

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Legislation and Bylaws Committee

October 5, 2011
Legislative Office Building, Room 2600
Hartford, CT

MINUTES APPROVED
November 2, 2011

Members Present

Theresa Hopkins-Staten, Terry Jones, Ellen Camhi, Simon Brewer and Joshua Friedman.

Staff Present

George Coleman, Stefan Pryor, Daniel Murphy, Brian Mahoney, Marion Martinez, Nancy Pugliese, Jessica Andrews and Janice Dinnall.

Others Present

Jacqueline Rabe, The Connecticut Mirror.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:38 a.m.

Approval of August 3, 2011, Meeting Minutes

The August 3, 2011, meeting minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Ellen Camhi, seconded by Terry Jones.

Approval of September 7, 2011, Meeting Minutes

The September 7, 2011, meeting minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Ellen Camhi, seconded by Terry Jones.

Theresa Hopkins-Staten welcomed Commissioner Stefan Pryor to the Committee meeting.

2012 Legislative Proposals

Jessica Andrews reviewed the Legislative Proposals Package and reiterated that this year's package will be more technical in nature with a focus on what needs to be changed or added legislatively to make programs run more effectively.

Ms. Andrews stated that there are three proposals (numbers 1, 14 and 15) being resubmitted from last legislative session for consideration this legislative session. She further explained that these proposals were previously approved by the Governor, Office of Policy and Management and State Board of Education. She provided the following highlights of these three proposals:

- Proposal #1 would aim to provide flexibility for the distribution of unallocated competitive school readiness funds. Twenty-three additional towns in the 50 lowest wealth ranking would be eligible to receive additional unallocated funds.
- Proposal #14 amends the Family Resource Center Program statutes to allow for a 2% administrative set-aside.
- Proposal #15 was originally proposed by the Governor to raise the age that a child could withdraw from school to 18 years old.

The 2012 Legislative Proposals package was approved unanimously on a motion by Terry Jones, seconded by Ellen Camhi.

Update on Federal and State Reports

Ms. Andrews stated that Public Act 11-150 requires each agency to review and compile a list of federal and state statutory reporting requirements and to issue recommendations to the Connecticut General Assembly ("CGA") by January 1, 2012.

Ms. Andrews further stated that she has received the federal reports from Department staff which she is currently reviewing and finalizing.

Other

Nancy Pugliese gave a synopsis of the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee report on Educator Professional Standard Boards. A public hearing has been scheduled regarding this matter on November 14, 2011.

Ms. Hopkins-Staten requested an overview of the Racial Imbalance statute for the upcoming November LBC meeting. She also requested that at that meeting a summary be provided of the substance and contents of reports being submitted to the Connecticut General Assembly.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m.