

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford**

Minutes of Meeting
April 2, 2008

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the State Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") met on Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

Present: Allan Taylor, Chair
Whitney Bartell
James Blake
Alice Carolan
Donald Coolican
Lynne Farrell*
Janet Finneran
Patricia Luke
Theresa Hopkins-Staten*
Michael Meotti, Ex-Officio*

Absent: Beverly Bobroske
Jay Voss

II. Public Participation

1. Jean Klein, Connecticut Reading Association, informed the Board of the Legislative reception being held at the Capitol at 4:00 p.m. today. She also stated that she is very appreciative of the support the Association receives from both the State Board of Education and the Legislature for reading.
2. Lisa Lessard, concerned Waterbury parent, read prepared remarks concerning the American School for the Deaf denying an appropriate education for her daughter according to Section 504 of the federal regulations.

[*Mrs. Hopkins-Staten and Dr. Farrell arrived at 9:46 a.m.]

X.A. Redesign of Licensed Practical Nurse Program

Abigail Hughes, Superintendent of the Connecticut Technical High School System, presented the report to the Board. Discussion followed.

V.C. Draft Audit Policy

Mrs. Luke presented the draft Audit Policy and Mission Statement to the Board. Discussion followed.

VI. Report of the Chair – Mr. Taylor reported the following:

- **NASBE Legislative Conference** – Mr. Taylor reported that it is unlikely that any legislative action on the NCLB Act will be taken this year. Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Bobroske met with federal legislators on issues involving the Migrant Education program.
- NASBE has invited Boards of Education to submit the name of one of its members to be nominated by NASBE for the **National Technical Advisory Council** (NTAC). (Related information contained in your supplemental materials folder.) Nominations from NASBE to the US Department of Education are due April 9.
- **CABE/CSDE Dinner Series:** (Designed for superintendents and board of education leaders of urban districts, and districts working with the CSDE per Connecticut's accountability legislation.) A reminder that SBE members are invited to participate in the upcoming sessions (April 8th; May 13th; and June 12th). Mr. Taylor will be attending the April 8th session "Life After Cambridge Assessment" at the Four-Points Sheraton in Meriden. The session on the 13th follows the "Data Showcase" at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell.
- **Highville Charter School Renewal Hearing** was held last week. Janet Finneran chaired the hearing and stated that approximately 200 people attended the hearing and every speaker was very supportive of the renewal of the charter.

- Whitney Bartell and James Blake appeared before Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee last week and await final confirmation of both houses.

VII. Report of the Commissioner - Commissioner McQuillan reported on the following:

- **NAEP Press Release:** Students in approximately 100 Connecticut high schools will take part in a new 12th grade state-level mathematics and reading pilot program for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) next year.
- **Education Week "Technology Counts 2008"** – The push to improve science, technology, engineering and mathematics, was recently released. This publication provides state-by-state comparisons of performance, gaps and state "grades".
- **Governor's School and College Security Conference**, was held on March 27th at Central Connecticut State University (CCSU). The Governor made introductory remarks. The Keynote Speaker was Dr. Jo Ann Freiberg of the State Department of Education. Joining the Commissioner were Commissioners of Public Safety, Higher Education and Emergency Management and Homeland Security.
- **Update on SHEFF** – This is an on-going process and we will have more information by the end of the day.
- **Windham Public Schools** – Mr. Taylor and I went to Windham to speak to the Board of Education regarding their district improvement plan. The Department will be sending a team in to work with the Superintendent.
- On March 26th several board members and I had a meeting in the Lt. Governor's office regarding the low enrollment and future of J.M. Wright Technical High School.

VIII. Financial Matters

Brian Mahoney, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance and Internal Operations, provided the Board with the Appropriations Committee Budget Highlights. Discussion followed.

IX. Consent Agenda

Ms. Finneran moved, Mrs. Luke seconded, to approve the following consent agenda items: IX.A., Receipt of Report on Racial Imbalance; IX.B., Amend Prior Action: Approval of Educator Preparation Programs at Quinnipiac University and IX.C., Amend Prior Action: Approval of New Educator Preparation Program at Quinnipiac University – 092 and 6th Year.

IX.A. Receipt of Report on Racial Imbalance

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-226a of the Connecticut General Statutes, accepts the Racial Imbalance Report, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

IX.B. Amend Prior Action: Approval of Educator Preparation Programs at Quinnipiac University

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order, amends the resolution concerning the full program approval at Quinnipiac University, previously adopted on February 6, 2008, as follows:

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(f)(1) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants full program approval for the period September 30, 2008, through September 30, 2013, for the purpose of certifying graduates from Quinnipiac University in the following areas:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Program Level</u>	<u>Program Type</u>
Elementary Education	K - 6	initial	graduate
Secondary Grades:			
English	7 - 12	initial	graduate
History/Social Studies	7 - 12	initial	graduate
Mathematics	7 - 12	initial	graduate
Biology	7 - 12	initial	graduate
Spanish	7 - 12	initial	graduate

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

IX.C. Amend Prior Action: Approval of New Educator Preparation Program at Quinnipiac University – 092 and 6th Year Program

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order, amends the resolution concerning the approval of the Intermediate Administrator and Sixth Year Certificate in Educational Leadership programs at Quinnipiac University, previously adopted on February 6, 2008, as follows:

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(f)(1) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants full program approval for the period February 6, 2008, through September 30, 2013, for the purpose of certifying graduates from the Quinnipiac University Intermediate Administrator (092) certificate program and the Sixth Year Certificate in Educational Leadership leading to recommendation for certification as an educational administrator in Connecticut (endorsement #092), and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE	In Favor:	Carolan, Coolican, Farrell, Hopkins-Staten, Luke,
ON		Finneran, Taylor
MOTIONS:	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	0
	Absent:	Bobroske, Voss

Motions carried unanimously.

XI. Committee Reports

- **Legislation and Bylaws** – Ms. Finneran was the only member in attendance. The Office of Legal and Governmental Affairs gave her an overview of legislation, referencing the Education Committee Bills Log.
- **Policy Development** – Ms. Finneran reported that the committee will be meeting immediately following the regularly scheduled meeting. The committee will discuss the Draft Position Statement on Science Education and Entry Age for Kindergarten.

- **Connecticut Technical High Schools** – Mr. Coolican reported that the committee will be meeting on April 9th in our Middletown Office to discuss Sheff and J.M. Wright Technical High School.
- **Ad Hoc Committee on Secondary Education** – Commissioner McQuillan reported that the committee will be meeting on April 7th at which time, several new members will attend. Dr. David Carter will address coordination of our work with higher education. A Request for Proposal (RFP) will be issued to conduct a cost analysis.

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Prepared : _____
Mark K. McQuillan, Secretary