

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Legislation and Bylaws Committee

May 17, 2012
165 Capitol Avenue, Room 305
Hartford, CT

MINUTES APPROVED
JULY 11, 2012

Members Present

Ferdinand Risco, Ellen Camhi and Joshua Friedman.

Terry Jones joined the meeting at 8:49 a.m.

Staff Present

Sarah Hemingway, Pamela Charland, Matthew Venhorst and Janice Dinnall.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ferdinand Risco at 8:45 a.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the April 4, 2012, meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

Education Reform Settlement

Sarah Hemingway presented the 6 Principles of the Education Reform Package as originally presented by Governor Malloy. She discussed how the new legislation addresses each of the principles below:-

1. Enhances families' access to high-quality early childhood education opportunities;
2. Authorizes the intensive interventions and enables the supports necessary to turn around Connecticut's lowest-performing schools and districts;

3. Expands the availability of high-quality school models, including traditional schools, magnets, charters and others;
4. Unleashes innovation by removing red tape and other barriers to success, especially in high-performing schools and districts;
5. Ensures that our schools are home to the very best teachers and principals – working within a fair system that values skill and effectiveness over seniority and tenure; and
6. Delivers more resources, targeted to districts with the greatest need – provided that they embrace key reforms that position our students for success.

Legislative Update

Ms. Hemingway discussed a table she presented to the Committee regarding the final status of 2012 State Board of Education minor legislative proposals. She stated that all but three of the proposals were passed during the legislative session. A copy of this table is attached. Ms. Hemingway also presented an education bill tracking log and update of the implementation of the 2011 legislation.

Adjournment

Mr. Risco adjourned the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

FINAL Status of 2012 State Board of Education Minor Legislative Proposals

Note: Proposals that did not pass are shaded gray

Category	State Board of Education Legislative Proposal	Status (Passed/ Not Passed)	Bill #	House Action	Senate Action	Notes
Early Childhood	Provide flexibility for the distribution of unallocated Competitive School Readiness funds.	Not Passed	n/a	n/a	n/a	No action in Education Committee
	Technical amendment to properly transfer the Child Day Care program from the Department of Social Services (DSS) to CSDE.	Passed	299	Passed as Amended by Senate A LCO # 4476	Passed as Amended by Senate A LCO # 4476	Section 2 of bill
Division of Family & Support Services	Amend Family Resource Center Program statute to allow for SDE administrative set-aside.	Not Passed	n/a	n/a	n/a	No action in Education Committee
	Revisions to Statutes for consistency with new Drop-Out Provision	Passed	299	Passed as Amended by Senate A LCO # 4476	Passed as Amended by Senate A LCO # 4476	Sections 7 & 8 of bill
	Technical and minor revisions needed to all Sections of Statute that impact Adult Education to align with a technical change made in the 2011 Legislative Session	Passed	302 and 299	299- Passed as Amended by Senate A LCO # 4476	299- Passed as Amended by Senate A LCO # 4476	299- see Sections 507 & 508 of amendment LCO # 4476
	Technical change required in order to comply with the IDEA federal regulations concerning state advisory panels	Passed	299	302 - Passed Passed as Amended by Senate A LCO # 4476	302 - Passed Passed as Amended by Senate A LCO # 4476	302 – Section 3 of bill Section 9 of bill
	Technical change to ensure that the nutrition standards for beverages are consistent with current national health recommendations and federal regulations	Not Passed	n/a	n/a	n/a	No action in Education Committee
	Expand eligibility for the in-classroom	Passed	299	Passed as	Passed as	Section 11 of bill

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	school breakfast pilot program by aligning to the newly defined state definition of severe need school			Amended by Senate A LCO # 4476	Amended by Senate A LCO # 4476	
	Revise After School Program Biennial Reporting Requirement to Align with Grant Cycle	Passed	299	Passed as Amended by Senate A LCO # 4476	Passed as Amended by Senate A LCO # 4476	Section 10 of 299
	Provide statutory language for the Even Start Program to align with the state budget line item and provide guidance on use of funds	Passed	299	Passed as Amended by Senate A LCO # 4476	Passed as Amended by Senate A LCO # 4476	Section 12 of bill
	Technical correction to ensure proper District Reference Group (DRG) is cited	Passed	302	Passed	Passed	Section 2 of bill
	Add "within available appropriation" language to Youth Service Bureau (YSB) Enhancement grant	Passed	299	Passed as Amended by Senate A LCO # 4476	Passed as Amended by Senate A LCO # 4476	Section 3 of bill
	Technical Amendment to Prior Year Adjustments (PYAs) for magnet school operating grants	Passed	299	Passed as Amended by Senate A LCO # 4476	Passed as Amended by Senate A LCO # 4476	Section 5 of bill
Finance and Internal Operations	Refine language for MBR to remove language which could potentially penalize districts twice for declining enrollment	Passed	458	Passed	Passed	Section 62 of 458 resolves that districts will not be penalized twice for declining enrollment; however for the 18 districts that do not operate their own high school, the reduction could be much more severe because Section 62 eliminates the requirement that the reduction shall not exceed one-

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						half of one per cent of the district's budgeted appropriation for education.
	Revise language to reflect the fact that the Minimum Expenditure Requirement (MER) is no longer utilized	Passed	299	Passed as Amended by Senate A LCO # 4476	Passed as Amended by Senate A LCO # 4476	Changes to Sec. 10-4a are in Section 14 of bill. Changes needed to Section 10-4b were not approved by the Education Committee.
	Minor Revisions - Bureau of School Facilities Transfer from CSDE to the Department of Construction Services	Passed	299	Passed as Amended by Senate A LCO # 4476	Passed as Amended by Senate A LCO # 4476	Proposals 1-3 of the SBE minor revisions for the Bureau of School Facilities transfer passed, but proposals 4 & 5 did not pass. Section 4 of 299 reassigns the Condition of School Facilities Survey from CSDE to the Department of Construction Services. Section 15 of 299 amends the definition of a renovation to be consistent with its use in 10-286(a)(8). Sections 16 & 17 of 299 amend 10-286(a)(4) to align the state reimbursements for vo-ag equipment and regional special education facility projects to 80%.