delegates:**
March 13-14, Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Bobroske will attend NASBE’s annual legislative conference. Dr. Rudy Crew is the keynote speaker. On the 13th, they will meet with three of Connecticut’s Congressional delegates. The Governor’s Washington office has scheduled meetings with Larson, Courtney and Dodd. They will use their time to discuss the migrant education grant.
- **NASBE Board of Directors 2009:**
Related materials are in your supplemental materials folder. Members’ nominations for President Elect and Area Directors are due May 27.
- **Highville Charter School: Renewal of Application:**
Mr. Taylor thanked Ms. Finneran for volunteering to chair the Highville Charter School renewal hearing on March 25 at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be held at Eli Whitney Technical High School in Hamden.
- **High School Reform:**
Dr. Voss will attend a session in Providence, RI, next week (March 12-13), titled “Helping Policy Makers Understand High School Redesign”, sponsored by the American Youth Policy Forum.
- **Student Membership on SBE:**
The process for seeking two students for membership on the Board (2008-09) has begun. The State Student Advisory Council on Education will screen applications later this month, and select students for interviews, to be conducted in late April. Five of those interviewed will be recommended to the Governor for her consideration. The Governor will select the two students to serve on the Board, effective July 1, 2008.
- Mrs. Klein was unable to join us this afternoon, but dropped off invitations to the Board to attend the Connecticut **Reading Association legislative reception on Wednesday, April 2**, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in room 310 of the State Capitol Building.

- **Ethics Form filings:** This year the statutory filing deadline for the Statement of Financial Interest (SFI) is **Thursday, May 1, 2008**. It is filer's responsibility to obtain the disclosure form and file the statement of financial interest before the statutory due date. The penalty for failing to file by the deadline is up to \$10.00 per day up to a maximum of \$10,000. The OSE website is: www.ct.gov/ethics/forms.

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

- Status of the following bills before the General Assembly (copies in supplemental folders):
 - ❖ Raised Bill 323, An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Program Review and Investigations Committee Concerning the BEST Program;
 - ❖ Raised Bill 330, An Act Concerning Funding for the Recommendations of the Program Review and Investigations Committee Concerning the BEST Program;
 - ❖ Raised Bill 5593. An Act Concerning Early Reading Success Grants; and
 - ❖ Raised Bill 50, An Act Concerning the Assessment of the Teaching of Reading.
- Update on Sheff – The settlement agreement was withdrawn by the Attorney General's Office. There is hope to negotiate another agreement before May 6, 2008.
- Secondary School Listening Tours – The Commissioner thanked Deputy Commissioner Coleman, Dr. Voss and Ms. Finneran for their assistance in conducting the Listening tours on the Secondary School Reform initiatives. Efforts are underway to issue a RFP to conduct a cost analysis. Three workgroups ((1) Revision and Implementation; 2) Middle School; and 3) Higher Education) will be formed to broaden perspective on recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee.
- Certification Regulations: The Department is working on the certification regulations, including special education and potential responses to BEST. The Legislative Program Review and Investigation is contemplating a study of our certification regulations.

- Accountability – There will be a conference in Cromwell on the 3rd Annual Connecticut School Data Showcase, May 13-14, 2008.
- The Governor’s School and College Security Conference will be held on March 27, 2008 at Central Connecticut State University.

VIII.A. Process for Review of Districts by Ad Hoc Committee on Accountability

Deborah Richards, Chief, Bureau of Accountability, Compliance and Monitoring and Susan Kennedy, Chief, Bureau of School and District Improvement, presented the report to the Board. Discussion followed.

VIII.B. Update on P.J. et al.

Ann Louise Thompson, Chief, Bureau of Special Education, presented the report to the Board. Discussion followed.

IX. Consent Agenda

Mr. Taylor noted that consent agenda item IX.C., Licensed Practical Nurse Tuition Rate has been removed from the consent agenda.

Mrs. Bobroske moved, Mrs. Luke seconded, to approve the following consent agenda items: IX.A., Perkins Five-Year Plan; IX.B., Adult Education State Plan; IX.D., Designation of Teacher Shortage Areas 2007-08; IX.E. Annual Report of the Connecticut Advisory Council For Teacher Professional Standards; and IX.F., Annual Report of the Connecticut Advisory Council For School Administrator Professional Standards.

IX.A. Perkins Five-Year Plan

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education adopts *The Carl D. Perkins State Five-Year Plan*, pursuant to the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006, Public Act 109-270, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

IX.B. Adult Education State Plan

RESOLVED, 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 FY2009* (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009) and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

IX.D. Designation of Teacher Shortage Areas 2007-08

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education receives the Designation of Teacher Shortage Areas for the 2007-2008 school year and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

IX.E. Annual Report of the Connecticut Advisory Council For Teacher Professional Standards

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education receives the 2007 Annual Report of the Connecticut Advisory Council for Teacher Professional Standards, submitted in accordance with the requirements of subsection (b) of Section 10-144d of the Connecticut General Statutes, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

IX.F. Annual Report of the Connecticut Advisory Council For School Administrator Professional Standards

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education receives the 2007 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.

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

Motions carried unanimously.

XI. Committee Reports

- **Finance, Audit and Department Matters** – Mrs. Luke reported that the committee will be meeting this afternoon.
- **Legislation and Bylaws** – Mrs. Bobroske reported that the Legislation and Bylaws Committee will be meeting this afternoon.
- **Policy Development** – Ms. Finneran reported that the committee met this morning. The committee reviewed the Draft Science Position Statement and Guidelines for Policymakers. The Committee also discussed Reading Test for Early Childhood and Elementary Education Teachers
- **Connecticut Technical High Schools** – Mr. Coolican reported that the committee will not be meeting on March 12, 2008.
- **Ad Hoc Committee on Secondary Education** – Dr. Voss reported that the committee set their schedule for the spring. The committee will have a discussion regarding feedback from today's meeting. The committee will establish three subcommittee work groups: Revisions and Implementation; Middle School and Higher Education.
- **Ad Hoc Committee on Accountability** - Dr. Carolan, committee chair, said that Commissioner McQuillan had already given the report under the "Report of the Commissioner" section of the agenda.

By unanimous consent, the Board recessed its meeting at 4:20 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 5:50 p.m. Present: Mr. Coolican, Dr. Farrell, Ms. Bartell, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Bobroske, Dr. Carolan; Mrs. Luke, Ms. Finneran and Dr. Voss. Mrs. Hopkins-Staten and Mr. Blake were absent.

Mr. Taylor thanked the chefs and students from the Culinary Department of Howell Cheney Technical High School for preparing the food for the reception honoring Connecticut's Educators.

XII.A.1. Recognition of 2008 Teacher of the Year Finalists

Dr. Voss moved, Ms. Finneran seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS: Pamela A. Kendrick, a language arts teacher at North Haven Middle School in North Haven, has demonstrated exemplary teaching skills;

WHEREAS: She was selected as a finalist in the 2008 Connecticut Teacher of the Year competition; and

WHEREAS: She has brought great honor to her community, her state and her profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION HONORS PAMELA A. KENDRICK WITH GREAT APPRECIATION FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ART OF TEACHING.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

XII.A.2. Recognition of 2008 Teacher of the Year Finalists

Mrs. Bobroske moved, Ms. Finneran seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS: Frederick Barna, a mathematics teacher at Joel Barlow High School in Redding, has demonstrated exemplary teaching skills;

WHEREAS: He was selected as a finalist in the 2008 Connecticut Teacher of the Year competition; and

WHEREAS: He has brought great honor to his community, his state and his profession.

XII.B. Recognition of 2008 Teacher of the Year

Dr. Farrell moved, Ms. Finneran seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS: Joan Hurley, a third grade teacher at the University of Hartford Magnet School in West Hartford, has demonstrated exemplary teaching skills;

WHEREAS: She has been chosen to represent her colleagues as the 2008 Connecticut Teacher of the Year;

WHEREAS: Her accomplishments will receive national attention as Connecticut's representative in the 2008 National Teacher of the Year Program; and

WHEREAS: She has brought great honor to her community, her state and her profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION HONORS JOAN HURLEY WITH GREAT APPRECIATION FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ART OF TEACHING.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

XII.C. Recognition of 2007 Preserve America History Teacher of the Year

Ms. Finneran moved, Mrs. Bobroske seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS: Maureen Festi, fifth grade teacher at Stafford Elementary School in Stafford Springs, has demonstrated exemplary teaching skills in American history;

WHEREAS: She has been selected by the State of Connecticut as the 2007 Preserve America History Teacher of the Year;

WHEREAS: She has been selected by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History as the 2007 Preserve America National History Teacher of the Year;

WHEREAS: She has been honored for her accomplishments by Laura Bush, First Lady of the United States, in a ceremony at the Museum of the City of New York on November 16, 2007; and

WHEREAS: She has brought great honor to her school, her community, her state and her profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION HONORS MAUREEN FESTI WITH GREAT APPRECIATION FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EDUCATION PROFESSION.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

XII.D. Recognition of 2007 Blue Ribbon School

Mrs. Luke moved, Ms. Finneran seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS: The Multicultural Magnet School in Bridgeport has demonstrated dramatic improvement in student performance on state assessments, in reading and mathematics;

WHEREAS: This school has been honored as a 2007 Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education;

WHEREAS: The Multicultural Magnet School has brought great honor to Bridgeport and the State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS: She has brought great honor to her community, her state and her profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION HONORS JILL L. HALE WITH GREAT APPRECIATION FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EDUCATION PROFESSION.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

XII.I. Recognition of 2007 High School Principal of the Year

Dr. Farrell moved, Ms. Finneran seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS: Paul K. Newton, Principal of Enrico Fermi High School in Enfield, has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills;

WHEREAS: He has been chosen by his peers at the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) as Connecticut's 2007 High School Principal of the Year;

WHEREAS: He has brought great honor to his community, his state and his profession; and

WHEREAS: He will serve as Connecticut's representative in the 2007 National High School Principal of the Year competition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION HONORS PAUL K. NEWTON WITH GREAT APPRECIATION FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EDUCATION PROFESSION.

WHEREAS: He has brought great honor to his community, his state and his profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION HONORS DR. THEODORE S. SERGI WITH GREAT APPRECIATION FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EDUCATION PROFESSION.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

XII.M.1. Recognition of Milken Foundation National Educator Awardees

Mrs. Luke moved, Ms. Finneran seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS: Thomas Brodnitzki, a social studies teacher at Metropolitan Learning Center in Bloomfield, has demonstrated exemplary teaching skills;

WHEREAS: He has been selected by the Milken Family Foundation for the 2007-08 National Educator Award;

WHEREAS: His accomplishments will be recognized at the Milken Family Foundation National Education Conference as Connecticut's National Milken Educator; and

WHEREAS: He has brought great honor to his school, his community, his state and his profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION HONORS THOMAS BRODNITZKI WITH GREAT APPRECIATION FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EDUCATION PROFESSION.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

XII.M.2. Recognition of Milken Foundation National Educator Awardees

Dr. Carolan moved, Ms. Finneran seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS: John Nguyen, social studies teacher at James Hillhouse High School in New Haven, has demonstrated exemplary teaching skills;

WHEREAS: He has been selected by the Milken Family Foundation for the 2007-08 National Educator Award;

WHEREAS: His accomplishments will be recognized at the at the Milken Family Foundation National Education Conference as Connecticut's National Milken Educator; and

WHEREAS: He has brought great honor to his school, his community, his state and his profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION HONORS JOHN NGUYEN WITH GREAT APPRECIATION FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EDUCATION PROFESSION.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

WHEREAS: He has provided outstanding service to the Connecticut State Department of Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Jack Levine for his commitment to his profession, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

XII.P. Recognition of 2007-08 Connecticut Technical High School System's Teacher of the Year

Mr. Taylor moved, Ms. Finneran seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS: Martin Sagendorf, a Science Teacher at Kaynor Technical High School in Waterbury, has been selected as the 2007-08 Teacher of the Year for the Connecticut Technical High School System; and

WHEREAS: He serves as a model of accomplished teaching for other educators in the Connecticut Technical High School System and the State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS: He has brought honor to his school, the Connecticut Technical High School System, his community and his profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education honors Martin Sagendorf with great appreciation for his contributions to strengthening the education profession.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

XII.Q. Recognition of 2007-08 Connecticut Technical High School System's Principal of the Year

Ms. Finneran moved, Dr. Farrell seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS: Gene LaPorta, Principal of Platt Technical High School in Milford, has been selected as the 2007-08 Principal of the Year for the Connecticut Technical High School System; and

WHEREAS: He serves as a model of accomplished leadership for other educators in the Connecticut Technical High School System and State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS: He has brought honor to his school, the Connecticut Technical High School System, his community and his profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education honors Gene LaPorta with great appreciation for his contributions to strengthening the education profession.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

XII.R. Recognition of 2007-08 Connecticut Technical High School System's Assistant Principal of the Year

Dr. Carolan moved, Ms. Finneran seconded, the following resolution:

WHEREAS: Russell Duffy, Assistant Principal of Wilcox Technical High School in Meriden, has been selected as the 2007-08 Assistant Principal of the Year for the Connecticut Technical High School System; and

WHEREAS: He serves as a model of accomplished leadership for other educators in the Connecticut Technical High School System and State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS: He has brought honor to his school, the Connecticut Technical High School System, his community and his profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education honors with great appreciation for his contributions to strengthening the education profession.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Prepared by: _____
Mark K. McQuillan, Secretary