

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Hartford**

**The Legislation and Policy Development Committee**

Wednesday, April 7, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

Erin D. Benham, Chair

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

**Minutes**

*(Approved September 1, 2021)*

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the Board of Education Legislation and Policy Development Committee met in person and some members remotely due to COVID-19, on April 7, 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 a.m. Also present remotely were Committee Members: Bonnie Burr, Malia K. Sieve, Karen DuBois-Walton and Elwood Exley, Jr.

Presenters: John Frassinelli, Division Director and Laura Stefon, Chief of Staff

**II. Approval of Minutes – January 13, 2021**

The Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes for January 13, 2021.

**III. Update – CT Framework – John Frassinelli**

2006 Framework updated to include graduation requirements, health and safety requirements, mental health, physical education and educating the whole child and community. Along with many aspects of students' health and wellness. Framework will reflect national standards and enhance physical fitness programs.

**IV. Legislative Session Update – Laura Stefon**

The legislative session is three months in and has two more to go. There are 300 different Bills being tracked in 19 committees. Appropriations Committee deadline is April 23, 2021. Laura will send updates as they are available on the education bills. There are some fiscal concerns regarding pending bills. The legislation session ends on June 9, 2021.

Jessa Mirtle spoke about conflicts with language for different bills regarding virtual and remote learning; specific definitions for each. The importance of language around the "vision" of remote and virtual learning.

**V. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

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