

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford

The Legislation and Policy Development Committee

Wednesday, June 17, 2020, 8:30 a.m.
State Office Building, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut
Conference Room: **Virtual due to COVID-19**

Erin D. Benham, Chair

Donald F. Harris, Malia K. Sieve, Bonnie E. Burr, Karen DuBois-Walton, Elwood Exley, Jr., Robert J. Trefry

Minutes

(Approved July 14, 2020)

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the Board of Education Legislation and Policy Development Committee met virtually due to COVID-19, on June 17, 2020.

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Erin Benham called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Also present were Committee members: Donald F. Harris, Malia K. Sieve, Bonnie E. Burr, Karen DuBois-Walton, Elwood Exley, Jr., and also participating was student board member Milan Chand.

Presenters: Deputy Commissioner Charlene Russell-Tucker; Ajit Gopalakrishnan, Chief Performance Officer; Glen J. Peterson, Education Division Director; John D. Frassinelli, Division Director. Also present for all or part of the meeting was SDE Legal Director Jessa Mirtle.

II. Update on Efforts to Support Districts, Families and Students During COVID-19 Disruption

Presentation by Deputy Commissioner Charlene Russell-Tucker; Ajit Gopalakrishnan, Chief Performance Officer; Glen J. Peterson, Education Division Director; John D. Frassinelli, Division Director related the CSDE efforts to provide guidance during the COVID-19 Pandemic (see posted Power Point presentation available [here](#).)

Discussion with Board members about resources. Board Member Sieve noted the importance of quantifying who and how families are accessing them, and consideration about approaching that as the school year starts. Board Member Harris raises the importance of acknowledging that there are communities where children do not have access to devices or the internet, and that needs to be a top priority.

III. Tabled Issues: COVID-19 Planning and Board By-laws

Due to time constraint, brief discussion regarding the board by-laws and next steps for educational response to COVID-19 planning. Chair Benham raised the need to discuss the by-laws at the next meeting, and begin considering the next comprehensive plan.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

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