

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford

The Legislation and Policy Development Committee

Wednesday, January 13, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

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 February 3, 2021

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 January 13, 2021.

This meeting was live streamed for public access.

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Erin Benham called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. Also present remotely were Committee members: Donald F. Harris, Malia K. Sieve, Robert Trefry, Karen DuBois-Walton, Elwood Exley, Jr., and Bonnie Burr.

Presenters: Charlene Russell Tucker, Deputy Commissioner; John Frassinelli, Division Director; Glen Peterson, Division Director. Also present at the meeting was SDE Legal Director Jessa Mirtle.

II. Approval of Minutes – December 2, 2020

The Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes for December 2, 2020.

III. Update – Goal 1 of the CSBE 2016-2021 Five-Year Comprehensive Plan

Deputy Commissioner Charlene Russell-Tucker introduced the topic of Goal 1 of the State Board Comprehensive Plan - "Ensuring that students' non-academic needs are met so that they are healthy, happy, and ready to learn." Details on the approach to achieving and implementing this goal were provided by John Frassinelli, Division Director and Glen Peterson, Division Director.

IV. Action and Discussion Regarding Racial Justice and Equity and Updating Prior Position Statements

Jessa Mirtle, Legal Director, introduced updated position statement, which had been updated by Dr. Adrian Wood, SDE Consultant, with the support and input from Dr. Ingrid Canady, Executive Director, SERC; Ms. Malia K. Sieve, CSDE Board Member; and Dr. Karen DuBois Walton, CSDE Board Member. Board discussed and voted to move Position Statement forward to the full Board.

V. By-Laws Update (POSTPONED)

VI. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 9:18 am.

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