

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Hartford**

**The Legislation and Policy Development Committee**

Wednesday, November 4, 2020, 3:15 pm

*Fully remote*

*Erin D. Benham, Chair*

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

**Minutes**

**(Approved December 2, 2020)**

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the Board of Education Legislation and Policy Development Committee remotely due to COVID-19, on November 4, 2020.

**I. Call to Order**

Committee Chair Erin Benham called the meeting to order at 3:17 p.m. Also present remotely were Committee members: Donald F. Harris, Malia K. Sieve, Robert Trefry, Karen DuBois-Walton, Elwood Exley, Jr., and Bonnie Burr.

Presenters: Laura Stefon, Chief of Staff; Desi Nesmith, Deputy Commissioner and Lisa Lamenzo, Bureau Chief; and Kathy Demsey, Chief Financial Officer. Also present at the meeting was SDE Legal Director Jessa Mirtle.

**II. Approval of Minutes – October 7, 2020**

The Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes for October 7, 2020.

**III. Discussion Regarding Legislative Proposal Process**

Laura Stefon, Chief of Staff and Legislative Liaison introduced new staff members to the process for legislative proposals, and confirmed they would be reviewed in detail at a special meeting in November.

**IV. Update – Goal 4 of the CSBE 2016-2021 Five-Year Comprehensive Plan**

Desi Nesmith, Deputy Commissioner, and Lisa Lamenzo, Bureau Chief, provided an overview of the SDE's work and progress on the comprehensive plan, focused on Goal 4.

**V. Conversation Regarding Funding and Agricultural Science and Technology Education Centers (VoAg Schools)**

Kathy Demsey, Chief Fiscal Officer, provided an overview of some of the budgetary changes for the 2021 fiscal year, and addressed questions about choice program funding.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

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