CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION Hartford

Minutes of Meeting September 3, 2008

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the State Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") met on Wednesday, September 3, 2008, at the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Present: Allan Taylor, Chair

Beverly Bobroske Alice Carolan Donald Coolican Janet Finneran

Theresa Hopkins-Staten

Christine Larson Patricia Luke

Brandt Smallwood*

Jay Voss

Absent: Lynne Farrell

Michael Meotti, Ex-Officio

I. <u>Public Participation</u>

- 1. Mary Radcliff, President of the Greenwich Symphony, stated that professionally taught courses in the arts should be a requirement for high school graduation in all districts of the state.
- 2. Janet Classe, Chair, School Projects of the Greenwich Arts Council, expressed her support for two fine arts credits for high school graduation.

[Mr. Smallwood arrived at 8:40 a.m.]

III. Executive Session

The Board unanimously voted to move into executive session at 8:45 a.m. for the purpose of discussing Personnel Matters.

Present at executive session were the following Board members: Mrs. Bobroske, Ms. Larson, Mr. Smallwood, Dr. Carolan, Mr. Coolican, Ms. Finneran, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten, Mrs. Luke, Mr. Taylor and Dr. Voss. Also present was Commissioner of Education Mark K. McQuillan. Dr. Farrell and Mr. Meotti were absent.

The Board reconvened in public session at 9:00 a.m. Present were Mrs. Bobroske, Ms. Larson, Mr. Smallwood, Dr. Carolan, Mr. Coolican, Ms. Finneran, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten, Mrs. Luke and Dr. Voss. Mr. Taylor, Dr. Farrell and Mr. Meotti were absent.

IV.A. Consideration of Minutes of the July 2, 2008, State Board of Education Meeting

Mrs. Luke moved, Dr. Voss seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the July 2, 2008, State Board of Education meeting.

VOTE: In Favor: Bobroske, Carolan, Coolican, Hopkins-Staten, Finneran,

Luke, Voss

Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0

Absent: Farrell, Taylor

Motion carried unanimously.

IV.B. Consideration of Minutes of the August 13, 2008, State Board of Education Retreat

Mrs. Luke moved, Dr. Voss seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the August 13, 2008, State Board of Education retreat.

VOTE: In Favor: Bobroske, Carolan, Coolican, Hopkins-Staten, Finneran,

Luke, Voss

Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0

Absent: Farrell, Taylor

Motion carried unanimously.

V.A. J.M. Wright Technical School Program Design

Mrs. Hopkins-Staten moved, Mrs. Luke seconded, that the Board, pursuant to Section 10-95 of the Connecticut General Statutes, adopts the Early College Model for J.M. Wright Technical High School in partnership with Norwalk Community College, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE: In Favor: Bobroske, Carolan, Coolican, Hopkins-Staten, Finneran,

Luke, Voss

Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

Absent: Farrell, Taylor

Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Report of the Commissioner – Commissioner McQuillan reported on the following:

General Information

- Back to school meeting with superintendents on August 16;
- CMT, CAPT, SAT test release and press conference;
- Back to school press conference on CTN;
- Convocations with Montville and Glastonbury;
- Meeting with Governor on P20 Council;
- Completion of the first draft on in-house suspension guidance;
- Follow-Up with Martha Summerville regarding State Board Efficiencies;
- Preparation of October 1 expansion budget, outlining State Department of Education's priorities and the Board's five-year plan.

Early Childhood

 Preparation underway for September 8 Cabinet retreat, Part 2 and the September 22 conference scheduled by the Kellogg Foundation.

Accountability

- Met with Norwalk Board of Education;
- Attended a conference in Washington hosted by Achieve, Inc. on September 11-12.

[Mr. Taylor returned at 9:25 am]

Secondary School Reform

- Completion of secondary school reform proposal and cost estimates;
- Preparation for October 20, 22 conference on secondary school reform.
 This conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell.

Certification

- Schedule and work on BEST Task Force;
- Schedule and work on Teacher Certification Regulations.

VI. Report of the Chair – Mr. Taylor reported on the following:

- **Retreat Session** Board met on August 13 for a one-day work session at which it discussed objectives in the coming year, how to strengthen our relationships with our constituents how and to make our meetings more effective; and emerging issues.
- September 12, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., an Education Leadership
 Symposium will be sponsored by Connecticut Career Choices, at Central
 Connecticut State University. The symposium will focus on the topic,
 "International Competitiveness: Lessons from Abroad" and Connecticut's 21st
 Century Talent Pipeline. The findings from the study tour to Finland will be
 the centerpiece of this day-long session.
- NASBE President-elect. The choices are Isis Castro, Virginia; Randy DeHoff, Colorado; Lowell Johnson, West Virginia for NASBE President-elect and for Area Director: Karen Farmer White, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Luke moved, Mrs. Bobroske seconded, that the Board supported Lowell Johnson, West Virginia, for NASBE President and directs the Chairperson to take the necessary action. Motion passed unanimously.
- September 12, American Diploma Project (ADP) at the Fairmont
 Hotel, Washington, D.C. Mr. Taylor and Commissioner McQuillan will be
 attending the Annual American Diploma Project (ADP) Leadership Team
 Meeting in Washington. The goal of this meeting is to give states a significant
 opportunity to address key challenges and opportunities associated with
 moving the college and career ready policy agenda forward.
- The CABE Board of Directors will hold its Back-to-School Meeting next Wednesday, September 10, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at CABE office in Wethersfield. Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Bobroske and Mrs. Luke will be attending.

• Friendly reminder that our October meeting will be held on Thursday, October 2, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

XII. Committee Reports

- Finance, Audit and Department Matters Mrs. Luke reported that the committee moved its meeting to September 10 in the State Office Building at 11:30 a.m., to discuss the Migrant Education Program.
- **Legislation and Bylaws --** Mrs. Bobroske reported that the committee will be meeting on September 15, 2008, in the State Office Building at 1:00 p.m.
- Policy Development Ms. Finneran reported that the committee met on July 23. The committee will meet again following today's regularly scheduled meeting to discuss the Draft Position Statements on International Education and English Language Arts.
- Connecticut Technical High Schools (CTHSS) Mr. Coolican reported that the committee met on July 22, 2008, at Northeast Utilities in Berlin to discuss J.M. Wright Technical School. The next Connecticut Technical Schools Committee meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2008 in the State Office Building.
- NASBE Mr. Voss reported that the Middle School Study report is in draft form and will be approved at the NASBE Conference in October. Mrs. Bobroske informed the Board that Michael Hill of NASBE will be retiring.

[Mr. Taylor left the meeting at 9:31 a.m.]

• Ad Hoc Committee on Secondary Education – Dr. Voss reported that he will be meeting with the Chairs of the Middle Level work group and the Revisions and Implementation work group tomorrow to review their drafts reports.

VIII.A. Fiscal Year 2008 End of Year Financial Report

Mr. Mahoney, Chief Financial Officer, Finance and Internal Operations, presented the report to the Board. Discussion followed.

VIII.B. State and Federal Funding 2008-09

Mr. Mahoney, Chief Financial Officer, Finance and Internal Operations, presented the report to the Board. Discussion followed.

[Mr. Taylor returned at 10:15 a.m.]

IX.A. Approval of District Improvement Plan: New Haven

Mrs. Bobroske moved, Mrs. Hopkins-Staten seconded, that the Board, pursuant to Section 10-223e of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves and directs the New Haven Board of Education to implement the District Improvement Plan for the New Haven Public School System, and directs the Commissioner to take necessary action.

VOTE: In Favor: Bobroske, Carolan, Coolican, Hopkins-Staten, Finneran,

Luke, Taylor, Voss

Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0
Absent: Farrell

Motion carried unanimously.

[Mrs. Bobroske left at 11:25 a.m.]

IX.B. Approval of District Improvement Plan: Waterbury

Dr. Carolan moved, Mrs. Luke seconded, that the Board, pursuant to Section 10-223e of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves and directs the Waterbury Board of Education to implement the District Improvement Plan for the Waterbury Public School System, and directs the Commissioner to take necessary action.

VOTE: In Favor: Carolan, Coolican, Hopkins-Staten, Finneran,

Luke, Taylor, Voss

Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0

Absent: Bobroske, Farrell

Motion carried unanimously.

[Mrs. Bobroske returned at 11:35 a.m.]

IX.C. Approval of District Improvement Plan: New London

Mrs. Luke moved, Dr. Voss seconded, that the Board, pursuant to Section 10-223e of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves and directs the New London Board of Education to implement the District Improvement Plan for the New London Public School System, and directs the Commissioner to take necessary action.

VOTE: In Favor: Bobroske, Carolan, Coolican, Hopkins-Staten, Finneran,

Luke, Taylor, Voss

Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0
Absent: Farrell

Motion carried unanimously.

[Mrs. Hopkins-Staten left at 11:45 a.m.]

IX.D. <u>Appointment: Associate Commissioner, Division of Teaching Learning and Instructional Leadership</u>

Mrs. Luke moved, Mrs. Bobroske seconded, that the Board, pursuant to Article IV of its Bylaws, appoints Dr. Marion H. Martinez as Associate Commissioner of the Division of Teaching, Learning and Instructional Leadership, effective on a date to be mutually agreed upon by Dr. Martinez and the Commissioner, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE: In Favor: Bobroske, Carolan, Coolican, Finneran,

Luke, Taylor, Voss

Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0

Absent: Hopkins-Staten, Farrell

Motion carried unanimously.

X. <u>Consent Agenda</u>

Dr. Carolan removed agenda item XI.I., Adoption of Position Statement on Science Education.

Mrs. Luke moved, Mrs. Bobroske seconded, to approve the following consent agenda items: XI.A., Approval of Alternate Route to Certification Program - Eastern Connecticut State University, XI.B., Approval of Teacher Preparation Program - Yale University; XI.D., Approval of Teacher Preparation Program - Fairfield University; XI.E., Approval of One-year Program Approval Extension - St. Joseph College; XI.F., Appointment of Special Education Hearing Officers; XI.G., Receipt of Condition of Education Report; XI.H., Appointments to Teacher Preparation Program Review Committee; and XIJ., Adoption of Name for Aviation Mechanics Program at Brainard Airport.

Dr. Voss recused himself on the following two consent agenda items; XI.B., Approval of Teacher Preparation Program - Sacred Heart University and XI.H., Appointments to Teacher Preparation Program Review Committee.

XI.B. <u>Approval of Teacher Preparation Program – Sacred Heart University</u>

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(f)(1) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants full program approval for the period September 30, 2008, through September 30, 2013, for the purpose of certifying graduates from Sacred Heart University in the following areas:

<u>Program</u>	Grade Level	Program Level	Program Type
Elementary Education	n K - 6	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Secondary Grades			
English	7 - 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
History/Social Stud	ies 7 - 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Mathematics	7 - 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
General Science	7 - 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Biology	7 - 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Chemistry	7 - 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Spanish	7 - 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Business	7 - 12	initial	graduate
Intermediate Adminis	tration		
and Supervision	PK-12	advanced	graduate
Remedial Reading/La	nguage		-
Arts	1-12	advanced	graduate

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

In Favor: Bobroske, Carolan, Coolican, Finneran, Luke, Taylor

Opposed: 0 Abstained: Voss

Absent: Hopkins-Staten, Farrell

Motion carried.

XI.H. Appointments to Teacher Preparation Program Review Committee

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(f)(1) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, appoints Mitchell Sakofs, Kathleen Butler, Jonathon Gillette and Edward Malin to serve on the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) Review Committee for the Approval of Connecticut Educator Preparation Programs from September 30, 2008, through September 30, 2011, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

In Favor: Bobroske, Carolan, Coolican, Finneran, Luke, Taylor

Opposed: 0 Abstained: Voss

Absent: Hopkins-Staten, Farrell

Motion carried.

XI.A. <u>Approval of Alternate Route to Certification Program - Eastern</u> <u>Connecticut State University</u>

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(f)(1) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants full program approval for the period September 3, 2008, through September 30, 2010, for the purpose of certifying graduates from the Eastern Connecticut State University Early Childhood Education Alternate Route to Certification Cross-Endorsement Program, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

XI.C. <u>Approval of Teacher Preparation Program – Yale University</u>

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(f)(1) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants full program approval for the period September 30, 2008, through September 30, 2013, for the purpose of certifying graduates from Yale University in the following areas:

<u>Program</u>	Grade Level	Program Leve	el Program Type
Early Childhood Education	B-K	initial	undergraduate
Music	PK-12	initial	undergraduate
Secondary Education			
English/Language Arts	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Mathematics	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Biology	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Chemistry	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
General Science	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Physics	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Social Studies/History	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
World Languages			
German	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Italian	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
French	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Latin	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Russian	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Spanish	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

XI.D. Approval of Teacher Preparation Program - Fairfield University

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(f)(1) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants full program approval for the period September 30, 2008, through September 30, 2013, for the purpose of certifying graduates from Fairfield University in the following areas:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Grade</u>	Level	Program L	<u>_evel</u>	Program Type
School Psychologist Elementary Education School Counselor Special Education School Library Media Special Education	K – 12 K – 6 K – 12 K – 12 cialist K – 12 K – 12		advanced initial advanced initial advanced initial		graduate graduate graduate graduate graduate graduate
History/Social Studies Mathematics	7 – 12 7 – 12 7 - 12 7 - 12	initial initial initial initial	un un	dergradua dergradua	te/graduate te/graduate te/graduate te/graduate

Chemistry	7 - 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Spanish	7 - 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Physics	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
General Science	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
French	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
German	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Latin	7 – 12	initial	undergraduate/graduate

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

XI.E. Approval of One-year Program Approval Extension - St. Joseph College

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(f)(1) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, extends full program approval from September 30, 2010, to September 30, 2011, to the following teacher preparation programs at St. Joseph College:

<u>Program</u>	Grade Level	Program Level	Program Type
Early Childhood	B-K	initial	graduate
Early Childhood	N-3	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Elementary Education	K-6	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Middle Grades:			
English	4-8	initial	graduate
History/Social	4-8	initial	graduate
Studies	4-8	initial	graduate
Mathematics	4-8	initial	graduate
Biology	4-8	initial	graduate
Earth Science	4-8	initial	graduate
General Science			
Secondary:			
English	7-12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
History/Social	7-12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Studies	7-12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Mathematics	7-12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Biology	7-12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Earth Science	7-12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
General Science	7-12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
French	7-12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Italian	7-12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Latin	7-12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Spanish	7-12	initial	undergraduate/graduate

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Home Economics	PK-12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
Special Education	K-12	initial	undergraduate/graduate
School Counselor	PK-12	advanced	graduate

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

XI.F. Appointment of Special Education Hearing Officers

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-76h(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, reappoints Mary H.B. Gelfman and Justino Rosado as members of the impartial hearing board for special education due process hearings for a four-year term beginning September 8, 2008 and Deborah Kearns for a one-year term beginning September 8, 2008; authorizes the Commissioner to appoint a hearing officer to conduct a hearing upon receipt of a request for such hearing; and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

XI.G. Receipt of Condition of Education Report

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-4(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, receives *The Condition of Education in Connecticut*, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

XIJ. Adoption of Name for Aviation Mechanics Program at Brainard Airport

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-95 of the Connecticut General Statutes, names the new aviation training facility at Brainard Airport the 'Connecticut Aero Tech School'. Said school to be under the jurisdiction of Howell Cheney Technical School, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE In Favor: Bobroske, Carolan, Coolican, Luke,

ON Finneran, Taylor, Voss

MOTIONS: Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Hopkins-Staten, Farrell

Motions carried unanimously.

XI.I. Adoption of Position Statement on Science Education

Mrs. Bobroske moved, Ms. Finneran seconded, that the Board approves the Position Statement on Science Education and Guidelines for Policymakers dated September 3, 2008, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

Dr. Carolan moved, Mrs. Bobroske seconded, the elimination of all references to specific class size numbers as recommended by the National Science Teachers Association.

[Mrs. Hopkins-Staten returned at 12:05 p.m.]

VOTE In Favor: Bobroske, Carolan, Coolican

ON Opposed: Finneran, Hopkins-Staten, Luke, Taylor, Voss

AMEND- Abstained: 0
MENT: Absent: Farrell

Motion failed.

VOTE In Favor: Finneran, Hopkins-Staten, Luke, Taylor, Voss

ON Opposed: Bobroske, Carolan, Coolican

ORIGINAL Abstained: 0
MOTION: Absent: Farrell

Motion carried.

By unanimous consent, the Board recessed its meeting at 12:15 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. Present: Mrs. Bobroske, Mr. Coolican, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Smallwood, Dr. Carolan, Mrs. Luke, Ms. Finneran, Ms. Larson and Dr. Voss. Mrs. Hopkins-Staten, Mr. Meotti and Dr. Farrell were absent.

IX.A. Report of the State Advisory Council on Special Education

Charlene Russell-Tucker, Associate Commissioner, Division of Family and Student Support Services introduced Brenda Sullivan, Chairperson, State Advisory Council and Anne Louise Thompson, Chief, Bureau of Special Education who gave the Board an overview of the Council. Discussion followed.

Ву	unanimous	consent,	the	meeting	was	adjourned	at	1:30	p.m.
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	McQuillan,	Secretary	