

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Legislation and Bylaws Committee

October 6, 2010
8:30 a.m.
State Office Building
Hartford, CT

MINUTES

Members Present

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

Staff Present

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

Call to Order

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

Approval of September 1, 2010, Meeting Minutes

The September 1, 2010, meeting minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Jay Voss, seconded by Theresa Hopkins-Staten.

Legislative Update

Attorney Jennifer Widness updated the Committee gave a brief overview of the legislative proposals for the 2011 legislative session.

Attorney Theresa DeFrancis of the Bureau of Special Education assisted in explaining the proposals relating to special education. Specifically, Attorney DeFrancis addressed the proposals to eliminate the parental consent provision currently required for a planning and placement team to make a private school placement; clarify that home school educated children are not eligible for special education services; and make necessary changes to the recently passed Education Stability bill, P.A. 10-160, which creates a presumption that it is in the best interest of a child placed in out-of-home care under an emergency, temporary custody, or commitment order by the Department of Children and Families to continue to attend the school he or she attended before the placement (i.e., the "school of origin").

Other Matters

The Committee requested a workshop be held to discuss the legislative proposals in detail, specifically those related to implementing the court order in Sheff v. O'Neill.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.