

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Legislation and Bylaws Committee

September 1, 2010
8:30 a.m.
State Office Building
Hartford, CT

MINUTES

Members Present

Theresa Hopkins-Staten, Janet Finneran, Jay Voss and Patrick Campbell.

Staff Present

Mark McQuillan, George Coleman, Daniel Murphy, Pam Bergin and Janice Dinnall.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 a.m.

Approval of July 7, 2010, Meeting Minutes

The July 7, 2010, meeting minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Janet Finneran, seconded by Jay Voss.

Legislative Update

Attorney Daniel Murphy updated the Committee on the status of the new legislative proposals for the 2011 Legislative Session. A request for internal suggestions has been sent out to Department staff. Commissioner McQuillan discussed last year's proposals and suggested that the Department move lightly in developing new statutes in the upcoming session and that we should wait to see the Achievement Gap Commission proposals. Theresa Hopkins suggested that the racial imbalance regulations be revisited.

Commissioner McQuillan discussed having two work groups, one on regionalism and the other to redo the Education Cost Sharing ("ECS") formula.

Update on Phase II RTTT Application

The Commissioner expressed disappointment in Connecticut not being awarded the RTTT money. He recommended that the Department be prepared to consider:-

1. Adjustments to the secondary school reform proposal to make it more flexible and
2. Implementation of secondary school reform.

Other Matters

The Commissioner discussed the status of the Windham Board of Education and its hiring of a new superintendent, and the possible takeover of the District by the State. In an upcoming meeting, Theresa Hopkins-Staten would like the Committee to discuss inviting the two gubernatorial candidates and the Education Committee members to the LBC meeting to discuss the role of the State Board of Education.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.