

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford**

Minutes of Meeting
September 3, 2008

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the State Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") met on Wednesday, September 3, 2008, at the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Present: Allan Taylor, Chair
Beverly Bobroske
Alice Carolan
Donald Coolican
Janet Finneran
Theresa Hopkins-Staton
Christine Larson
Patricia Luke
Brandt Smallwood*
Jay Voss

Absent: Lynne Farrell
Michael Meotti, Ex-Officio

I. Public Participation

1. Mary Radcliff, President of the Greenwich Symphony, stated that professionally taught courses in the arts should be a requirement for high school graduation in all districts of the state.
2. Janet Classe, Chair, School Projects of the Greenwich Arts Council, expressed her support for two fine arts credits for high school graduation.

[Mr. Smallwood arrived at 8:40 a.m.]

III. Executive Session

The Board unanimously voted to move into executive session at 8:45 a.m. for the purpose of discussing Personnel Matters.

Secondary School Reform

- Completion of secondary school reform proposal and cost estimates;
- Preparation for October 20, 22 conference on secondary school reform. This conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell.

Certification

- Schedule and work on BEST Task Force;
- Schedule and work on Teacher Certification Regulations.

VI. Report of the Chair – Mr. Taylor reported on the following:

- **Retreat Session** – Board met on August 13 for a one-day work session – at which it discussed objectives in the coming year, how to strengthen our relationships with our constituents how and to make our meetings more effective; and emerging issues.
- **September 12, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, an Education Leadership Symposium will be sponsored by Connecticut Career Choices, at Central Connecticut State University. The symposium will focus on the topic, “International Competitiveness: Lessons from Abroad” and Connecticut’s 21st Century Talent Pipeline. The findings from the study tour to Finland will be the centerpiece of this day-long session.
- **NASBE President-elect.** The choices are Isis Castro, Virginia; Randy DeHoff, Colorado; Lowell Johnson, West Virginia for NASBE President-elect and for Area Director: Karen Farmer White, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Luke moved, Mrs. Bobroske seconded, that the Board supported Lowell Johnson, West Virginia, for NASBE President and directs the Chairperson to take the necessary action. Motion passed unanimously.
- **September 12, American Diploma Project (ADP) at the Fairmont Hotel, Washington, D.C.** – Mr. Taylor and Commissioner McQuillan will be attending the Annual American Diploma Project (ADP) Leadership Team Meeting in Washington. The goal of this meeting is to give states a significant opportunity to address key challenges and opportunities associated with moving the college and career ready policy agenda forward.
- The CUBE Board of Directors will hold its Back-to-School Meeting next Wednesday, September 10, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at CUBE office in Wethersfield. Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Bobroske and Mrs. Luke will be attending.

- Friendly reminder that our October meeting will be held on Thursday, October 2, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

XII. Committee Reports

- **Finance, Audit and Department Matters** – Mrs. Luke reported that the committee moved its meeting to September 10 in the State Office Building at 11:30 a.m., to discuss the Migrant Education Program.
- **Legislation and Bylaws** -- Mrs. Bobroske reported that the committee will be meeting on September 15, 2008, in the State Office Building at 1:00 p.m.
- **Policy Development** – Ms. Finneran reported that the committee met on July 23. The committee will meet again following today's regularly scheduled meeting to discuss the Draft Position Statements on International Education and English Language Arts.
- **Connecticut Technical High Schools (CTHSS)** – Mr. Coolican reported that the committee met on July 22, 2008, at Northeast Utilities in Berlin to discuss J.M. Wright Technical School. The next Connecticut Technical Schools Committee meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2008 in the State Office Building.
- **NASBE** – Mr. Voss reported that the Middle School Study report is in draft form and will be approved at the NASBE Conference in October. Mrs. Bobroske informed the Board that Michael Hill of NASBE will be retiring.

[Mr. Taylor left the meeting at 9:31 a.m.]

- **Ad Hoc Committee on Secondary Education** – Dr. Voss reported that he will be meeting with the Chairs of the Middle Level work group and the Revisions and Implementation work group tomorrow to review their drafts reports.

VIII.A. Fiscal Year 2008 End of Year Financial Report

Mr. Mahoney, Chief Financial Officer, Finance and Internal Operations, presented the report to the Board. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Luke moved, Mrs. Bobroske seconded, to approve the following consent agenda items: XI.A., Approval of Alternate Route to Certification Program - Eastern Connecticut State University, XI.B., Approval of Teacher Preparation Program - Sacred Heart University; XI.C., Approval of Teacher Preparation Program – Yale University; XI.D., Approval of Teacher Preparation Program - Fairfield University; XI.E., Approval of One-year Program Approval Extension - St. Joseph College; XI.F., Appointment of Special Education Hearing Officers; XI.G., Receipt of Condition of Education Report; XI.H., Appointments to Teacher Preparation Program Review Committee; and XIJ., Adoption of Name for Aviation Mechanics Program at Brainard Airport.

Dr. Voss recused himself on the following two consent agenda items; XI.B., Approval of Teacher Preparation Program - Sacred Heart University and XI.H., Appointments to Teacher Preparation Program Review Committee.

XI.B. Approval of Teacher Preparation Program – Sacred Heart University

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(f)(1) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants full program approval for the period September 30, 2008, through September 30, 2013, for the purpose of certifying graduates from Sacred Heart University in the following areas:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Program Level</u>	<u>Program Type</u>
Elementary Education	K - 6	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Secondary Grades			
English	7 - 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
History/Social Studies	7 - 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Mathematics	7 - 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
General Science	7 - 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Biology	7 - 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Chemistry	7 - 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Spanish	7 - 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Business	7 - 12	initial	graduate
Intermediate Administration and Supervision	PK-12	advanced	graduate
Remedial Reading/Language Arts	1-12	advanced	graduate

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

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

Motion carried.

XI.H. Appointments to Teacher Preparation Program Review Committee

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(f)(1) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, appoints Mitchell Sakofs, Kathleen Butler, Jonathon Gillette and Edward Malin to serve on the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) Review Committee for the Approval of Connecticut Educator Preparation Programs from September 30, 2008, through September 30, 2011, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

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

Motion carried.

XI.A. Approval of Alternate Route to Certification Program - Eastern Connecticut State University

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(f)(1) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants full program approval for the period September 3, 2008, through September 30, 2010, for the purpose of certifying graduates from the Eastern Connecticut State University Early Childhood Education Alternate Route to Certification Cross-Endorsement Program, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

XI.C. Approval of Teacher Preparation Program – Yale University

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(f)(1) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants full program approval for the period September 30, 2008, through September 30, 2013, for the purpose of certifying graduates from Yale University in the following areas:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Program Level</u>	<u>Program Type</u>
Early Childhood Education	B-K	initial	undergraduate
Music	PK-12	initial	undergraduate
Secondary Education			
English/Language Arts	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Mathematics	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Biology	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Chemistry	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
General Science	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Physics	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Social Studies/History	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
World Languages			
German	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Italian	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
French	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Latin	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Russian	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Spanish	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

XI.D. Approval of Teacher Preparation Program - Fairfield University

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(f)(1) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants full program approval for the period September 30, 2008, through September 30, 2013, for the purpose of certifying graduates from Fairfield University in the following areas:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Program Level</u>	<u>Program Type</u>
School Psychologist	K – 12	advanced	graduate
Elementary Education	K – 6	initial	graduate
School Counselor	K – 12	advanced	graduate
Special Education	K – 12	initial	graduate
School Library Media Specialist	K – 12	advanced	graduate
TESOL	K – 12	initial	graduate
Secondary Grades:			
English	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
History/Social Studies	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Mathematics	7 - 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Biology	7 - 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate

Chemistry	7 - 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Spanish	7 - 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Physics	7 - 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
General Science	7 - 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
French	7 - 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
German	7 - 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Latin	7 - 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

XI.E. Approval of One-year Program Approval Extension - St. Joseph College

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(f)(1) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, extends full program approval from September 30, 2010, to September 30, 2011, to the following teacher preparation programs at St. Joseph College:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Program Level</u>	<u>Program Type</u>
Early Childhood	B-K	initial	graduate
Early Childhood	N-3	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Elementary Education	K-6	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Middle Grades:			
English	4-8	initial	graduate
History/Social	4-8	initial	graduate
Studies	4-8	initial	graduate
Mathematics	4-8	initial	graduate
Biology	4-8	initial	graduate
Earth Science	4-8	initial	graduate
General Science			
Secondary:			
English	7-12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
History/Social	7-12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Studies	7-12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Mathematics	7-12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Biology	7-12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Earth Science	7-12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
General Science	7-12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
French	7-12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Italian	7-12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Latin	7-12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Spanish	7-12	initial	undergraduate/graduate

XI.I. Adoption of Position Statement on Science Education

Mrs. Bobroske moved, Ms. Finneran seconded, that the Board approves the Position Statement on Science Education and Guidelines for Policymakers dated September 3, 2008, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

Dr. Carolan moved, Mrs. Bobroske seconded, the elimination of all references to specific class size numbers as recommended by the National Science Teachers Association.

[Mrs. Hopkins-Staten returned at 12:05 p.m.]

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

Motion failed.

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

Motion carried.

By unanimous consent, the Board recessed its meeting at 12:15 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. Present: Mrs. Bobroske, Mr. Coolican, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Smallwood, Dr. Carolan, Mrs. Luke, Ms. Finneran, Ms. Larson and Dr. Voss. Mrs. Hopkins-Staten, Mr. Meotti and Dr. Farrell were absent.

IX.A. Report of the State Advisory Council on Special Education

Charlene Russell-Tucker, Associate Commissioner, Division of Family and Student Support Services introduced Brenda Sullivan, Chairperson, State Advisory Council and Anne Louise Thompson, Chief, Bureau of Special Education who gave the Board an overview of the Council. Discussion followed.

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By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Prepared by: _____
Mark K. McQuillan, Secretary