

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford

Ad Hoc Committee on Accountability

Jay Voss, Chair
Janet M. Finneran
Allan B. Taylor

Minutes of Meeting
May 14, 2009

Call to Order

Jay Voss, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Accountability called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. The meeting was held in room 307A of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut. Present were Ms. Finneran, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Voss. Also present were Commissioner Mark K. McQuillan, Deputy Commissioner George A. Coleman, Associate Commissioner Barbara Beaudin, Associate Commissioner Marion Martinez, Bureau Chief Deborah Richards, Bureau Chief Susan Kennedy and Staff Attorney Laura Anastasio.

District Presentation: Stamford Public Schools

Superintendent Joshua Starr, Vice President of the Stamford Board of Education, Angela Lorenti, and Executive Director of Performance Management & Accountability, Amy Karwa were present for the presentation.

The Superintendent and Vice President of the Stamford Board of Education presented information on Stamford's improvement efforts and status of the District Improvement Plan. There was discussion with the Ad Hoc Committee members.

The Ad Hoc Committee made the following recommendations for Stamford's District Improvement Plan: (1) develop a more explicit plan for the elementary, middle and high schools elimination of tracking; and (2) develop improved connections and articulation between city run Pre-K (state funded preschool day care centers, school readiness programs and Head Start) education programs and the Stamford school system. The Stamford school system should assert responsibility for student learning expectations, educational leadership and accountability for student performance.

The Stamford Public schools requested assistance from the State Department in use of the vertical scale, using a growth model to assess individual student progress and to benchmark Stamford's progress with other school districts.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lystra Julien