

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Legislation and Bylaws Committee

March 3, 2010
8:30 a.m.
State Office Building
Hartford, CT

MINUTES
Approved April 7, 2010

Members Present

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

Staff Present

Mark McQuillan, George Coleman, Daniel Murphy, Jennifer Widness and Janice Dinnall.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m.

II. Minutes of Last Meeting

The February 3, 2010, meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Janet Finneran, seconded by John Voss.

III. Update on Race to the Top Legislative Proposals/Other

Jennifer Widness and Commissioner McQuillan provided an update on the Board's legislative proposals relating to the State's Race to the Top ("RTTT") application. There was discussion regarding whether additional legislative proposals would be needed should the State's first round RTTT application be unsuccessful. There was also discussion concerning education related bills pending before the Education Committee and the Program Review and Investigations Committee as of March 1, 2010.

In other matters, the Committee discussed the following:

- a) Committee members discussed the desire to avoid postponing public hearings for charter school renewals due to the unavailability of Board members. The Committee asked Jennifer Widness to research whether a State Department of

Education staff member, such as the Commissioner, could conduct such hearings in the event Board members were unavailable;

- b) Committee members recognized that the appointments of Hunter Kodama and Hannah Klein as the student representatives to Board were confirmed last week by the General Assembly;
- c) The Education Committee is holding public hearings over the course of the next three Mondays throughout the month of March;
- d) Senate Bill 379, An Act Concerning Vocational-Technical Schools which proposes various changes to the operation of the technical high school system was discussed; and
- e) The need to bring public attention to harassment and bullying issues in local communities throughout the State through a proposed statewide conference.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.