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CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford

TO BE PROPOSED:
August 4, 2015

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-95(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the appointments of Mr. Chris DiPentima and Dr. Daisy Cocco De Filippis as members of the Connecticut Technical High School System Board, effective immediately, for a term coterminous with the term of the Governor or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

Approved by a vote of _____, this fourth day of August, Two Thousand Fifteen.

Signed: _____
Dianna R. Wentzell, Secretary
State Board of Education

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TO: State Board of Education
FROM: Dr. Dianna R. Wentzell, Commissioner of Education
DATE: August 4, 2015
SUBJECT: Appointments to the Connecticut Technical High School System Board

Subsection (a) of Section 10-95 of the Connecticut General Statutes states, in part:

The State Board of Education may establish and maintain a state-wide system of technical high schools to be known as the technical high school system. The technical high school system shall be governed by a board that shall consist of eleven members as follows: (1) Four executives of Connecticut-based employers who shall be nominated by the Connecticut Employment and Training Commission established pursuant to section 31-3h, and appointed by the Governor, (2) five members appointed by the State Board of Education, (3) the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, and (4) the Labor Commissioner.

The Technical High School System Board and its standing committees meet monthly. The CTHSS Board oversees the policies, achievement standards, regulations, and budget for the Connecticut Technical High School System (CTHSS) and its adult programs, and complies with all related statutory requirements. The CTHSS Board and the Commissioner of Education jointly recommend to the State Board of Education (SBE) the appointment of a candidate for Superintendent of the CTHSS. The Chairperson of the CTHSS Board serves as a nonvoting ex-officio member of the SBE. Administration of the CTHSS is the responsibility of the State Department of Education.

I recommend that the SBE approve the appointments of Mr. Chris DiPentima and Dr. Daisy Cocco De Filippis as members of the CTHSS Board, effective immediately, to fill the SBE-appointed seats vacated by Mr. Joseph J. Vrabely Jr. and Matthew Nemerson. Mr. DiPentima and Dr. De Filippis will serve a term coterminous with the Governor or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer. Both individuals have valuable insights and experience that will be an asset to the Board as it implements its strategic plan for the Connecticut Technical High Schools.

Attached please find a copy of Mr. DiPentima's and Dr. De Filippis' resumes, as well as a membership list of the CTHSS Board upon your approval of their appointments.

CONNECTICUT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM BOARD MEMBERSHIP LIST

(Revised August 4, 2015)

Board Member	Appointed by
Mr. John Barrasso Executive Vice President Mechanical Contractors Assoc.	Governor*
Mr. Stephan Bundschu Vice President Trumpf, Inc.	Governor*
Ms. Karen Marie Eichstaedt Vice President of Human Resources United Community and Family Services	Governor*
Mr. Fitz G. Walker, Jr. President and Chief Executive Officer Bartron Medical Imaging	Governor*
Dr. Daisy Cocco De Filippis President Naugatuck Valley Community College	State Board of Education
Mr. Chris DiPentima President and General Counsel Pegasus Manufacturing, Inc.	State Board of Education
Mrs. Patricia Keavney-Maruca Former State Board of Education Member and CTHSS Teacher	State Board of Education
Mr. Robert Trefry, Chairperson Former Chief Executive Officer of Bridgeport Hospital	State Board of Education
Vacancy	State Board of Education
Commissioner Sharon Palmer Department of Labor	By statute, Commissioner of the Department of Labor shall serve on the THSS Board
Commissioner Catherine Smith Department of Economic and Community Development	By statute, Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development shall serve on the THSS Board

*Nominated by the Connecticut Employment and Training Commission

Curriculum Vitae



Chris DiPentima

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Date of Birth: August 21, 1971

Skills

Enterprise-Wide Change Management
Turn Around Management
Strategic Planning & Execution
Lean Enterprise Tools
Complex Litigation

Team Leadership & Organizational Development
Complex Project Management
Risk Assessment and Analysis
Strategic Problem Solving
Standard Work and Training

Education

Quinnipiac University of Law <i>Juris Doctorate</i>	Hamden, CT	1994-1996
Boston College <i>Bachelor of Arts</i>	Chestnut Hill, MA	1990-1994
Westminster Preparatory School	Simsbury, CT	1986-1990

Current Employment

President & General Counsel Pegasus Manufacturing, Inc. 2002-Present
Owner, President and General Counsel of Pegasus Manufacturing, Inc. ("Pegasus"), a 2nd generation family owned AS9100, ISO9000 & NACAP certified Contract Manufacturer that was founded in 1985 and is currently located in a 52,000 square foot facility on 14 acres in Middletown, Connecticut. Through 7 key acquisitions and internal growth, Pegasus has developed since the start up in 1989 to \$15 million in revenue and 70 employees operating complete tube fabrication, machining and gearing capabilities as well as supporting welding, brazing and non-destructive testing all under one roof. Pegasus services over 70 domestic & international customers in industries that cover the air, land, sea & subsurface, specifically: aerospace (commercial & military airframes and engines), power generation, ship & submarine building, and hi tech. Customers include: The U.S. Government, Rolls Royce, General Electric Aviation, Hamilton Sundstrand, Mitsubishi, Aerojet, Sikorsky, Augusta Westland, Honeywell, Electric Boat, Newport News, and more. Prior to becoming President in 2006, I served as Vice President of Operations and General Counsel since 2002. Supported Programs include: GenX for Boeing 787, GP720C for Airbus A380, Airbus A350 wireways, Hercules C130, F35 Joint Strike Fighter, F18, V22 Osprey, Trident & Virginia Class submarines.

Work History

Attorney Gager & Peterson 1998-2002
Trial attorney representing individuals and corporations in litigation involving a broad range of areas, including labor relations, contracts, workers' compensation and personal injuries. Largest client was Shaw's Supermarkets.

Attorney Watstein & Watstein 1995-1998
Trial attorney representing individuals in litigation involving workers' compensation, personal injuries, estate planning and medical malpractice.

Dr. Daisy Cocco De Filippis



Since assuming the presidency at Naugatuck Valley Community College in 2008, Daisy Cocco De Filippis, Ph.D., has instilled a shared vision of community, student-centeredness, collaboration and civic-engagement.

Under her guidance, student retention has steadily risen, enrollment has increased from 6,128 students (fall 2008) to 7,293 students (fall 2013), and graduation awards have grown from 521 (2007-08) to 1,231 (2012-13) total awards.

The College has also observed the successful development of a growing center in Danbury; expanded course time blocks; extended library and tutoring hours to evenings and weekends; consolidated and streamlined student services; implemented college-wide mentoring, advising and job-readiness programs; and established a Bridge to College office, which administers \$12 million in grants aimed at preparing students to enter and succeed in college.

Dr. De Filippis has also worked with local and elected leadership to bring evening bus service to Waterbury, secure funding for an Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center, receive two Fulbright Scholar-In-Residence guests and bring the federal GEAR UP program to Waterbury. Prior to coming to NVCC, Dr. De Filippis served as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Eugenio Maria de Hostos Community College of the City University of New York (CUNY). Dr. De Filippis began her career at York College, also part of the CUNY system, as an adjunct lecturer in 1978, advancing to become a professor of Spanish and ultimately being appointed associate dean for academic affairs.

Dr. De Filippis holds a Ph.D. in Spanish language and a M. Phil. in Spanish literature from the Graduate School and University Center of CUNY, an M.A. in Spanish literature and a B.A. in Spanish and English literatures summa cum laude from Queens College, CUNY. A published author and literary critic, her scholarly work is recognized internationally as pioneering the field of Dominican women studies and Dominican authors in the U.S.

As president of NVCC, Dr. De Filippis has been honored by the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission, Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund, the Boys and Girls Club, Habitat for Humanity and the Martin Luther King Jr. Commission. She was also invited to speak at the Waterbury mayoral inauguration in 2012 and named Dominican Mayor of the Day in 2013.