

Connecticut State Board of Education
Connecticut Technical High School Committee
Minutes of Meeting Held on
November 10, 2010

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the Connecticut Technical High School Committee (the "Committee") met on November 10, 2010, at the Connecticut Technical High School System, Middletown, CT.

Committee Members Present:	Joseph Vrabely, Jr., Chair Beverly Bobroske Theresa Hopkins-Staton Pamela Partridge West
State Department of Education	Mark K. McQuillan, Commissioner Patricia A. Ciccone, Superintendent Robert Lombardi, Assistant Superintendent Ceferino Lugo, Assistant Superintendent Nivea Torres, Assistant Superintendent James Chasse, CTHSS Consultant Pamela Bergin, SDE Office Bea Tinty, CTHSS Consultant Nikitoula Menounos, Norwich Tech Principal and V.P., American Federation of School Administrators
State Vocational Federation of Teachers	Rick Tanasi, President

I. Chairperson Vrabely called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. Executive Session – None

III. Consideration of Minutes of October 13, 2010, CTHS Committee Meeting

Mrs. Bobroske moved, Mrs. Hopkins-Staton seconded, that the Committee approve the minutes of the October 13, 2010, Connecticut Technical High School Committee.

Vote: In Favor: Bobroske, Hopkins-Staton, Vrabely
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

IV. Public Participation - None

V. Consent Agenda – None

VI. Items Requiring Action - None

VII. Items for Discussion

a. Inventory Executive Summary

Dr. Lugo stated that the CTHSS continues to work with the Division of Finance and Operations. The electronic data base is expected to be in place in January/February 2011. Vinal and Norwich Technical High Schools have been selected to pilot the new program which will give the schools tools to better control their inventory.

b. Fiscal Report

The goal of the fiscal reporting project is to develop individual school and district office budgets for all funding sources. In order to comply with Section 10-76, the central fiscal office will post the first set of reports to the district and respective school websites by December 1, 2010.

Mrs. Hopkins-Staten asked that the preliminary work cost chart for each school construction project be shared with the committee.

Ms. Ciccone shared with the committee information on the three assistant principal vacancies and the urgent need to fill them.

c. Security/SRO Alternatives

Superintendent Ciccone shared a handout listing options, estimated costs, benefits and drawbacks. A discussion was held on the security staffing options in the CTHSS. Ms. Ciccone stated that she sent a letter to Commissioner McQuillan dated October 20, 2010, highlighting the urgent need for the immediate reinstatement of the SRO Program. Chairperson Vrabely stated a need for an alternative action plan. Discussing local police department alternatives was discussed.

VIII. Report of the Superintendent

- Ms. Ciccone stated that Grasso Technical High School will receive a 21st century grant in the amount of \$163,759.00 for extended school day programming.
- Ms. Ciccone stated that she received an invitation from the CT Automotive Retailers Association to attend the 2010 CT International Auto Show on November 18th at the CT Convention Center. The event will benefit the CTHSS automotive program credentialing process.
- Ms. Ciccone stated that the LPN Program is moving forward and classes will begin on January 20, 2011 at the six sites. A review of the adult education Extension Fund shows the CTHSS does not have sufficient funding available to continue granting waivers. Mrs. Hopkins-Staten asked if sites will be consolidated if there are not enough students for each site. Ms. Ciccone stated that programs cannot be closed – if they are not successful she would go to the SBE to suspend the program. Mrs. Hopkins-Staten asked that periodic updates/reports be given to the committee.
- A video on the 100th CTHSS Celebration which was held on October 29, 2010 was shown.

IX. Other Matters

- Ms. Menounos, on behalf of the American Federation of School Administrators, stated that while they are sensitive to students' needs and have a positive relationship with the local law enforcement, there are still going to be issues.
- Mr. Tanasi said that the SROs and teachers promote safety, however, teachers, by contract cannot act as security guards.

- Mrs. Bobroske stated that the E-Smart Building-Green Program, presentation given at the November 3, 2010 State Board of Education meeting was outstanding and the opportunities the students have are important and exciting.
- Mrs. Bobroske asked if the CTHSS could explore the possibility of doing something in memory of Timothy Davenport for the amount of time and work he gave to the CTHSS. Something in the form of a scholarship was suggested.
- Mrs. Bobroske stated that Joyce Mowrey, Principal at Bristol Tech extended an invitation to tour their school at their open house in December 2010.
- Mrs. Hopkins-Staten asked for an update on the CTHSS Admission Policy at the next CT Committee meeting.

X. Public Participation - None

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Minutes approved at the December 8, 2010 meeting