

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Legislation and Bylaws Committee Meeting

September 15, 2008  
1:00 p.m.  
State Office Building  
Hartford, CT

**MINUTES**

**Members Present**

Beverly Bobroske, Janet Finneran and Jay Voss

**Staff Present**

Mark McQuillan, Karen Flanagan, Katherine Nicoletti and Carol Basile

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

**Minutes of Last Meeting**

The Minutes from the July 2, 2008, meeting were approved with no changes.

**Discussion of 2009 Legislative Proposals**

Katherine Nicoletti and Commissioner McQuillan briefly reviewed the Preliminary List of 2009 Legislative Proposals that was sent to the committee. These proposals concerned Sheff, Secondary School Redesign, School Accountability, the Early Reading Success Grant Program, Educator Certification and School Readiness. They answered questions from committee members and clarified various proposals.

The committee had some specific questions regarding some of the certification proposals. Mrs. Nicoletti was asked to find out if the following proposal could be amended so that individuals applying for a cross-endorsement in a shortage area would not have to have all of the 30 credits be graduate credits:

- Effective July 1, 2014, in order to receive the first professional educator certificate, an individual must have completed not fewer than 30 graduate credits beyond a bachelor's degree and 150 hours of CEUs. Currently, there is no requirement that the 30 credits beyond a bachelor's degree be graduate credits and there is no requirement that the person have CEUs.

The committee had questions about the rationale behind the following proposal and asked Mrs. Nicoletti to get more information:

- Effective July 1, 2014, limit eligibility for a professional educator certificate to educators who serve in a Connecticut public school and specify that non-public school experience will not be accepted for purposes of issuing a professional educator certificate, but may be accepted to renew the provisional educator certificate. Accordingly, non-public school teachers would not be required to complete the CEU requirements.

The Committee asked that the following teacher certification proposal be written more narrowly:

- Hold harmless board of education employees who report in good faith negative information about educators whose professional or personal conduct puts students at risk. . .

### **Other**

Mrs. Nicoletti will make the suggested edits to the legislative package and then send it out to the full State Board of Education, prior to the next committee meeting, for their comments.

The next LBC meeting will take place on October 2, 2008, at 7:30 a.m., in Room 305.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carol Basile*