

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford**

**Legislation and Policy Development Committee Meeting
February 3, 2016**

Draft Minutes

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the Board of Education Legislation and Policy Development Committee met in Room 119, State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, on February 3, 2016.

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Theresa Hopkins-Staten called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. Also present were committee members Robert Trefry, Joseph Vrabely, Erin Benham and Terry Jones*. Maria Mojica was absent.

Also present for all or part of the meeting were the following Department of Education staff members: Assistant to the Commissioner for Board Matters Pamela Charland; Chief Operating Officer Charlene Russell-Tucker; Communications Director Abbe Smith; Legal Director Peter Haberlandt; and Paralegal Michael Wallace.

*Arrived at 8:51 a.m.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

On a motion made by Mr. Vrabely, seconded by Ms. Benham, the Committee unanimously approved the January 6, 2016, Legislation and Policy Development Committee meeting minutes.

III. Integrated Learning Supports Research

Committee Chair Hopkins-Staten thanked the representatives from Scholastic for attending the committee meeting. Chair Hopkins-Staten introduced Dr. Shirley H. Smith, Ph.D., Executive Consultant, Scholastic Education, who thanked the Committee for taking the time to consider the important topic of integrated learning supports and gave a brief overview of work in this area nationally.

Dr. Smith introduced her staff members, Ms. Morgan Ford and Ms. Julie Dyson. Ms. Ford gave the Committee some background on Scholastic, stating that they were founded in 1920, and their mission is to promote teachers and students. Recently, they moved into professional development. Their goal is to get communities involved and have systems in place to help failing students.

Ms. Ford presented a PowerPoint presentation on Learning Supports, which include resources, strategies and practices that support intellectual, physical, social and emotional development to ensure student success. She highlighted successes in the Gainsville, Georgia, school district and in pilot programs in schools in Alabama, attributable to the implementation of integrated learning supports. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is enclosed in the official file of this meeting.

After the presentation there was a comment, question and answer session.

IV. Other Matters

None

V. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

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