

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford

Ad Hoc Committee on Accountability

Jay Voss, Chair
Janet M. Finneran
Allan B. Taylor

Minutes of Meeting
December 15, 2009

Call to Order

Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. The meeting was held in room 307A of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut. Present were Ms. Finneran and Mr. Taylor. Also present were Commissioner Mark K. McQuillan, Deputy Commissioner George A. Coleman, Associate Commissioner Dr. Marion H. Martinez, Bureau Chief Deborah Richards, Assistant to the Commissioner and State Board of Education Pam Bergin and Attorney Laura Anastasio.

Absent: Ad Hoc Committee on Accountability Chairperson Mr. Voss

District Presentation: Hartford Public Schools

Superintendent Steven Adamowski, Mayor Eddie Perez, Local Board Chairperson Ada Miranda, Principal Dr. Perry, Kathleen Wedge and external consultant Patrick Proctor were in attendance for the presentation.

The superintendent and the local board chairperson shared information on Hartford's improvement efforts and the status of the District Improvement Plan, and there was some discussion with the Ad Hoc Committee members. The discussion focused on schools of choice in the context of shrinking enrollment, budget cuts, professional development and staffing needs.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Accountability made the following recommendations: (1) Superintendent and Mayor to share concerns and recommendations with the Hartford Board of Education; (2) Ad Hoc Committee to reconvene in February to review recommendations of the Hartford Board of Education; and (3) tentative presentation to the State Board of Education in March pending recommendations by the Ad Hoc Committee meeting in February.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadine Dube