# Connecticut State Board of Education

# State Board of Education Meeting June 1, 2022

(Approved September 7, 2022)

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State and posted on the agency's Web site, the members of State Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") held a meeting on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, in Plaza North Meeting Room C and D of the State Office Building, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut. Public access to the building allowed for public attendance at the meeting. The meeting was live streamed by Connecticut Network (CT-N): <a href="CT-N">CT-N</a>: State Board of Education June 1st Meeting.

### I. Call to Order

Chairperson Karen DuBois-Walton called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Present: Karen DuBois-Walton, Chairperson

Erin D. Benham, Vice Chairperson Natalie Bandura, Student Member Rishabh Bhandari, Student Member

Bonnie E. Burr Elwood Exley, Jr.

Kenneth Klucznik (designee for Terrence Cheng, Ex Officio)

Donald F. Harris, Jr.

Martha Prou Awilda Reasco Malia K. Sieve Allan B. Taylor

Robert J. Trefry, Ex Officio

Absent: Erik M. Clemons

Kelli-Marie Vallieres, Ex Officio

# II. Public Participation

1. Tom Stringfellow of Manchester, spoke on the reporting of hate crimes, June is Pride Month, health equity and COVID-19, Big Brother honored in Manchester, historical matters, and reading recommendations.

## State Student Advisory Council on Education (SSACE) End-of-Year Presentation.

The SSACE students presented their presentation topics with a PowerPoint that outlined their four segments of research and recommendations. A copy of the presentation is in the official file of this meeting.

### **Group I: Improving Mental Health in Schools: After COVID-19**

The importance of addressing mental health in schools in order for success in the class environment.

- Araya Miller Senior at Windsor High School
- Sydney Hart Senior at Griswold High School
- o Michael Perry Senior at Frank Scott Bunnell High School
- Daniel Maroun Junior at The Academy of Science Innovation

## **Group II: Improving Student and Staff Interactions**

How to Improve the School Counselors system

- Boen Beavers Senior at Pomperaug Regional High School
- Young In Kim Junior at Wilbur Cross High School
- Felse Kyle Senior at Old Lyme High School
- William Barry Junior at Old Lyme High School

### **Group III: Incorporating the Roles of Families and Communities**

Recommendations to Rebuild and Strengthen Connections.

- Yasmeen Galal Sophomore at Woodland Regional High School
- Leah Darby Senior at Torrington High School
- o (Groupmate Mahina Massaidova was not able to attend today Focused on Libraries)
- Nicholas Lolis Sophomore at Staples High School

## **Group IV: Improving Technology in Schools**

How should education be changed to improve student lives after the COVID-19 Pandemic.

- o Katherine (Kate) Sanderson Senior at Hall High School
- Alex Ramnarine Senior at Pomperaug Regional High School
- Luke Izzo Senior at New Haven Academy

The Board commended the students on their presentation.

### III. Executive Session

The Board did not meet in executive session.

# Consideration of Minutes of the May 4, 2022, State Board of Education

Board Member Sieve moved, Vice Chair Benham seconded, that the Board adopt the State Board of Education minutes of May 4, 2022.

VOTE ON

MOTION: In favor: Benham, Burr, DuBois-Walton, Exley, Harris, Prou, Sieve, Reasco,

Taylor

Opposed: 0 Abstained 0

Absent: Clemons

Motion carried unanimously.

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Chair DuBois-Walton asked permission of the Board to amend the agenda and move item VIII, Financial Matters forward to accommodate Chief Demsey's availability for the day.

### VII. Financial Matters

Chief Financial Officer Kathy Demsey provided an overview of the adjusted budget recently passed by the General Assembly. She then provided an update on the portion of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding that the legislature had dedicated for a variety of nonprofit organizations to support their recovery from COVID-19.

# IV. Report of the Chair

Chair DuBois-Walton made remarks concerning the recent Uvalde, Texas school shooting.

She highlighted Board activities as follows:

- Provided an update and noted some of the priorities of the members from the New Chair Board Survey.
- Board Member Bonnie Burr attended a school visit to the Sound School, in New Haven.
- Board Member Woody Exley continues to be engaged with NASBE.
- Referenced the upcoming June Retreat.

Chair DuBois-Walton concluded her report by acknowledging the work of the Board at the last May 4<sup>th</sup> SBE meeting. She stated that the Board had addressed hard and difficult conversations to ensure the that all districts are in compliance with our racial imbalance laws. She confirmed that following the meeting, the Board had received written communications from residents of that school community in Fairfield.

Student Member Natalie Bandura raised a question of school safety and communications to students.

# V. Report of the Commissioner and Agency Update

Commissioner Russell-Tucker thanked everyone for being in attendance. The Commissioner also made remarks concerning the Uvalde, Texas school shooting. She highlighted the Agency Update of her report on school safety and security.

### School Safety Update by Eric Scoville (DESPP)

Director Scoville reported that every school district in Connecticut is required by Public Act (PA) 13-3 (codified as CGS Sec. 10-222n. School Security and Safety Plan Standards) to have a School Security and Safety Plan in place and submitted to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP). He concluded that PA 13-3 also created a grant program called the "School Security Competitive Infrastructure Grant Program" to increase security infrastructure at schools.

# School Safety Update by Scott Newgass (Responder)

Mr. Newgass highlighted that school plans are in place for limiting access and providing response protocols and built-in recovery mechanisms if an incident takes place. He pointed out that each segment of the SSACE presentation had value and drew attention to the combined three

elements necessary to address these matters. They are (i) relationships, (ii) protocols, and (iii) resources. He then highlighted two related memorandum of agreement protocols and requirements that schools should have in place with mobile crisis providers and with their local police department or the constabulary for that district.

The Commissioner then continued with her report and highlighted the following items:

- o Final Tuesday Health and Safety Meeting for the school year coming up next week.
- Attended a joint meeting of the CT Advisory Council for Teacher Professional Standards and the CT Advisory Council for Administrator Professional Standards.
- o Participated in ARP ESSER Quarterly Review meeting with USDOE.
- Provided opening remarks at the CAS Student Equity Advisory Board's End-of-Year Presentation.
- Killingly 10-4(b) update. The Killingly board responded to the 10-4b complaint. The complainants then asked for time to respond to Killingly's response. Legal Director Mike McKeon has reported that all the information has been submitted and will be reviewed.

Vice Chair Benham raised the question of whether the two Professional Standards discussed merging.

### Legislative Session Update

Chief of Staff/Legislative Liaison Laura Stefon presented a summary on the Legislative Session. First, she reported on the Agency Bill and Children's Mental Health bills passed that represented new work for the SDE. Second, she reported on bills passed that represented new requirements for the districts and highlighted the requirements of the bills. She concluded that the Department had begun the work with the use of the implementation chart.

The Commissioner requested a clarification on remote learning from Chief Stefon.

### Advanced Coursework

Chief Performance Officer Ajit Gopalakrishnan stated that the SDE released new Guidance to districts on May 6, 2022. He brought out that the Guidance is organized around four guiding principles: (1) Start in Middle School, (2) Partner with Families; (3) Reduce Barriers, and (4) Increase Supply.

### ARP ESSER Update

Commissioner Russell-Tucker highlighted that the SDE held two Public Forums on CT's Priorities for Federal Education Funds via Zoom on Thursday, May 19, 2022, and Thursday, May 26, 2022, to continue to solicit stakeholder feedback on use of federal COVID relief funds.

### Shoutouts!

### German Delegation Visit to SDE

Deputy Commissioner Desi Nesmith spoke about SDE's visit from Minister Theresia Bauer, the Minister of Science, Research and Arts at the Baden Württemberg University in Germany on May 10, 2022. The SDE participated on their panel on College and Career Readiness, Higher Education, and Minority Teacher Recruitment.

### Teacher of the Year Event

Commissioner Russell-Tucker reported that the Connecticut Teacher of the Year Awards Ceremony was held on May 10, 2022, at the Bushnell Auditorium, in Hartford. The Ceremony recognized the 2021 and 2022 Teachers of the Year. The Commissioner thanked the Board members who attended; and extended an appreciative" thank you" to Board Member Malia Sieve for partnering with the Commissioner to distribute all the recognition plaques. The Commissioner thanked all our educators and paraeducators who came across the stage. She applauded the Talent Office for their work in planning the event.

### Summer Reading Challenge

Commissioner Russell-Tucker announced that on May 31, 2022, Governor Lamont launched the 2022 Summer Reading Challenge. She thanked Chief Academic Officer Irene Parisi and her Academic Office team for recognizing the winners of the 2021 Summer Reading Challenge.

### 2022 U.S. Presidential Scholars

- Aditya Kabra, East Lyme High School, East Lyme, Connecticut.
- Hartford Maya Prafulla Shah Palanki, Conard High School, West Hartford, Connecticut.

### Congratulations to Natalie Bandura and Rishabh Bhandari!

We are so grateful for your contributions and are so proud of you both! The Student Members are off to college!

 The Commissioner concluded by recognizing the June 1, 2022, staff retirements from the agency and technical high school system.

Board Member Malia Sieve expressed her appreciation for participating at the Teacher of the Year Ceremony.

# VII. Items Requiring Action

# A. Recognition of State Board Member Robert J. Trefry

Chair DuBois-Walton considered a motion for the Recognition of State Board Member Robert J. Trefry, Board Member Sieve moved, and Board Member Harris seconded the motion.

Chair DuBois-Walton read the recognition into the record of the minutes as follows: **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION** in honor of **Robert J. Trefry** who has served with distinction as a member of the Connecticut State Board of Education, *and with appreciation for* his significant and lasting contributions to the State Board of Education and selfless dedication to

Connecticut's children.

Approved Unanimously This First Day of June, Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

Chair DuBois-Walton, Commissioner Russell-Tucker, Vice Chair Benham, Board Member Sieve, and Board Member Harris all expressed departing accolades of appreciation to thank Board Member Robert J. Trefry for the questions he asked, dedication, commitment, leadership, and mentorship qualities that he displayed in support of the Commissioner, Board colleagues, as a voice for kids of CTECS and CTECS Board Chair representative.

Mr. Trefry thanked the Commissioner for her initial recommendation to the Board. He expressed that it has been a privilege and an honor to serve on this Board for ten years and that the work that you do is so important to the kids.

The Board gave Robert J. Trefry a standing ovation and applause.

**VOTE ON** 

MOTION:

In favor:

Benham, Burr, DuBois-Walton, Exley, Harris, Prou, Sieve, Reasco,

Opposed:

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Abstained

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Absent:

Clemons

Motion carried unanimously.

#### B. Resolution in Honor of Natalie Bandura

Chair DuBois-Walton entertained a motion for the Resolution in Honor of Natalie Bandura, Vice Chair Benham moved, and Board Member Reasco seconded the motion as read into the record by Chair DuBois-Walton as follows:

Whereas, Section 10-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes provides for the appointment of two student members to the Connecticut State Board of Education; and

Whereas, Governor Ned Lamont appointed Natalie Bandura of Westport to the State Board of Education for a one-year term commencing July 22, 2021; and

Whereas, During her tenure, Ms. Bandura has served with distinction and has contributed greatly to the Board's discussions of education policy issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education extends to Natalie Bandura its appreciation for her commitment to educational excellence and equity in Connecticut public schools and best wishes for success in her future endeavors.

Approved unanimously this 1st day of June, two thousand twenty-two.

**VOTE ON** 

MOTION:

In favor:

Benham, Burr, DuBois-Walton, Exley, Harris, Prou, Sieve, Reasco,

**Taylor** 

Opposed:

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Abstained

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Absent:

Clemons

Motion carried unanimously.

### C. Resolution in Honor of Rishabh Bhandari

Chair DuBois-Walton entertained a motion for the Resolution in Honor of Natalie Bandura, Vice Chair Benham moved, and Board Member Sieve seconded, the motion as read aloud into the record by Chair DuBois-Walton as follows:

**Whereas,** Section 10-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes provides for the appointment of two student members to the Connecticut State Board of Education; and

**Whereas,** Governor Ned Lamont appointed Rishabh Bhandari of Wilton to the State Board of Education for a one-year term commencing July 22, 2021; and

**Whereas,** During his tenure, Mr. Bhandari has served with distinction and has contributed greatly to the Board's discussions of education policy issues.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the State Board of Education extends to Rishabh Bhandari its appreciation for his commitment to educational excellence and equity in Connecticut public schools and best wishes for success in his future endeavors.

Approved unanimously this 1st day of June, two thousand twenty-two

The Board Members applauded the student members.

VOTE ON

MOTION: In favor:

Benham, Burr, DuBois-Walton, Exley, Harris, Prou, Sieve, Reasco,

**Taylor** 

Opposed:

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Abstained

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Absent:

Clemons

Motion carried unanimously.

# D. Recognition of Connecticut Association for Adult and Continuing Education Student Award Winners

A panel consisting of Chief Academic Officer and Reading Director Melissa Hickey presented to the Board.

Chair DuBois-Walton asked for a motion for agenda item VII.D. Board Member Harris moved, Board Member Prou seconded, the motion. Board Member Sieve requested that the names be read aloud into the record of the minutes. Chair DuBois-Walton read the resolution as follows:

**WHEREAS**, adult education exemplifies the concept of lifelong learning with nearly ten thousand Connecticut residents in adult basic education/secondary school completion programs and nearly twelve thousand Connecticut residents in English as a Second Language (ESL) and United States citizenship preparation programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Connecticut Association for Adult and Continuing Education (CAACE), through its CAACE Student Award, recognized eight individuals who have overcome numerous obstacles and hardships to persist and succeed in adult education; and

**WHEREAS**, these individuals exemplify the spirit and determination necessary to achieve a goal and serve as role models to all adult and young learners in our communities; now, therefore, be it.

**Resolved**, that the Connecticut State Board of Education recognizes the following individuals for their accomplishments in this major adult education endeavor:

Ridha Ahmed Hamden Adult Education Teneshia Biggs New Haven Adult Education Phyllis Dorman East Hartford Adult Education Edna Elias Naugatuck Adult Education Min Feng Norwich Adult Education Tracy James Windsor Adult Education Kadire Kuscal EastConn Adult Education Fatima Saidu Manchester Adult Education

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE ON

MOTION: In favor: Benham, Burr, DuBois-Walton, Exley, Harris, Prou, Sieve, Reasco,

Taylor

Opposed: 0

Abstained 0

Absent: Clemons

Motion carried unanimously.

# E. Recognition of GED Scholar Award Winner

Chair DuBois-Walton asked for a motion for agenda item VII.E. Board Member Sieve moved, and Board Member Vice Chair Benham seconded. Chair DuBois-Walton read aloud the resolution into the record of the minutes as follows:

**Whereas**, Hongrui Guo, of Shelton, has demonstrated exceptional skill and proficiency in the four subject areas of the high school equivalency examination by attaining a total score of 753 on the GED® tests in 2021; and

Whereas, he is the Connecticut resident with the highest total score on the GED® tests; and

**Whereas**, he has brought honor to himself, to the State Board of Education and the State of Connecticut; now, therefore, be it.

**Resolved**, that the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Hongrui Guo with great appreciation for his accomplishments in a major adult education endeavor and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

**VOTE ON** 

MOTION: In favor: Benham, Burr, DuBois-Walton, Exley, Harris, Prou, Sieve, Reasco,

**Taylor** 

Opposed: 0
Abstained 0

Absent: Clemons

Motion carried unanimously.

### F. Recognition of Career and Technical Education Student Organizations

Chair DuBois-Walton asked for a motion for agenda item VII.F. Board Member Sieve moved, Board Member Prou seconded. Chair DuBois-Walton read aloud the resolution into the record of the minutes as follows:

**Whereas**, Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) are a co-curricular, integral part of the local, state, and national career and technical education programs; and

**Whereas**, the development of individual student leadership skills is the keystone of these organizations; and

**Whereas**, all CTSO chapters were asked to identify an outstanding service project; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that the Connecticut State Board of Education recognizes the following CTSO Outstanding Service Award Recipients:

- Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), Hamden High School, Hamden;
- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Newington High School, Newington;
- Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), Waterbury Career Academy, Waterbury;
- FFA (formerly known as Future Farmers of America), Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Region One;
- Future Health Professionals (HOSA), Bridgeport Central High School, Bridgeport;
- Technology Student Association (TSA), Conard High School, West Hartford;
- and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE ON

MOTION: In favor: Benham, Burr, DuBois-Walton, Exley, Harris, Prou, Sieve, Reasco,

Taylor

Opposed: 0 Abstained 0

Absent: Clemons

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Motion carried unanimously.

# G. Adoption of 2023 Meeting Schedule

Chair DuBois-Walton asked for a motion for agenda item VII.G. Board Member Burr moved, Board Member Reasco seconded. It was noted that the schedule was prepared to not conflict with the start and end of the legislative session and religious holidays.

**Resolved**, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 1-225 of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the 2023 schedule of regular meeting dates, as follows:

January 11, 2023
February 1, 2023
March 1, 2023
April 5, 2023
May 3, 2023
June 14, 2023
July 12, 2023 (Tentative)
August 2, 2023 (Retreat)
September 6, 2023
October 4, 2023
November 1, 2023
December 6, 2023

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

**VOTE ON** 

MOTION: In favor: Benham, Burr, DuBois-Walton, Exley, Harris, Prou, Sieve, Reasco,

Taylor

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Opposed:

Abstained 0

Absent: Clemons

Motion carried unanimously.

# H. Approval of Menu of Research-based Grades K-3 Universal Screening Reading Assessments

A panel consisting of Chief Academic Officer Irene Parisi, Reading Director Melissa Hickey, and Education Consultant Joanne White presented to the Board. The Board engaged in questions and answers.

Board Member Exley moved, Board Member Sieve seconded, that the State Board of Education, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-14t, approves the Acadience RAN, aimswebPlus RAN, Amira Learning, mCLASS RAN, and mCLASS Vocabulary reading assessments for use by school districts beginning with the 2023-24 school year, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action including:

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 Providing districts with a revised Menu of Research-based K-3 Universal Screening Reading Assessments with earlier editions of DIBELS and Section 2: Computer Adaptive Assessments removed, and to include:

### Additions:

- o Acadience RAN;
- o aimswebPlus RAN;
- o Amira Learning;
- o mCLASS RAN;
- mCLASS Vocabulary;

### Deletions:

- o DIBELS 6th Edition;
- o mCLASS DIBELS Next;
- NWEA MAP Growth
- o STAR
- o i-Ready; and
- Providing districts with a newly developed Grades K-3 Universal Screening Reading Assessments Guide.

### VOTE ON

MOTION:

In favor:

Benham, Burr, DuBois-Walton, Exley, Harris, Prou, Sieve, Reasco,

**Taylor** 

Opposed:

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Abstained

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Absent:

Clemons

Motion carried unanimously.

Chair DuBois-Walton requested the Board's indulgence to move Committee Reports next on the agenda because the Committee Reports are going to help inform some of the Actions on the Consent Agenda.

# X. Committee Reports

### A. Academic Standards and Assessment

In the absence of Committee Chair Clemons, the Committee met on May 10, 2022.

# **B.** Accountability and Support

Committee Chair Benham reported that the committee met on May 19, 2022, and had a presentation from the Family School Partnership. She noted that the Committee had two reports on the Consent Agenda.

# C. Finance, Audit, and Budget

Committee Chair Harris reported that the committee meets quarterly and may have a meeting in June.

# D. Legislation and Policy Development

Committee Chair Sieve reported that the committee earlier that day and had a follow-up presentation from Greenwich Public School District on its district's Racial Imbalance.

### E. Connecticut Technical Education and Career System Board

In Interim Superintendent Dr. Ellen Solek report, she presented a comprehensive listing of CTECS measures that are in place around school safety and security. Dr. Solek extended an invitation to the Board members to attend any of the CTECS 18 graduations. She Thanked Mr. Robert J. Trefry for his mentorship to her and for his support in his representation of CTECS.

#### F. NASBE

Board Member Exley reported that Board Member Donald Harris had agreed to serve on the Public Education Positions Committee.

### G. SERC

Committee Member Benham referenced her SERC report in the Supplemental Folders. She highlighted page 4 with the African American/Black and Puerto Rican/Latino Course of Studies Showcase being held on June 9, 2022.

# VIII. Consent Agenda

Chair DuBois-Walton called for a motion on the Consent agenda. Board Member Prou moved, Board Member Harris seconded, that the Board approve the following Consent agenda items: IX.A., Approval of Commissioner's Network Turnaround Plan for McDonough Middle School, Hartford; IX.B., Approval of Commissioner's Network Turnaround Plan for Hamden Middle School, Hamden; IX.C. Continuing Program Approval of the Area Cooperative Educational Services, Alternate Route to Certification for Teachers of English Learners Program; IX.D., Approval of New Educator Preparation Program: Quinnipiac University, Initial Certification Program in Special Education; IX.E., Wilton Board of Education Request for Deferral of 180-Day School Year; IX.F. Approval of Material Change to Odyssey Community School, Manchester; and IX.G. Approval of Material Change to Park City Prep Charter School, Bridgeport.

# IX.A. Approval of Commissioner's Network Turnaround Plan for McDonough Middle School, Hartford

**Resolved**, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-223h of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section 258 of Public Act 15-5, adopts and approves the Turnaround Plan for McDonough Middle School in Hartford for the Commissioner's Network, subject to the conditions noted in the Commissioner's June 1, 2022, Executive Summary to the State Board of Education, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action, including, but not limited to, expending such funds as may be necessary to execute and implement the foregoing.

# IX.B. Approval of Commissioner's Network Turnaround Plan for Hamden Middle School, Hamden

**Resolved**, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-223h of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section 258 of Public Act 15-5, adopts and approves the Turnaround Plan for Hamden Middle School in Hamden for the Commissioner's Network, subject to the conditions noted in the Commissioner's June 1, 2022, Executive Summary to the State Board of Education, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action, including, but not limited to, expending such funds as may be necessary to execute and implement the foregoing.

# IX.C. Continuing Program Approval of the Area Cooperative Educational Services, Alternate Route to Certification for Teachers of English Learners Program

**Resolved,** That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(g)(1)(A) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants full approval to the Alternate Route to Certification for Teachers of English Learners (ARCTEL) program, administered by the Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES), for the period October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2029, with annual progress monitoring conducted using program key assessment performance data, for the purpose of certifying graduates from the ARCTEL program, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

# IX.D. Approval of New Educator Preparation Program: Quinnipiac University, Initial Certification Program in Special Education

**Resolved**, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(g)(3)(A) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants full approval for the period June 1, 2022, through March 31, 2029, to Quinnipiac University, with annual progress monitoring conducted using Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) annual report data in conjunction with the CSDE Review Committee until Quinnipiac University's Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Spring 2028 site visit, for the purpose of certifying graduates from Quinnipiac University in the following new certification area and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action:

Program	Grade Level	Program Level	Program Type
Comprehensive Special K-12 Education		Initial	Graduate

## IX.E. Wilton Board of Education Request for Deferral of 180-Day School Year

**Resolved,** That in accordance with Section 10-15 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the State Board of Education grant the Wilton Board of Education's request to shorten the 2021-22 school year by one day for Cider Mill and Middlebrook Schools, from the statutorily mandated 180 school days to 179 days, but only upon the condition that during the 2022-23 school year,

Wilton provide no fewer than 181 school days to those students who were affected by this shortening of the school year and remain within the Wilton Public Schools, and hereby directs the Commissioner to inform the Wilton Board of Education of the State Board of Education's decision.

# IX.F. Approval of Material Change to Odyssey Community School, Manchester

**Resolved**, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-66ss of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the March 11, 2021, charter amendment proposal of Odyssey Community School to add Grade PK for fiscal year 2022-23 and increase maximum approved enrollment capacity to 373, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

# IX.G. Approval of Material Change to Park City Prep Charter School, Bridgeport

**Resolved**, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-66ss of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the March 11, 2021, charter amendment proposal of Park City Prep Charter School to add Grade 4 for fiscal year 2022-23 and increase maximum approved enrollment capacity to 435, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE ON

MOTION: In favor: Benham, Burr, DuBois-Walton, Exley, Harris, Prou, Sieve, Reasco,

Taylor

Opposed: 0 Abstained 0

Absent: Clemons

Motions carried unanimously.

## XI. Items for Discussion

There were no items for Discussion on the agenda.

Chair DuBois-Walton asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Board Member Harris moved, Board Member Reasco seconded, that the meeting be adjourned.

Chair DuBois-Walton adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Prepared by:	
	Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Secretary
	State Board of Education