

Connecticut State Board of Education
Connecticut Technical High School Committee
Minutes of Meeting Held on
September 21, 2011

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the Connecticut Technical High School Committee (the "Committee") met on September 21, 2011, at the Connecticut Technical High School System, Middletown, CT.

Committee Members Present:	Joseph J. Vrabely, Jr., Chair Theresa Hopkins-Staten Patricia Keavney-Maruca
State Department of Education	Patricia A. Ciccone, Superintendent Nivea Torres, Assistant Superintendent James Chasse, CTHSS Consultant Beatrice Tinty, CTHSS Consultant John Murphy, CTHSS Consultant Raymond Mencio, CTHSS Consultant Vincent Diana, CTHSS Consultant
State Vocational Federation of Teachers	Ed Leavy

I. Chairperson Vrabely called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

II. Executive Session – None

III. Consideration of Minutes of June 15, 2011 CTHS Committee Meeting

Mrs. Keavney-Maruca moved, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten seconded, that the Committee approves the minutes of the June 15, 2011 Connecticut Technical High School Committee meeting.

Vote:	In Favor:	Vrabely, Keavney-Maruca, Hopkins-Staten
	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	0

Motion carried.

IV. Public Participation

1. Raymond Mencio, CTHSS Consultant

Mr. Mencio reported on the official opening of the E-House Educational Excellence in Green Technology in the Connecticut Technical High School System (CTHSS) at E.C. Goodwin Technical High School in New Britain.

2. Elliot Ginsberg, President and CEO, Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology
3. Sue Palisano, Director of Education Initiative, Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology

The Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology (CCAT) has been involved with the technical high schools. The goal of CCAT's education initiative is to advance scientific and technological literacy, stimulate interest in engineering and manufacturing and train the future workforce to be more competitive on a global scale. CCAT would like to bring together all the groups, policy leaders, education commissioner and the CTHSS superintendent to also work on how to sustain the tech system.

V. Consent Agenda – None

VI. Items Requiring Action

a) Biennial Summary Report 2008-09 and 2009-10

Mr. Diana, Data Unit Coordinator, CTHSS, gave a brief overview of the report. The report contains data on applicants, enrollment graduate follow-up activities and fiscal data. Chairman Vrabely stated that the report provided great information but requested that the regulations be looked at in order to reformulate the report and bring it back to the committee for review at its October 19, 2011 meeting.

b) CTHSS 2011-2012 Meeting Schedule

The Committee agreed on the proposed meeting schedule for the 2011-2012 school year.

VII. Items for Discussion

a) Manufacturing Partnerships

A lengthy discussion was held on manufacturing partnerships. Mr. Ginsberg, CCAT, stated that CCAT has the most advanced applied research program and is working with Superintendent Ciccone and Mr. Murphy, manufacturing consultant, to put together the platforms needed for all the manufacturing trade technologies. Chairman Vrabely asked why Bullard-Havens does not have a manufacturing program. Mr. Murphy stated that the tech school cannot train students on obsolete and antiquated equipment and it cannot support building a manufacturing program without the resources needed. Reopening programs will require capital investment as well as recruitment.

VIII. Report of the Superintendent

a) CTHSS Fiscal Executive Summary

Mr. Chasse gave the committee members a brief update on the operating budget for FY 2012; refill update; bond fund update; payouts to retirees; and an update on the loss of electrical and utility services to the tech schools due to Hurricane Irene. Mr. Chasse stated that the CTHSS is under funded by \$3M. The fiscal executive summary is on file at central office.

b) CTHSS Task Force

Superintendent Ciccone gave a brief update on the CTHSS Task Force. All appointments to the task force have been made with the exception of one; the first meeting has been calendared for September 27 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the L.O.B.; future meetings to be held at the technical high schools; not certain if the meetings will be bi-weekly or monthly.

IX. Other Matters - None

X. Public Participation - None

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Minutes approved at the October 19, 2011 meeting.