

Connecticut State Board of Education Hartford

Accountability and Support Committee

Thursday, October 14, 2021
450 Columbus Plaza North Hearing Room J
Hartford, Connecticut

Minutes (Approved December 16, 2021)

I. Call to Order

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, Committee Chairperson Erin D. Benham called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Committee

Members Present: Erin D. Benham, Chairperson
Donald F. Harris, Jr.
Elwood Exley, Jr.
Karen Dubois-Walton

Committee

Member Absent: Malia K. Sieve

Staff Present:

Lisa Lamenzo
Irene Parisi
Iris White

Guests Present:

Dr. Joseph Macary, Superintendent, Vernon Public Schools
Robert Testa, Assistant Superintendent, Vernon Public Schools
Bryan Wright, CTE Coordinator, Rockville High School

II. Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Erin D. Benham moved, Donald F. Harris, Jr. seconded, that the committee move the approval of the September 22, 2021, Accountability and Support Committee meeting minutes to the next meeting.

Vote: Favor: Benham, Exley, Jr., Dubois-Walton, and Harris, Jr.
Abstained: 0
Opposed: 0
Absent: Sieve

III. Alliance District Showcase of Best Practices, Vernon Public Schools

Irene Parisi, Chief Academic Officer, provided an overview of the purpose for the Alliance District Showcase of Best Practices. She highlighted the impressive work and efforts of Vernon Public Schools. Ms. Parisi welcomed Dr. Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Vernon Public Schools and his team to highlight the current work of the district.

Vernon Public Schools presented on how the district has used Alliance District funding as a vehicle to implement career pathways for their students up to date. The whole child approach to learning remains at the center of their work as well as their commitment to alignment and coherence throughout the K-12 system. Vernon Public Schools went on to explain the next steps on implementing pathways for each academy to the Committee.

Robert Testa, Assistant Superintendent of Vernon Public Schools, shared the district's vision of the graduate and how the Alliance District funding supports the implementation.

Chair Benham opened the floor for questions and comments. The committee commended Dr. Joseph Macary and his team for their commitment to teaching and learning.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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