

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

February 3, 2010  
9:30 a.m.  
State Office Building  
Hartford, CT

**MINUTES**  
Approved March 3, 2010

**Members Present**

Theresa Hopkins-Staten, Janet Finneran, Hunter Kodama, John Voss, and Kathleen O'Connor.

**Staff Present**

Mark McQuillan, Daniel Murphy, Pamela Bergin, Jennifer Widness and Janice Dinnall.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. The meeting was delayed by one hour due to inclement weather.

**Minutes of Last Meeting**

The January 6, 2010, meeting minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Janet Finneran, seconded by John Voss.

The January 27, 2010, legislation workshop minutes were also unanimously approved on a motion by Janet Finneran, seconded by John Voss.

**Next Steps on Revising Education Funding Model in Connecticut**

As a follow-up to the January 27, 2010 workshop discussion, Theresa Hopkins-Staten asked that the Committee to recommend to the board that an ad hoc committee to study funding models. Members of the Committee agreed that the co-chairs of the General Assembly's Education Committee should be asked to participate in the committee.

Committee members discussed the timelines for forming the committee and making recommendations. It is the Committee's intention that a recommendation regarding the Ad Hoc Committee would go to the full board for a vote at the March meeting. This recommendation would include a charge to the Ad Hoc Committee as well as information regarding membership and timing. Committee members hoped that the Ad Hoc Committee would prepare recommendations by September for the next legislative session.

### **Update on Race to the Top Legislative Proposals**

Jennifer Widness updated the Committee members on the status of the Race to the Top legislative proposals. She informed the committee members that legislative language is being drafted and should be submitted to the Governor's office and OPM the week of February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Committee members asked that the co-chairs of the Education Committee be invited to attend the next Legislation and Bylaws Committee on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Other**

Theresa Hopkins-Staten inquired as to whether any legislative changes were necessary to implement the Board's recent resolution regarding discontinuing tracking of students. Staff agreed to research the matter and get back to the Commissioner and Mrs. Hopkins-Staten on this issue.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.